

RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE 2024-2025 DISTRICT TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education seeks to recognize and encourage excellence in education, both in teaching and learning, and celebrates the commitment of educators who demonstrate each day they enter the classrooms, engage students, and communicate with families who together make learning possible; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Teacher of the Year Program is a means of identifying and rewarding some of the state's outstanding teachers who continue to hold true to their core values and belief that all students can learn and will learn; and

WHEREAS, highly-skilled, dedicated, enthusiastic, and innovative teachers are essential in promoting excellence in Alabama schools and empowering youth to become successful adults; and

WHEREAS, the honorees in the 2024-2025 Alabama Teacher of the Year Program exhibit these attributes and more:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education celebrates them for their commitment, sacrifice, dedication, and service to students in Alabama who have earned the distinction of District Teachers of the Year; and

Shelley Grimes, Brookwood Elementary School, Enterprise City School System, State School Board District I Elementary Teacher of the Year

Rylee Baxter, Enterprise High School, Enterprise City School System, State School Board District I Secondary Teacher of the Year

Deana S. Hooks, Pick Elementary School, Auburn City School System, State School Board District II Elementary Teacher of the Year

Katie Dye, Randolph County High School, Randolph County School System, State School Board District II Secondary Teacher of the Year

Deborah Stringfellow, Airport Road Intermediate School, Elmore County School System, State School Board District III Elementary Teacher of the Year

Kira Ledbetter Aaron, Vestavia Hills High School Freshman Campus, Vestavia Hills City School System, State School Board District III Secondary Teacher of the Year

Sharya J. Aaron, Sun Valley Elementary School, Birmingham City School System, State School Board District IV Elementary Teacher of the Year

Dr. Sarah Frances Moland, Jackson-Olin High School, Birmingham City School System, State School Board District IV Secondary Teacher of the Year

Laura H. Fennell, Pine Level Elementary School, Autauga County School System, State School Board District V Elementary Teacher of the Year
Neysa Countryman, Saraland High School, Saraland City School System, State School Board District V Secondary Teacher of the Year
Janet Kuchinski, Coldwater Elementary School, Oxford City School System, State School Board District VI Elementary Teacher of the Year
Jennifer W. Dasinger, Oxford High School, Oxford City School System, State School Board District VI Secondary Teacher of the Year
Melissa T. Bryan, Maddox Intermediate School, Jasper City School System, State School Board District VII Elementary Teacher of the Year
Derick A. Franck, Florence Middle School, Florence City School System, State School Board District VII Secondary Teacher of the Year
Shannon Williamson, Blossomwood Elementary School, Huntsville City School System, State School Board District VIII Elementary Teacher of the Year
Kristen Brown, Liberty Middle School, Madison City School System, State School Board District VIII Secondary Teacher of the Year

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we recognize outstanding educators on this day for making our schools centers of hope and opportunity.

Done this 9th day of May 2024