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## **Ypsilanti Community Schools Celebrates 6 Years of Accreditation**

**Ypsilanti, MI – April 21, 2022** – Ypsilanti Community Schools announced today the renewal of its accreditation, marking 6 years since the initial achievement of this distinction in 2016. Ypsilanti Community Schools’s accreditation is granted by Cognia™, a nonprofit improvement organization that provides quality assurance for schools, school districts, and education service providers.

“It is a privilege to recognize Ypsilanti Community Schools as we reach this milestone. School accreditation as conferred by the Cognia Global Accreditation Commission provides a nationally recognized mark of quality for our schools,” Superintendent Dr. Zachery-Ross shares. “Being able to maintain this distinction for 6 years demonstrates to our community our commitment to excellence, our openness to review and feedback, and our desire to be the best we can be on behalf of the students we serve.”

Throughout its more than 125 years of service, Cognia, formerly AdvancED, has globally recognized schools that meet rigorous standards focused on productive learning environments, equitable resource allocation for the needs of learners, and effective leadership. Earning accreditation from the Cognia Global Accreditation Commission recognizes that the school meets Cognia Standards of Quality and maintains a commitment to continuous improvement. To achieve Cognia accreditation, a school also must implement a continuous process of improvement and submit it to external review. Schools in good standing can maintain their accreditation for a five-year term.

Dr. Mark A. Elgart, president, and CEO of Cognia stated, “Cognia Accreditation is a rigorous process that focuses the entire school and its community on the primary goal of preparing lifelong learners in engaging environments where all students can flourish. Ypsilanti Community School has demonstrated that it has continually met high standards and made progress on key indicators that impact student learning. Maintaining their accredited status for 6 years highlights a commitment to the quality and improvement of the education provided.”

Cognia is the parent organization of the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI), Northwest Accreditation Commission (NWAC), and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI). Parents and interested community members can learn more about the Cognia Accreditation at [cognia.org](http://cognia.org)

### **About Cognia**

Cognia offers accreditation and certification, assessment, professional learning, and improvement services to institutions and other education providers. As the result of the merger of AdvancED and Measured Progress, Cognia was formed to bridge the gap between school evaluation and student assessment. As a global nonprofit working in over 80 countries, our 36,000 institutions serve and support nearly 25 million students and five million educators every day. Cognia serves as a trusted partner in advancing learning for all. Find out more at [cognia.org](http://cognia.org).

### **About Ypsilanti Community Schools**

Ypsilanti Community Schools offers many learning opportunities for students. Experts in K-12 education, along with the university, business, and parent partners, have assisted in the development of our robust educational system. YCS accepts all children with compassion and a commitment to meet each child wherever he or she is along the learning spectrum and grow together from there.

Our district is innovative and prepares students with the necessary 21st-century skills. We put ourselves in the shoes of our students, parents, and community, so we are better able to give exceptional educational opportunities.

With a sense of community, everyone has common goals to help one another grow. We value the uniqueness of teachers and students and construct learning opportunities aimed to challenge students and provide relevant real-world learning tasks.

“Stronger Together”, Reuniting the community through dynamic programming!

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