

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF MS. MELANIE A. HARRIS,  
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, HIBBETT INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL,  
FLORENCE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM, AS ALABAMA'S 2023 NATIONAL  
ASSOCIATION OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS NATIONAL  
OUTSTANDING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

**WHEREAS**, the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) sponsors the NAESP National Outstanding Assistant Principal Program to promote excellence in educational leadership and call attention to the fundamental importance of the assistant principal by honoring assistant principals who make stellar contributions to their leadership team, and who have set high standards for instruction, student achievement, character, and school climate; and

**WHEREAS**, assistant principals are nominated for this achievement by peers in their state and final selections are made by committees appointed by the Alabama Association of Elementary School Administrators; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Melanie A. Harris, assistant principal of Hibbett Intermediate School in the Florence City School System, was selected as Alabama's 2023 NAESP National Outstanding Assistant Principal by the Alabama Association of Elementary School Administrators, and is currently serving as principal of East Elementary School in the Cullman City School System; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Melanie A. Harris has dedicated her career to education, serving as a teacher, instructional partner, assistant principal, and now principal; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Melanie A. Harris has achieved significant accomplishments during her tenure at Hibbett Intermediate School, including the re-establishment of the Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO), leading to increased parent engagement and support for student as well as the creation of the Hibbett Hub, a comprehensive resource for administrators, staff, and students that has improved communication and consistency at the school; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Melanie A. Harris has demonstrated a commitment to ongoing professional learning, earning a doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of Alabama, an Ed.S. in Instructional Leadership from the University of North Alabama, as well as a master's and bachelor's degree from the University of North Alabama; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Melanie A. Harris, 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 Ms. Melanie A. Harris upon the honor of being selected as Alabama's 2023 NAESP National Outstanding Assistant Principal.

Done this 12th day of October 2023