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**Confederation Park Education Through the Arts Elementary School
Receives Exemplary School Designation**

Key West, FL (May 15, 2016)...Confederation Park Education Through the Arts Elementary School 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 Confederation Park Education Through the Arts Elementary School 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.

Confederation Park Education Through the Arts Elementary School (K-7) is a place where students and teachers engage with and through the arts. There are three pillars that guide this practice. The first pillar is engaging students in the discipline of the four arts, set by the British Columbia Ministry of Education Curriculum. The second pillar is the arts integration and interdependence with the core curriculum. The third pillar is the Artist in Residence programs. Confederation Park's faculty is committed to the goals of our school both in the arts and general subject areas. They create the conditions so that



students may have multiple artistic entry points into the curriculum. Throughout the day, students engage in a variety of processes which involve dance, drama, music and fine arts. The school's Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is invaluable and has a significant role in all aspects of school community. Opportunities are created for producing videos of students' learning, live performances and public showcases of student work. However, it is the daily informal sharing and presenting of student work which provide students with challenges to develop their engagement through the arts, including the competencies of problem solving skills, critical thinking and creativity.

About Arts Schools Network

Dedicated to excellence and leadership in arts education, Arts Schools Network, a non-profit professional organization founded in 1981, is a dynamic resource for arts school leaders, innovative partners and members of arts education institutions. Arts Schools Network is dedicated to providing teachers, administrators, and arts schools' leaders with quality resources, support, professional development, and networking opportunities. For more than 35 years, ASN has offered informational and inspirational programs, communications, and services, and helped arts educators share best practices, experiences, and expertise. Visit the website at www.artsschoolsnetwork.org to learn more.

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