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AG STRANGE PRESENTS OPELIKA HIGH SCHOOL WITH 2015 SAFE SCHOOL INITIATIVE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Strange today presented Opelika High School with the 2015 Attorney General’s Safe School Initiative Award of Excellence for Alabama State Board of Education District 2. 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 Opelika 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 Opelika High School: use of table top exercises with police, fire and emergency management on different security scenarios and use of an electronic keying system where the entire school can be locked down in a matter of seconds.”

“On behalf of the staff of Opelika High School, we are honored to receive this recognition,” said Dr. Farrell Seymore, principal. “We feel this honor shows the best in partnerships between education and our city’s leaders.”

The Attorney General’s Office is presenting 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, Oak Park Middle School in Morgan County, Hewitt-Trussville High School in Jefferson County, Monroe County High School in Monroe County, Cedar Hill Elementary School in Limestone County, Coosa Valley Academy in Shelby County, Helena Middle School in Shelby 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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