

## **RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE 2026-2027 DISTRICT TEACHERS OF THE YEAR**

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama State Board of Education seeks to recognize and encourage excellence in education, both in teaching and learning, and celebrates the commitment of educators who demonstrate each day they enter the classrooms, engage students, and communicate with families who together make learning possible; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama Teacher of the Year Program is a means of identifying and rewarding some of the state's outstanding teachers who continue to hold true to their core values and belief that all students can learn and will learn; and

**WHEREAS**, highly-skilled, dedicated, enthusiastic, and innovative teachers are essential in promoting excellence in Alabama's schools and empowering youth to become successful adults; and

**WHEREAS**, the honorees in the 2026-2027 Alabama Teacher of the Year Program exhibit these attributes and more:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education celebrates them for their commitment, sacrifice, dedication, and service to students in Alabama who have earned the distinction of District Teachers of the Year.

**Elizabeth Eubanks Von Hofe**, Baldwin County School System – Spanish Fort Elementary School, State School Board District I Elementary Teacher of the Year

**Courtney Amanda Davidson**, Coffee County School System – Zion Chapel High School, State School Board District I Secondary Teacher of the Year

**Jessica Freeman**, Dothan City School System – Carver School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology, State School Board District II Elementary Teacher of the Year

**Kelly Sasser**, Phenix City School System – Central High School, State School Board District II Secondary Elementary Teacher of the Year

**Katie Smith**, Vestavia Hills City School System – Vestavia Hills Elementary East, State School Board District III Teacher of the Year

**Hannah Peterson**, Vestavia Hills City School System – Vestavia Hills High School, State School Board District III Secondary Teacher of the Year

**Kathryn Ann Busby**, Tuscaloosa City School System – Tuscaloosa Magnet Schools-Elementary, State School Board District IV Elementary Teacher of the Year

**John David Booth**, Tuscaloosa County School System – Echols Middle School, State School Board District IV Secondary Teacher of the Year

**Jennifer Ann Asberry**, Mobile County School System – Council Traditional School, State School Board District V Elementary Teacher of the Year

**Eshwaa Godfrey**, Selma City School System – Selma High School, State School Board District V Secondary Teacher of the Year

**Lacy Cameron**, Cullman City School System – East Elementary School, State School Board District VI Elementary Teacher of the Year,

**Morgan Brooks**, Albertville City School System – Albertville High School, State School Board District VI Secondary Teacher of the Year

**Amanda Green**, Florence City School System – Harlan Elementary School, State School Board District VII Elementary Teacher of the Year

**Joseph T. Elliott**, Sheffield City School System – Sheffield Junior High School, State School Board District VII Secondary Teacher of the Year

**Evelyn H. Vizzinia**, Fort Payne City School System – Wills Valley Elementary School, State School Board District VIII Elementary Teacher of the Year

**Michael C. Fabbri May**, Athens City School System – Athens High School, State School Board District VIII Secondary Teacher of the Year

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That we recognize outstanding educators on this day for making our schools centers of hope and opportunity.

Done this 14th day of May 2026