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AG MARSHALL PRESENTS BOB JONES HIGH SCHOOL WITH 2016 SAFE SCHOOL INITIATIVE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Steven T. Marshall today presented Bob Jones High School in Madison with the 2016 Attorney General’s Safe School Initiative Award of Excellence for Alabama State Board of Education District 8. 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 Bob Jones High 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 Bob Jones High School: a strong memorandum of understanding for law enforcement and emergency response, excellent power point presentations about school safety issues, and good communication with students about the crisis management plan.”

“We are thrilled to be receiving the Alabama Safe Schools Award as we strive to place student safety and security above all else, which sets the stage for solid instruction, a foundation of safe culture, and a place where relationship building is vital,” said Principal Sylvia Lambert.

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 Moody High School in St. Clair County, 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, 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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