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Attorney General Steve Marshall Extends Applications Deadline for 2019 Safe Schools Initiative Awards *Applications are now due October 31*

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Steve Marshall is extending the deadline for applications for the 2019 Alabama Safe Schools Initiative Awards until October 31. This year, the program has been expanded to include three additional awards for excellence in school safety, and special recognition for schools building a culture for school safety.

Under the expanded Alabama Safe Schools Initiative Awards, the new categories, administered by an independent panel of judges, will be as follows:

Attorney General's 2019 Safe School Award of Excellence (Three Winners)

One public school with the top overall score to be selected from the North Region, Central Region, and South Region of the state. Attorney General Marshall will visit each school to present the award in person. This is a new category beginning in 2019.

Attorney General's 2019 Safe School Award (Nine Winners)

One public school with the top score to be selected from each of the eight Alabama State Department of Education School Districts. One private school with the top score will be selected from the entire State of Alabama. Attorney General Marshall will visit each school to present the award in person.

Attorney General's 2019 Certificate of Building a Culture for School Safety

Schools — both public and private — from across the state that meet certain criteria for forging a culture of school safety as determined by the judges will receive this Certificate from the Office of the Attorney General. This is a new category beginning in 2019.

All schools in Alabama are eligible to participate in the 2019 Attorney General's Safe Schools Initiative Awards. The deadline for schools to submit applications has been extended to October 31. Applications and instructions can be downloaded from the Attorney General's website: <u>https://www.alabamaag.gov/Documents/files/2019-SSI-Nomination-Form.pdf</u>

Completed applications should be submitted in digital form to <u>ssi@ago.state.al.us</u>.

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