



**AG STRANGE ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF 2014
SAFE SCHOOLS INITIATIVE AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE**

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Luther Strange today announced the winners of the 2014 Alabama Safe Schools Awards of Excellence. Since Attorney General Strange reinstated these awards, the emphasis has been on technological advances dealing with modern safety challenges. As a result of last year’s program, the Attorney General compiled a “Best Practices” guide, and schools this year were judged by their implementation of these recommended practices. A panel of judges reviewed nominations to determine a winner from each of the eight state school board districts.

“The safety of our children at schools is a paramount concern and we must work together to ensure that Alabama schools take the best possible protective measures,” said Attorney General Strange. “Each year, we learn from the successes of those who are recognized for excellence. We commend these outstanding schools, and look forward to implementing these Best Practices to keep all Alabama schoolchildren safe from harm.”

Awards will be personally presented by Attorney General Strange in coming weeks to the eight winning schools.

Below is a list of the eight recipients of a 2014 Attorney General’s Safe Schools Initiative Award of Excellence for each State School Board district:

- District 1, Orange Beach Elementary, Orange Beach, Baldwin County;
- District 2, Beauregard Elementary School, Opelika, Lee County;
- District 3, Lincoln High School, Lincoln, Talladega County;
- District 4, Northington Elementary School, Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa County;
- District 5, Meadow View Elementary School, Alabaster, Shelby County;
- District 6, Hayden Elementary School, Hayden, Blount County;
- District 7, Haleyville High School, Haleyville, Winston County;
- District 8, Oak Park Middle School, Decatur, Morgan County.

Note: The Attorney General’s compilation of Best Practices may be found at <http://www.ago.alabama.gov/Page-AL-Safe-Schools-Initiative-Best-Practices-2013>.

