

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF DR. STAN STOKLEY, PRINCIPAL  
SARALAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, SARALAND CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM  
AS ALABAMA'S 2025 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
PRINCIPALS (NAESP) NATIONAL DISTINGUISHED PRINCIPAL**

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Stan Stokley, Principal of Saraland Elementary School in the Saraland City School System, has been named Alabama's 2025 NAESP National Distinguished Principal by the Alabama Association of Elementary School Administrators (AAESA), a prestigious recognition program; and

**WHEREAS**, since assuming the role of principal at Saraland Elementary in 2014, Dr. Stan Stokley has demonstrated exceptional leadership, guiding the school to national recognition, including being named a National Blue Ribbon School and a two-time National Title I Distinguished School; and

**WHEREAS**, under Dr. Stan Stokley's leadership, Saraland Elementary School has cultivated a culture of high expectations and academic excellence, earning a 99 on Alabama's state report card and ranking among the top elementary schools in the state; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Stan Stokley is widely respected for his dedication to student achievement, faculty collaboration, and community engagement, implementing data-driven instruction, teacher development programs, and student motivation initiatives that have resulted in sustained academic growth; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Stan Stokley's innovative approach to education was exemplified during the COVID-19 pandemic with the launch of "Good Morning Saraland," a program that provided students with a sense of normalcy and encouragement during challenging times, as well as his personal outreach to every student during state testing season to boost morale and motivation; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Stan Stokley's outstanding leadership has been recognized by esteemed colleagues, as his innovative approach to fostering academic achievement and community involvement sets a high standard for principals across Alabama; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Stan Stokley contributions extend beyond Saraland Elementary School, as he served as President and Vice President of AAESA, mentoring and serving as a role model for new principals throughout Alabama; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Stan Stokley was selected from a pool of distinguished finalists by a panel of judges for the 2025 Alabama's NAESP National Distinguished Principal award, further solidifying his impact on education within the state:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend and congratulate Dr. Stan Stokley upon the honor of being selected as Alabama's 2025 NAESP National Distinguished Principal.

Done this 9th day of October 2025