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## **AG STRANGE PRESENTS ORANGE BEACH ELEMENTARY WITH 2014 ATTORNEY GENERAL'S SAFE SCHOOL INITIATIVE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Strange today presented Orange Beach Elementary School in Baldwin County with the 2014 Attorney General's Safe School Initiative Award of Excellence for Alabama State School District 1. 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 Orange Beach Elementary School was selected as one of the eight winning schools in Alabama for 2014. In making this decision, the judges noted many things that distinguished Orange Beach Elementary School: its partnership with local law enforcement and the local community; the installation of impact glass, security screens and shades, and monitoring system of all entry points; and its use of radio technology to alert emergency personnel throughout the community in case of an emergency. I am honored to personally present the safe schools award to Orange Beach Elementary School."

"Orange Beach Elementary School is honored to receive the 2014 Alabama Attorney General's Safe School Initiative Award of Excellence and we would like to thank Mr. Luther Strange and the Attorney General's office for implementing Best Practices across Alabama schools to keep all Alabama schoolchildren safe from harm," said Principal Ryan Moss. "OBES strives to promote a safe and warm learning environment, positive and free from drugs, fear, intimidation, and/or violence in order to promote a teaching and learning environment that promotes a healthy development for all students and staff members as well as for all of our stakeholders and visitors. Thank you again so very much for this honor."

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 Oak Park Middle School in Morgan 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 Meadow View Elementary School in Shelby County.

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