

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF
DR. DILHANI USWATTE, PRINCIPAL, ROCKY RIDGE ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL, HOOVER CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM, BEING NAMED THE
2020 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS
NATIONAL DISTINGUISHED PRINCIPAL FROM ALABAMA**

WHEREAS, The National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) National Distinguished Principal program was established to recognize elementary and middle-level principals who set high standards for instruction, student achievement, character, and climate for the students, families, and staffs in their learning communities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dilhani Uswatte was named the 2020 NAESP National Distinguished Principal from Alabama by the Alabama Association of Elementary School Administrators (AAESA); and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dilhani Uswatte has served as the principal of Rocky Ridge Elementary School in the Hoover City Schools System for six years, prior to that served as the assistant principal at Rocky Ridge Elementary for four years, and prior to that taught math at Berry Middle School for eight years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dilhani Uswatte has served as the Co-Director of the National Mentoring Program for the Milken Family Foundation. Dr. Uswatte has been involved in many leadership positions in Council for Leaders in Alabama Schools (CLAS), AAESA, Adults and Children with Learning Disabilities (ACLD), Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE), and The University of Alabama Birmingham (UAB); and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dilhani Uswatte obtained her bachelor's degree from Queens University in Canada, her master's, and educational specialist degrees from UAB, and her doctorate in 2013 from UAB; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dilhani Uswatte always puts her students first and works tirelessly to create an atmosphere that allows her teachers to be successful. Dr. Uswatte has a positive impact on her school and school system for its students, teachers, and parents; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dilhani Uswatte has been honored by UAB, CLAS, AAESA, and Hoover City Schools for her work and commitment to everyone under her care; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend and congratulate Dr. Dilhani Uswatte upon the honor of being selected as the 2020 Alabama NAESP National Distinguished Principal.

Done this 8th day of October 2020