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AG STRANGE PRESENTS OAK PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL WITH 2014 ATTORNEY GENERAL'S SAFE SCHOOL INITIATIVE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Strange today presented Oak Park Middle School in Morgan County with the 2014 Attorney General's Safe School Initiative Award of Excellence for Alabama State School District 8. 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 Oak Park Middle 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 Oak Park Middle School: its partnership with local law enforcement as well as its implementation of a Digital Citizenship curriculum that teaches students appropriate online behavior and the dangers of cyberbullying – a program developed locally by the Decatur City School System with the Supervisor of Technology. I am honored to personally present the safe schools award to Oak Park Middle School."

"We at Oak Park Middle School are thrilled to receive this recognition on behalf of the entire Decatur community," said Principal Ashley McIntyre. "School safety is given top priority in Decatur City Schools and we are thankful that we serve a community that realizes the importance of a safe school environment. Our school is safe due to a wonderful collaborative effort."

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 Meadow View Elementary School in Shelby County.

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