



AG STRANGE PRESENTS HOMEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL WITH 2013 ATTORNEY GENERAL'S SAFE SCHOOL AWARD

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Strange presented Homewood High School 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 Homewood High School with a 2013 Award of Excellence for School Board District 4," 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."

"Homewood High School is both pleased and honored to accept the Attorney General's Safe School Initiative Award," said Principal Dr. Zachary Barnes. "Through the collaborative efforts of district administration, local law enforcement, and school based counseling and administration, a vision and a definitive plan of action for school safety are currently in place at Homewood High School. The efforts of Mrs. Leigh Cohen-Long, Mrs. Carissa Anthony, Dr. Joel Henneke, Mr. Eddie Cunningham, and Dr. Kevin Maddox are greatly appreciated in this endeavor."

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.*

