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**SAINT PETER SCHOOL IS NAMED ONE OF THE BEST IN THE NATION**

U.S. Secretary of Education, John B. King, Jr., announced yesterday that Saint Peter School, Point Pleasant Beach, New Jersey, has been named a 2016 National Blue Ribbon School. Saint Peter School is one among 279 public and 50 private schools across the country receiving this honor.

“National Blue Ribbon Schools are proof that we can prepare every child for college and meaningful careers, King said in a video message to honorees. “Your schools are on the cutting edge, pioneering innovative educational practices—professional learning communities, project-based learning, social and emotional learning, positive behavior systems—making you shining examples for your communities, your state and the nation.”

Schools are nominated for the award by the state department of education or the Council for American Private Education (CAPE), and then complete a comprehensive application about school practices. Schools may apply for status as Exemplary High Performing—among the top schools in a state—or Exemplary Achievement Gap Closing—schools making the fastest progress in their state in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups. Saint Peter School has received the award for being an *Exemplary High Performing School*.

Mrs. Kobrin, Principal, Miss Berlino, former Principal, and Mrs. Eileen Baglivio, Kindergarten Teacher, will represent Saint Peter School at a two-day awards ceremony in Washington, D.C., to celebrate their hard-won achievements.

For more information about Saint Peter School, please contact the school office at 732-892-1260 or [info@stpschool.org](mailto:info@stpschool.org). For more information about the National Blue Ribbon Schools program, please visit <http://nationalblueribbonschools.ed.gov/>