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Houston County School District Earns Cognia Systems Accreditation



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – The Houston County School District is pleased to announce that it has earned Cognia® Systems Accreditation. Cognia is a nonprofit organization that provides quality assurance for schools, school districts, and education service providers.

“This accreditation from Cognia is a nationally recognized symbol of quality for our District,” shared Dr. Mark Scott, Superintendent of Schools for the Houston County School District. “This accomplishment demonstrates our commitment to excellence through continuous learning and improving to ensure students receive a high quality education.”

Cognia recognizes schools and districts across the globe that meet rigorous standards focused on productive learning environments, equitable resource allocation, and effective leadership. To earn Cognia Systems Accreditation, a school district must submit to internal and external review. Earning accreditation from the Cognia Global Accreditation Commission means that the school system meets Cognia Performance Standards and maintains a commitment to continuous improvement. Schools and districts in good standing can maintain their accreditation for a six-year term.

As part of the Accreditation Engagement Review, Cognia assigns an Index of Education Quality™ (IEQ™) score based on a system's continuous improvement efforts. An IEQ score above 300 indicates the institution meets Cognia's expectations for accreditation that include one or more Areas of Improvement and may include one or more Noteworthy Practices. The Houston County School District received an IEQ score of 338, compared to Cognia's network average of 296.

Dr. Mark A. Elgart, president and CEO of Cognia, stated, “Cognia Systems Accreditation is a rigorous process that focuses the entire school system and its community on the primary goal of ensuring all

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students can flourish in engaging and equitable learning environments. We commend the Houston County School District for meeting high standards and making progress on key indicators that impact student learning.”

For more information and to review the detailed report for this accreditation process, visit www.hcbe.net/accreditation. Parents and interested community members can learn more about Cognia Systems Accreditation at cognia.org.

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