

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF DR. DANIEL STEELE, THOMPSON SIXTH GRADE CENTER, ALABASTER CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM, 2016-2017 PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) sponsors a national program to honor outstanding middle and high school principals from across the United States and more than 45 countries; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Daniel Steele, principal of Thompson Sixth Grade Center in the Alabaster City School System, was selected as Alabama's 2016-2017 Principal of the Year by the Alabama Association of Secondary School Principals; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Daniel Steele has served as an educator for 23 years, 15 of those years as an administrator; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Daniel Steele earned his Bachelor's degree from Covenant College, a Master's degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham, and an Educational Specialist degree and a Doctorate of Education degree from Samford University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Daniel Steele, as principal of Thompson Sixth Grade Center, is credited with creating a school culture that is focused on student achievement and committed to personal connections to all students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Daniel Steele, as principal of Thompson Sixth Grade Center, initiated a collaborative analysis of formative assessment results that encompassed teachers volunteering to be "lifelines" for identified at-risk students, resulting in an increase of students reading proficiency by 60 percent and math proficiency by 68 percent; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Dr. Daniel Steele wrote and performed raps for students about expectations and students wrote their dreams on the "Wall of Dreams" posted outside the office; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Daniel Steele, as principal of Thompson Sixth Grade Center, led the faculty to build a more collaborative culture in the building using "eleot," an AdvancED classroom observation instrument where the teachers are able to observe their colleagues, and give a report to the observed teacher; and

WHEREAS, these observations serve as a professional development tool for teachers and have increased their understanding of best practices; and

WHEREAS, each year, the National Association of Secondary School Principals congratulates principals from across the nation for their exemplary achievements by recognizing them in its Principal of the Year program; and

WHEREAS, the Principal of the Year Program, established in 1993, honors outstanding secondary and middle level principals who ensure that America's students acquire a sound foundation for lifelong learning and achievement, and the program annually honors secondary

and middle level principals who have succeeded in providing high-quality learning opportunities for students as well as demonstrating exemplary contributions to the profession; and

WHEREAS, secondary and middle-level principals are nominated for this achievement by peers in their state and final selections are made by committees appointed by each of the National Association of Secondary School Principals' state affiliate offices:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend and congratulate Dr. Daniel Steele upon the honor of being selected as the 2016-2017 Principal of the Year.

Done this 13th day of October 2016