

## News Release

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### **Wilmington Trust Named Business Partner of the Year by Appoquinimink School District**

Bank In School program recognized

Wilmington, DE, July 14, 2010 – Wilmington Trust, Delaware’s leading retail and commercial bank, announced today that it has been named Appoquinimink School District’s 2010 Outstanding Business Partner of the Year by the district’s Board of Education.

The recognition celebrates the new Bank In School program, an innovative partnership between the bank and the school district aimed at giving students a fuller understanding of the fundamentals of banking, money management, and the financial industry. The program, which began in March 2010 at Appoquinimink High School in Middletown, Delaware, includes a bank-like facility run by students with teacher oversight. The initial purpose is to maintain savings accounts for students, but as students’ confidence in their roles as bankers grows and as the school’s curriculum expands, it is the goal of the Bank In School program to increase its product offerings.

“Wilmington Trust is committed to providing students the tools necessary to help them make informed financial decisions throughout their lives, and the Bank In School program is a great example of those efforts,” said Robert VA Harra Jr., president and chief operating officer of Wilmington Trust. “Thank you to the Appoquinimink School District for this recognition. We look forward to continuing to work with the school district, students, and teachers as the program and curriculum grow.”

Wilmington Trust Corporation (NYSE: WL) is a financial services holding company that provides Regional Banking services throughout the mid-Atlantic region, Wealth Advisory services to high-net-worth clients in 36 countries, and Corporate Client services to institutional clients in 89 countries. Its wholly owned bank subsidiary, Wilmington Trust Company, which was founded in 1903, is one of the largest personal trust providers in the United States and the leading retail and commercial bank in Delaware. Wilmington Trust Corporation and its affiliates have offices in Arizona, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Vermont, the Cayman Islands, the Channel Islands, London, Dublin, Frankfurt, Luxembourg, and Amsterdam. For more information, visit [www.wilmingtontrust.com](http://www.wilmingtontrust.com).

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Photo caption: Dr. Tony Marchio (center left), superintendent of the Appoquinimink School District, and Gayle Rutter (center right), principal of Appoquinimink High School, award the district's 2010 Outstanding Business Partner of the Year award to Wilmington Trust. From left to right are Wilmington Trust representatives Robert VA Harra Jr., president and chief operating officer; Megen Morris, public relations specialist; Sherry Gillespie, branch manager, West Middletown branch office; Louise Frock, product development vice president; Donna Maloney, branch division vice president; and Bo Backerman, branch marketing vice president. The award recognized the new Bank In School program, an innovative partnership between Wilmington Trust and the school district aimed at giving high school students a fuller understanding of the fundamentals of banking, money management, and the financial industry. The program's bank-like facility is located at Appoquinimink High School in Middletown, Delaware. Photo credit: Eric Crossan.