

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING DR. PREETI NICHANI, PRINCIPAL
TUSCALOOSA MAGNET SCHOOLS-ELEMENTARY
TUSCALOOSA CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM
ALABAMA'S 2026 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PRINCIPALS (NAESP) NATIONAL DISTINGUISHED PRINCIPAL**

WHEREAS, Dr. Preeti Nichani, Principal of Tuscaloosa Magnet Schools-Elementary in the Tuscaloosa City School System, has been named Alabama's 2026 NAESP National Distinguished Principal by the Alabama Association of Elementary School Administrators (AAESA); and

WHEREAS, the NAESP National Distinguished Principal Program recognizes outstanding elementary and middle school principals who exemplify excellence in instructional leadership, student achievement, and service to their schools and communities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Preeti Nichani has served as principal of Tuscaloosa Magnet Schools-Elementary since 2017, providing visionary leadership centered on instructional excellence, innovation, and student-focused learning; and

WHEREAS, under her leadership, Tuscaloosa Magnet Schools-Elementary has continued its tradition of academic excellence while expanding opportunities for students to develop critical thinking, creativity, and leadership skills within a diverse, collaborative, and engaging learning environment; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Preeti Nichani is recognized for her unwavering commitment to instructional leadership, partnering with teachers to strengthen classroom instruction through collaboration, professional learning, and data-informed decision-making that improves student achievement; and

WHEREAS, her leadership emphasizes empowering educators, cultivating meaningful partnerships with families, and ensuring that every student has access to rigorous, engaging, and equitable learning experiences; and

WHEREAS, a defining characteristic of Dr. Preeti Nichani's leadership is her commitment to developing the character and leadership capacity of every student by intentionally fostering empathy, integrity, responsibility, and respect while creating opportunities for students to lead, collaborate, and take ownership of their learning; and

WHEREAS, through these efforts, students at Tuscaloosa Magnet Schools-Elementary are prepared not only for academic success but also to become confident, compassionate, and responsible citizens who are equipped for lifelong success; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Preeti Nichani's selection as Alabama's 2026 NAESP National Distinguished Principal reflects her extraordinary leadership and brings great honor to Tuscaloosa Magnet Schools-Elementary, Tuscaloosa City School System, and the state of Alabama:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby recognize and congratulate Dr. Preeti Nichani upon being named the Alabama recipient of the 2026 NAESP National Distinguished Principal Award and commends her for her exemplary instructional leadership, unwavering commitment to educational excellence, and outstanding service to the students, educators, families, and community she serves; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education expresses its sincere appreciation for Dr. Preeti Nichani's exceptional contributions to public education and extends its best wishes for her continued success as she represents the state of Alabama with distinction at the national level.

Done this 8th day of October 2026