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AG STRANGE PRESENTS FINAL 2013 ATTORNEY GENERAL'S SAFE SCHOOLS AWARD OF EXCELLENCE TO PLEASANT HOME SCHOOL

(MONTGOMERY)– Attorney General Strange presented Pleasant Home School in Andalusia 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 Pleasant Home School with a 2013 Award of Excellence for School Board District 2," 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."

"The school safety program is developed as a group effort of the Covington County Schools BOE, staff, students, parents, community, law enforcement and first responders all working together," said Pleasant Home School Principal Craig Nichols. "Providing students with a quality education begins with ensuring a safe environment. Students have to feel safe and secure in the school setting for learning to take place. Student safety and education are our first priority."

Attorney General Strange personally presented the 2013 Awards of Excellence to the eight winning schools at school assemblies this fall. 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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