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AG STRANGE PRESENTS ORANGE BEACH ELEMENTARY WITH 2013 ATTORNEY GENERAL'S SAFE SCHOOLS AWARD

(MONTGOMERY)— Attorney General Strange presented Orange Beach Elementary in Orange Beach with the 2013 Attorney General's Safe School Initiative Award of Excellence at a school assembly today. One school was selected as the winner from each of the Alabama State School Board of Education districts.

"I am honored to award Orange Beach Elementary with a 2013 Award of Excellence for School Board District 1," said Attorney General Strange. "Ensuring safe schools for our students has never been more important, and this program will help us identify the best practices that schools should be using. I look forward to sharing these best practices with other schools."

"We are extremely honored to have received the Safe Schools Initiative Award of Excellence," said Orange Beach Elementary Principal Lori Brocato. "We are most thankful to our students, staff, parents, the Baldwin County Board of Education, and the City of Orange Beach for providing us with the resources we need to be a safe school award winner."

Attorney General Strange is personally presenting the awards for the 2013 Awards of Excellence winners at school assemblies during this fall to the eight winning schools. Attorney General Strange expressed special thanks to the Alabama Farmers Federation and Alfa Insurance for their continued financial support of the Alabama Safe Schools Initiative.

* In April, Attorney General Strange announced that he is reinstating the Attorney General's Safe Schools Initiative with a new emphasis on encouraging technological advances to deal with the challenges experienced by today's schools and students. Nominations were received between April and June, and in August a panel of judges reviewed the nominations to determine a winner from each of the eight state school board districts.

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