Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
October 20, 2022	A-1

Title

Recognition of the Cherokee County School District as a 2022 Cognia School System of Distinction

Requested Action

School Board Recognition of the Cherokee County School District as a 2022 Cognia School System of Distinction

Summary Explanation and Background

The Cherokee County School District has earned international recognition for excellence in education!

The district is one of only 38 school districts in the world to be named a 2022 Cognia School System of Distinction by the international accreditation organization.

The recognition honors school districts that "exemplify excellence in education and service to learners." To be eligible, schools districts must have undergone a Cognia accreditation review in the previous year. In addition to school system honors, Cognia also recognized 96 individually accredited schools as Schools of Distinction.

Cognia conducted an independent extensive review of CCSD operations earlier this year. The organization not only awarded CCSD a five-year accreditation renewal, but also the highest-ever score for the district and 11 commendations for excellence, with no requirements for improvement.

Accreditation is the highest level of overall accountability for school systems. Cognia reviews school districts in three main areas: Learning, which includes curriculum, instruction and assessment; Resources, which includes use of resources entrusted to it by taxpayers; and Leadership, which includes the governance of the School Board and Superintendent of Schools, including accountability and transparency efforts and School Board policies.

Priority Area

Organizational & Operational Effectiveness

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

N/A

Source of Additional Information

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