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**AG MARSHALL PRESENTS ORANGE BEACH ELEMENTARY  
WITH 2016 SAFE SCHOOL INITIATIVE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Steve Marshall today presented Orange Beach Elementary School in Orange Beach with the 2016 Attorney General’s Safe School Initiative Award of Excellence for Alabama State Board of Education District 1. Schools were selected as winners from seven\* Alabama State School Board of Education districts, as well as private schools for two regions of the state. This is the fourth straight year that Orange Beach Elementary School has received the award.

“I am pleased to carry forward an important tradition of the Attorney General’s Office, to recognize schools throughout our state for dedication and excellence in keeping students safe,” said Attorney General Marshall. “Each day that parents leave their children at school, they are entrusting what they hold most precious into the care of schoolteachers, principals and other staff. With these awards, we honor those who have achieved particularly high standards and set examples that others may follow. We are grateful for their service and commitment to protecting the children of Alabama.”

“The Attorney General’s Office is proud that Orange Beach Elementary School was selected as one of the nine winning schools in Alabama for 2016,” said Attorney General Marshall. “In making this decision, judges noted many things that distinguished Orange Beach Elementary School: their well-established plan-with law enforcement participation, on campus officers-including a student resource officer, great interaction between school and community, and the great number of programs offered to provide each child an opportunity.”

“Orange Beach Elementary School is very honored and humbled in receipt of the Alabama Attorney General’s Safe School Initiative Award.” said Principal Ryan Moss. “We would like to thank all of the many stakeholders that played a part in this wonderful team effort and award. OBES strives to provide a safe and warm learning environment daily for students, staff, and visitors alike. We are very grateful for this award, and we thank you.”

Attorney General Marshall presented awards for the 2016 Safe School Awards of Excellence winners to the nine winning schools during April and May. Other winning schools throughout the state include Bob Jones High School in Madison County, Moody High School in St. Clair County, Helena Middle School in Shelby County, Pike County High School, Forest Hills Elementary School in Lauderdale County, Opelika Middle School in Lee County, Advent Episcopal School in Jefferson County and Coosa Valley Academy in Shelby County.

*\*Alabama has eight public school districts but no submissions were received from District 4, nor was one received for a southern district private school.*

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