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AG STRANGE PRESENTS MEADOW VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WITH 2014 ATTORNEY GENERAL'S SAFE SCHOOL INITIATIVE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Strange today presented Meadow View Elementary School in Shelby County with the 2014 Attorney General's Safe School Initiative Award of Excellence for Alabama State School District 5. One school was selected as the winner from each of the Alabama State School Board of Education districts.

"The Alabama Safe Schools Initiative Awards of Excellence are presented to schools that have performed exceptionally to provide a safe environment for students, with special emphasis on implementation of the Best Practices my office compiled based on last year's recipients," said Attorney General Strange. "I'm pleased that Meadow View Elementary was selected as one of the eight winning schools in Alabama for 2014. In making this decision, the judges noted many things that distinguished Meadow View Elementary School: the addition of the Quick Access Program to monitor guests coming into the school, as well as its Notify Me system that can communicate with students and parents during emergencies; and in addition to having a full time Safety Resource Officer, the school conducts school bus safety drills for its students. I am honored to personally present the safe schools award to Meadow View Elementary School."

"It is a true honor to receive the Award of Excellence from the Attorney General's Safe School Initiative," said Principal Rachea Simms. "The mission of MVES is to love and educate students in a SAFE environment where everybody teaches and everybody learns. The top priority of Meadow View Elementary School is to ensure that our children and staff are safe. We know that if we create this environment for our staff and students they can accomplish their goals in the classroom. This could not have been achieved without the efforts and support of our city council and mayor, PTO Board, local fire and police departments, MVES Staff, and the Alabaster City School Board of Education. Meadow View Elementary School will continue to improve our safety precautions to ensure that our children and staff have every opportunity to become 'Champions of our Future.'"

Attorney General Strange is personally presenting the awards for the 2014 Awards of Excellence to the eight winning schools during the month of October. Other winning schools throughout the state include Orange Beach Elementary School in Baldwin County, Northington Elementary School in Tuscaloosa County, Haleyville High School in Winston County, Lincoln High School in Talladega County, Hayden Elementary School in Blount County, Beauregard Elementary School in Lee County and Oak Park Middle School in Morgan County.

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