

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF NEW BETHEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
COLBERT COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM
AS A
NATIONAL ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT (ESEA)
DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, the National *Elementary and Secondary Education Act* (ESEA) Distinguished Schools Program is a project of the National Association of ESEA State Program Administrators and provides an opportunity for Title I schools from every state to be recognized for their positive educational advances and the outstanding academic achievement of their students; and

WHEREAS, schools nominated for the National ESEA Distinguished Schools Program have high levels of poverty, demonstrate high academic achievement and growth, and meet or exceed state-determined accountability criteria; and

WHEREAS, through the state selection process, New Bethel Elementary School in the Colbert County School System was selected for Category 3 of the Distinguished Schools Program that is awarded for excellence in serving students with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, New Bethel Elementary School Principal, Mr. Jacob Walker, and select school staff will have the opportunity to represent Alabama at the National ESEA Conference in Denver, Colorado, in February 2026:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend and congratulate New Bethel Elementary School upon the honor of being selected to receive recognition as a National ESEA Distinguished School.

Done this 11th day of December 2025