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## **AG STRANGE PRESENTS HEWITT-TRUSSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL WITH 2015 SAFE SCHOOL INITIATIVE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Strange today presented Hewitt-Trussville High School in Trussville with the 2015 Attorney General’s Safe School Initiative Award of Excellence for Alabama State Board of Education District 7. Schools were selected as winners from seven\* Alabama State School Board of Education districts, as well as three private schools for each region of the state.

“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 previous recipients,” said Attorney General Strange. “I’m pleased that Hewitt-Trussville High School was selected as one of the 10 winning schools in Alabama for 2015. In making this decision, the judges noted many things that distinguished Hewitt-Trussville High School: participation in an annual district-wide crisis management summit, monitoring of 215 security cameras at all times by staff and school resource officers, and participation in the character education program PACE (Positive Attitudes Change Everything).

“The partnership between the City of Trussville and Trussville City Schools creates a safe learning environment for our students and staff,” said Principal Tim Salem. “We all work together to focus on education and positive school experiences.”

Attorney General Strange is personally presenting the awards for the 2015 Safe School Awards of Excellence winners to the 10 winning schools during April and May. Other winning schools throughout the state include Orange Beach Elementary School in Baldwin County, Opelika High School in Lee County, Helena Middle School in Shelby County, Monroe County High School in Monroe County, Oak Park Middle School in Morgan County, Coosa Valley Academy in Jefferson County, Cedar Hill Elementary School in Limestone County, Riverhill School in Lauderdale County and Lakeside School in Barbour County.

*\*Alabama has eight public school districts but no submissions were received from District 4.*

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