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AG MARSHALL PRESENTS COOSA VALLEY ACADEMY WITH 2016 SAFE SCHOOL INITIATIVE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Steven T. Marshall today presented Coosa Valley Academy in Shelby County with the 2016 Attorney General’s Safe School Initiative Award of Excellence for private school in the central region of Alabama. 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.

“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 Coosa Valley Academy 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 Coosa Valley Academy: excellent relationship and interaction with emergency officials and local authorities, use of emergency ‘go bags’ and its student resource officer patrol.”

“Coosa Valley Academy has received the Attorney General’s Alabama Safe School Initiative Award of Excellence for the second year in a row,” said Headmaster Pam Lovelady. “This award recognizes excellence in school safety and an exceptional and safe learning environment.”

Attorney General Marshall is presenting 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 Helena Middle School in Shelby County, Pike County High School, Orange Beach Elementary School in Baldwin County, Opelika Middle School in Lee County, Forest Hills Elementary School in Lauderdale County, Bob Jones High School in Madison County, Advent Episcopal School in Jefferson County and Moody Middle School in St. Clair 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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