

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF MR. TONY BONDS, PRINCIPAL,
RUSSELLVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL, RUSSELLVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM,
AS ALABAMA'S 2023 MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR**

WHEREAS, Mr. Tony Bonds, principal of Russellville Middle School in the Russellville City School System, was selected as Alabama's 2023 Middle School Principal of the Year by the Alabama Association of Secondary School Principals; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) sponsors the National Principal of the Year Program to recognize outstanding middle-level and high school principals who have succeeded in providing high-quality learning opportunities for students as well as demonstrating exemplary contributions to the profession; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tony Bonds has demonstrated excellence in education, having earned a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Mississippi in 2005, a Master of Arts in Education from Bethel University in 2014, and is currently working toward his doctorate in Educational Leadership at Liberty University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tony Bonds has 13 years of experience in education, including five years of administrative experience; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tony Bonds has been an active member of the Alabama Association of Middle School Principals and the Alabama Leadership Initiative, as well as serving as a board member for North Alabama Easter Seals; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tony Bonds has made significant contributions to his school, including adapting the school schedule to accommodate English Language (EL) students, resulting in a 20% increase in students meeting their ACCESS target scores over two years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tony Bonds has improved the culture of Russellville Middle School, resulting in increased retention rates of faculty and staff, and developed collaborative teaching approaches across grade levels and content areas; and has placed emphasis on staff and student morale, implementing brag boxes to celebrate teachers' successes and scheduling activities such as community movie nights and service projects; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tony Bonds, with an unwavering commitment to excellence in the rewarding field of education reflects immense credit upon the entire state of Alabama, and is truly deserving of special commendation and praise:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend and congratulate Mr. Tony Bonds upon the honor of being selected as Alabama's 2023 Middle School Principal of the Year.

Done this 12th day of October 2023