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## BOK FINANCIAL SECURITIES INVESTMENT BANKING GROUP HIRES EDUCATION LEADER

*Former Norman Public Schools superintendent brings 40 years of education expertise to the role*

Oklahoma City, OK – (July 17, 2017– BOK Financial Securities Inc. announced today that Joe Siano, Ph.D., has joined the company as a vice president in its public finance investment banking department. Siano, who recently retired as superintendent of the Norman Public School District, joins a team of highly experienced municipal bond professionals in the Oklahoma municipal bond market.

Scott Grauer, executive vice president, Wealth Management at BOK Financial, said Siano’s commitment to education in Oklahoma aligns perfectly with that of the firm.

“As we continue to build on our leadership position in the Oklahoma municipal bond market, Joe’s direct experience as superintendent of one of the largest school districts in the state will be extremely valuable to our clients,” Grauer said.

Siano has more than 40 years of experience in education. During his 17-year tenure at Norman Public Schools, Siano successfully passed and implemented eight bond issues across the district, resulting in more than \$335 million for capital expansion and enhancement projects to accommodate enrollment growth. He also worked to reconfigure how bonds were structured to ensure the community’s public school investments were efficiently managed and students were able to more quickly benefit from the investments. The district’s most recent multi-year bond issue passed in 2014 with 84 percent of voters approving the plan.

“For the past 40 years, it has been an incredible honor to serve students and advocate for public education,” Siano said. “Local investments in public schools are critical to enhancing educational resources for students and driving overall student achievement. I am excited for the opportunity to continue my service to the education sector by helping school districts across the state facilitate bond issues in their community.”

Among his career achievements, Siano was named the Administrator of the Year by the Oklahoma Association of School Administrators and the Oklahoma Music Educators’ Association, the Superintendent of the Year by the Oklahoma Alliance for Arts Education, and in 2011 he received the University of Central Oklahoma Distinguished Alumni Award. Before coming to Norman, Siano held positions in Oklahoma City

Public Schools and Putnam City Public Schools. Siano received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1976 from Oklahoma City University, his Master of Science in 1979 from the University of Central Oklahoma, and his Doctor of Philosophy in 1985 from the University of Oklahoma.

BOK Financial Securities Inc. the broker-dealer subsidiary of BOK Financial Corporation (NASDAQ: BOKF), is the largest Oklahoma-based municipal finance firm and offers bond underwriting, financial advisory, debt policies and placement agent services. With origins dating back to 1919, BOK Financial Securities Inc. has grown to become a market leader in the southwest United States and helps meet the capital needs of school districts, state agencies, local governments, colleges and universities, Native American entities, hospitals, public trusts, and corporations throughout the region.

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