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

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Strange today presented Northington Elementary School in Tuscaloosa with the 2014 Attorney General's Safe School Initiative Award of Excellence for Alabama State School District 4. 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 awards 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 Northington 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 Northington Elementary School: an excellent partnership with local law enforcement, teaching students that law enforcement officers are to protect them and the community and not to be feared; and the use of check-in software that checks visitors for possible threats such as sex offender and custody restrictions. I am honored to personally present the safe schools award to Northington Elementary School."

"We are extremely proud of this award and this just demonstrates the collective efforts between the school, parents and its community," said Ingrid Edwards, Northington Elementary School Principal.

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

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