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**Power Academic and Performing Arts Complex
Receives Exemplary School Designation**

Key West, FL (May 15, 2016)... Power Academic and Performing Arts Complex has been designated a 2016-2018 Exemplary School by Arts Schools Network, the nation's largest professional membership organization of specialized arts schools. Created to highlight a school's commitment to excellence, this designation is presented to an Arts Schools Network member school in recognition of its efforts to evaluate strategically its purpose, operations, and educational programs. This honor signifies that Power APAC has successfully completed a self-evaluation in the following areas: strengths, areas for improvement, consistency with school-wide or program purposes, aspirations, and future challenges.

For three decades Power Academic and Performing Arts Complex (Power APAC) has had a key role in the academic and artistic instruction of over 18,000 students and has been recognized with countless awards representative of achievement at the local, state and national levels. As recipient of the 2011 John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts National Schools of Distinction in Arts Education Award, Power APAC continually proves that the integration of the arts with core education lifts each student to realizing limitless possibilities of potential. The school's teachers witness daily how those with strengths in core subjects apply that knowledge to their talents within their art form while those who may feel more confident in their art area use that acquired self-discipline to become stronger in core subjects. All around, whether stronger in curriculum or stronger in the arts, every student achieves more than before when both academics and the arts are combined. Power APAC is also an "A" rated school as designated by the Mississippi Department of Education. Dr. Marlynn Martin is principal and arts director.

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