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ALABAMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ENCOURAGES SCHOOLS TO “RING THE BELLS” IN COMMEMORATION OF CONSTITUTION DAY

Montgomery, Ala. – The Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) is encouraging Alabama’s K-12 public schools to participate in “The Ringing of Bells” at 2 p.m. Friday, September 16, 2016, to commemorate the signing of the United States Constitution.

On September 17, 1787, delegates of the American colonies ordained and established the Constitution for the United States of America. In recognition, President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956 signed into law a Joint Resolution of Congress that designates the period beginning September 17 and ending September 23 of each year as Constitution Week. During this time, institutions such as schools are invited to observe the week with appropriate ceremonies and activities, including reading, studying, and discussing the U.S. Constitution to help bolster appreciation for the American form of government and our nation’s founding documents.

As September 17, 2016, falls on a Saturday, Constitution Day this year will be celebrated on Friday, September 16. The students at Olive J. Dodge Elementary School, Mobile County School System, have organized a Bell Ringing Ceremony at Battleship Park, home of the USS Alabama, on this date.

Olive J. Dodge Elementary, along with the Alabama State Department of Education, is encouraging the state’s K-12 public schools to join them by ringing bells at 2 p.m. on September 16, whether by the ringing of traditional bells or through the transmission of audio replicating the ringing of the Liberty Bell through the schools’ intercoms.

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