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## **Schools Recognized for 100 Years of Continuous Accreditation**

On September 25, 2019, Bowman County School District #1 and Rhame Elementary School were recognized at the Cognia Fall Conference for maintaining 100 years of continuous accreditation from Cognia and the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI).

NCA CASI, an accrediting division for Cognia, (formerly AdvancED), assists schools and districts through the accreditation process and helps those institutions demonstrate a continuous commitment to providing quality education programs that are aimed at improving student performance. To earn accreditation, schools must meet Cognia's high standards, be evaluated by a team of professionals from outside the school, and implement a continuous process of school improvement.

"We are proud of Bowman County School District #1 and Rhame Elementary School for their commitment to quality and continuous improvement" stated Betsy Deal for Cognia. "It demonstrates to parents and the community that the school is dedicated to providing students with a quality education and that they are open to external scrutiny. It assures that they are focused on improving learning for all students."

Dr. Mark Elgart, President and CEO of Cognia, the parent organization of NCA CASI, commended the school for its achievement. "Achieving 100 years of continuous accreditation is an exceptional accomplishment. The staff and school community deserve our highest praise for their ongoing pursuit of quality and excellence."

Parents and interested community members can learn more about accreditation at [cognia.org](http://cognia.org).  
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The North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI) is a non-governmental, voluntary association of public and private elementary and secondary schools, the Navajo Nation, and the Department of Defense Education Activity worldwide. NCA CASI is an accreditation division of Cognia, parent organization for NCA CASI

and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI). Cognia is dedicated to advancing excellence in education worldwide.