

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF MR. ALAN KEITH YORK  
PRINCIPAL, OPELIKA MIDDLE SCHOOL  
OPELIKA CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM  
AS ALABAMA'S 2024 MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR**

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Alan Keith York, Principal of Opelika Middle School in the Opelika City School System, has been named the 2024 Alabama Middle School Principal of the Year by the Alabama Association of Secondary School Principals; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Alan Keith York educational philosophy is centered around being a positive role model and supporting his staff and students, believing in leading not from the top down, but as a supporter and facilitator, embodying the values of respect and empowerment; and

**WHEREAS**, under Mr. York's leadership, Opelika Middle School has become a place where all stakeholders feel valued and inspired to achieve their best, fostering an environment often referred to as the "OMS Family"; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Alan Keith York has introduced several outstanding programs at Opelika Middle School focusing on the holistic development of students, including the Career Discovery Initiative, which allows students to interact with community partners across various career fields, and the implementation of the You Science Career Development program, enabling students to explore career paths aligned with their interests and aptitudes; and

**WHEREAS**, the school's focus on career awareness and 21st-century skills is exemplified by opportunities for students to earn career certifications, ensuring they are prepared for the demands of the modern economy; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Alan Keith York holds an education specialist degree in educational leadership and a master's degree in educational leadership from Troy University, as well as a bachelor's degree in physical education from Auburn University, demonstrating his commitment to academic excellence and his dedication to fostering high standards in education; and

**WHEREAS**, with over 31 years of experience in education, Mr. York's career has been marked by various leadership roles, including assistant principal and physical education teacher, reflecting his journey of continuous learning and adaptation, while always keeping the well-being and growth of his students at the forefront:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend and congratulate Mr. Alan Keith York upon the honor of being selected as Alabama's 2024 Middle School Principal of the Year.

Done this 10th day of October 2024