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AG STRANGE ANNOUNCES 2014 SAFE SCHOOLS INITIATIVE; INVITES NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Luther Strange is inviting schools from all eight of Alabama’s state school board districts to submit applications for the 2014 Alabama Safe Schools Initiative Awards of Excellence. The program was reinstated in 2013 with a new emphasis on encouraging technological advances to deal with the challenges experienced by today’s schools and students. By letter and email this week, the Attorney General notified Alabama schools and invited nominations for the 2014 Awards of Excellence.

“These awards have previously provided the opportunity to identify and recognize excellence in school safety. Last year the judging criteria placed special emphasis on the use of technology in the safety plan,” said Attorney General Strange. “After the awards were presented, my office summarized and published a list of **Best Practices** from schools across the state. My office will once again recognize those schools which have done an exceptional job at providing a safe environment for students in Alabama with special emphasis being placed on implementation of some of the *Best Practices*” Information may be found at <http://www.ago.alabama.gov/Page-AL-safe-Schools-Initiative-Best-Practices-2013>.)

Attorney General Strange will visit winning schools in the fall to personally present the award in honor of each school’s accomplishment.

Applications are being accepted now through September 26. More information about criteria for the awards may be found at the Attorney General’s website at <http://www.ago.state.al.us/Update-531>. The nominations will be reviewed by an independent panel of judges, and one school from each state school board district will be selected as a recipient of the Alabama Safe Schools Initiative 2014 Award of Excellence.

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