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**2019 National ESEA Distinguished Schools Recognition**

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**The Background:**

The National Association of ESEA State Program Administrators (NAESPA) has been selecting examples of superior Title I schools from all states for national recognition since 1996. Each year, Tennessee selects two schools for recognition – one for exceptional student performance and one for excellence in serving special populations of students.

The schools recognized demonstrate a wide array of strengths, including team approaches to teaching and learning, focused professional development opportunities for staff, individualized programs for student success, and strong partnerships between the school, parents, and the community.

This year's schools were recognized at the National ESEA Conference in Atlanta on Feb. 4-7, 2020. The two schools in Tennessee that have been recognized as National ESEA Distinguished Schools for 2019 are:

**Franklin Elementary School – recognized for exceptional student performance**

Principal David Esslinger, Ed.D.  
1507 Figuers Dr.  
Franklin, TN 37064  
Franklin Special School District

**Holice Powell Elementary School – recognized for excellence in serving special populations of students**

Principal Rena McKnight  
988 Highway 210 South  
Dyersburg, TN 38024  
Dyer County Schools

**The Recommendation:**

For information purposes only; no action required.