



**AG STRANGE PRESENTS LAKESIDE SCHOOL WITH
2015 SAFE SCHOOL INITIATIVE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Strange today presented Lakeside School in Eufaula with the 2015 Attorney General’s Safe School Initiative Award of Excellence for a private school in the southern region. 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 Lakeside 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 Lakeside School: staff members receive advanced training and come back to teach what they have learned to all staff members, the ‘Big Chief/Little Chief’ mentoring program is used in all grades, and there is continuous teaching of anti-bullying to promote a culture of no bullying.”

“Campus safety is a top priority for our school in an effort to continue to provide quality education for our students,” said Headmaster Dee Bennett. “We are thankful that our faculty, staff, parents and students work together to maintain a safe school environment.”

The Attorney General’s Office is 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, 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, Oak Park Middle School in Morgan County and River Hill School in Lauderdale County.

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

