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COLUMBUS — Ohio Treasurer Josh Mandel's office recently teamed up with Ohio CPA's to present the Financial Education Teaches Children Healthy Habits® (FETCH!®) program to fifth and sixth grade students at Woodcrest Elementary School in Columbus. FETCH! is a fun and competitive game sponsored by The Ohio Society of CPAs and The Ohio CPA Foundation that has been presented in more than 300 classrooms across Ohio by CPAs and volunteers.

FETCH! teaches children basic money management skills so they are better equipped to make responsible financial decisions as adults. Students learn how to use their math skills and devise strategies to stay out of debt and put more money in the bank. The program provides a fun way to teach children the relationship between smart spending and saving for their future goals, and teaches students important budgeting and cash management skills that can be used in everyday life.

FETCH! was created in 2010 by The Ohio Society of CPAs and its charitable affiliate, The Ohio CPA Foundation, with guidance from elementary teachers and a curriculum developer. It includes a testing component to determine if students have mastered a basic understanding of financial terms.

The Ohio Treasurer's office presents financial education programs as part of an ongoing effort to provide Ohioans with resources so that they can make informed personal finance decisions. In addition to programs for Ohio's youth, the Ohio Treasurer's office partners with financial experts to present "Smart Money Choices" seminars, helps teachers incorporate financial education into K-12 curriculum, and makes online and on-site financial education resources available for all Ohioans. For more information on upcoming financial education programs in your area or to view additional financial education resources please visit www.OhioTreasurer.gov/Financial_Education, join us at www.facebook.com/SmartMoneyChoices or call: 1-800-228-1102, Option 1.

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