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AG STRANGE PRESENTS REDLAND ELEMENTARY WITH 2013 ATTORNEY GENERAL'S SAFE SCHOOL AWARD

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Strange presented Redland Elementary in Wetumpka with the 2013 Attorney General's Safe School Initiative Award of Excellence at a school assembly today. One school was selected as the winner from each of the Alabama State School Board of Education districts.

"I am honored to award Redland Elementary with a 2013 Award of Excellence for School Board district 3," said Attorney General Strange. "Ensuring safe schools for our students has never been more important, and this program will help us identify the best practices that schools should be using. I look forward to sharing these best practices with other schools."

"In this climate in terms of safety of our students, this is a big deal for us," said Dan Aude, Principal of Redland Elementary. "We are doing the best we can to ensure our students and faculty are safe. This is another level of protection for our kids, and we're just one of several in this county who could be recognized for their efforts when it comes to safety," Aude added.

Redland Elementary Assistant Principal Tim Collier added that "It is quite an honor for Redland Elementary School to be recognized by the Office of the Attorney General for our efforts in school safety. It is a testament to the dedication of all of the stakeholders of the Elmore County School system and the Redland community."

Attorney General Strange is personally presenting the awards for the 2013 Awards of Excellence winners at school assemblies during this fall to the eight winning schools. Attorney General Strange expressed special thanks to the Alabama Farmers Federation and Alfa Insurance for their continued financial support of the Alabama Safe Schools Initiative.

* In April, Attorney General Strange announced that he is reinstating the Attorney General's Safe Schools Initiative with a new emphasis on encouraging technological advances to deal with the challenges experienced by today's schools and students. Nominations were received between April and June, and in August a panel of judges reviewed the nominations to determine a winner from each of the eight state school board districts.

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