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Governor Kay Ivey  
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**ALABAMA NAMES THE SCHOOLS AWARDED**  
**\$1 MILLION FOR READING SUCCESS**

*Fifty Schools Will Receive \$20,000 Each for 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading Gains in 2017-18*

Jackie Zeigler  
District I

**Montgomery, Ala.** – The Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) recently announced that 50 schools across the state would share **\$1 million** allotted by the Alabama Legislature during the 2018 legislative session. Today, the 50 schools that will receive this earmarked funding are recognized for their efforts in showing the most improvement in last year’s 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading results.

Betty Peters  
District II

Divided evenly, each school selected will receive a \$20,000 check from the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) as a way of recognizing and incentivizing teachers and students who have worked hard to achieve proficiency in reading by the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade in last year’s Scantron Performance Series Reading Assessment. The schools selected for the top 50 in 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade reading growth are identified below and listed by Alabama State Board of Education District, of which there are eight in Alabama.

Stephanie Bell  
District III

Yvette M. Richardson, Ed.D.  
District IV

There will be a special recognition and awards ceremony on **Thursday, September 13, 2018**, at the ALSDE after the September Alabama State Board of Education meeting. Governor Kay Ivey, Alabama legislators, and other dignitaries will be on hand to personally congratulate all 50 schools.

Ella B. Bell  
District V

**Top 50 Schools for Reading Growth 2018**

Cynthia McCarty, Ph.D.  
District VI  
Vice President

- Randolph Park Elementary School – Anniston City
- Attalla Elementary School – Attalla City
- Billingsley High School – Autauga County
- Pine Level Elementary School – Autauga County
- Fairhope Elementary School – Baldwin County
- Silverhill School – Baldwin County
- Spanish Fort Elementary School – Baldwin County
- Swift Elementary School – Baldwin County
- Phillips Academy – Birmingham City
- Appalachian School – Blount County
- Clanton Intermediate School – Chilton County
- Southern Choctaw Elementary School – Choctaw County
- Cleburne County Elementary School – Cleburne County

Jeff Newman  
District VII  
President Pro Tem

Mary Scott Hunter, J.D.  
District VIII

Eric G. Mackey, Ed.D.  
Secretary and  
Executive Officer

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*ALABAMA AWARDS \$1 MILLION TO 50 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS FOR READING SUCCESS*

- Kinston School – Coffee County
- Hatton Elementary School – Colbert County
- Leighton Elementary School – Colbert County
- Pleasant Home School – Covington County
- WS Harlan Elementary School – Covington County
- Cold Springs Elementary School – Cullman County
- Parkside Elementary School – Cullman County
- Chestnut Grove Elementary School – Decatur City
- Fyffe High School – DeKalb County
- Henagar Junior High School – DeKalb County
- Sylvania School – DeKalb County
- Highlands Elementary School – Dothan City
- Berry Elementary School – Fayette County
- Geneva County Elementary School – Geneva County
- Samson Elementary School – Geneva County
- Slocomb Elementary School – Geneva County
- F.E. Burlison Elementary School – Hartselle City
- Abbeville Elementary School – Henry County
- Bluff Park Elementary School – Hoover City
- Deer Valley Elementary School – Hoover City
- Greystone Elementary School – Hoover City
- Mount Olive Elementary School – Jefferson County
- South Lamar School – Lamar County
- Central High School – Lauderdale County
- Underwood Elementary School – Lauderdale County
- Sweet Water High School – Marengo County
- Eichold-Mertz School of Math and Science – Mobile County
- Mountain Brook Elementary School – Mountain Brook City
- Crestline Elementary School – Mountain Brook City
- Pelham Oaks Elementary School – Pelham City
- Wedowee Elementary School – Randolph County
- Thurston T Nelson Elementary School – Scottsboro City
- Mt. Laurel Elementary School – Shelby County
- Springville Elementary School – St. Clair County
- Cahaba Elementary School – Trussville City
- Tuscaloosa Magnet School – Elementary - Tuscaloosa City
- Verner Elementary School – Tuscaloosa City

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