

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF MAYA YANG
VESTAVIA HILLS ELEMENTARY WEST SCHOOL
VESTAVIA HILLS CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM
2023 ELEMENTARY BEST OF SHOW
STATE SUPERINTENDENT’S VISUAL ARTS EXHIBIT**

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education and the Alabama State Department of Education recognize that the visual arts are a vital and enriching segment of children’s education; and

WHEREAS, the State Superintendent’s Visual Arts Exhibit provides an opportunity for K-12 students in every school system to participate; and

WHEREAS, the criteria set for judging are sanctioned by recognized and prestigious organizations—the National Art Education Association, the Alabama Art Education Association, the Alabama Arts Alliance, the Alabama Institute for Education in the Arts, and the Alabama State Council on the Arts; and

WHEREAS, support should be given to visual arts programs and teachers as they attempt to strengthen and strive for artistic literacy, educational excellence, and for a well-rounded education for every student; and

WHEREAS, the visual arts contribute powerful educational benefits to all elementary and secondary students by enhancing metacognitive abilities and engaging students to learn; promoting curiosity, creativity, innovation, critical-thinking, problem-solving, and collaboration; provide opportunities to access, develop, express, and integrate meaning across a variety of content, other curricula experiences, and the human condition:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend Maya Yang, Vestavia Hills Elementary West, Vestavia Hills City School System; her teacher, Mrs. Jamie Kolb Lord; her principal, Ms. Kim Hauser; and her superintendent, Dr. Michael Todd Freeman, and congratulates her for winning Elementary Best of Show in the 2023 State Superintendent’s Visual Arts Exhibit.

Done this 9th day of February 2023