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### **The Center for Educational Growth Earns Cognia Accreditation**

**St. Croix, US Virgin Islands –June 28, 2022** announced today that it has earned Cognia® Accreditation. Cognia is a nonprofit organization that provides quality assurance for schools, school districts, and education service providers.

Cognia, formerly AdvancED, nationally recognizes districts that meet rigorous standards focused on productive learning environments, equitable resource allocation that meets the needs of learners, and effective leadership. Earning accreditation from the Cognia Global Accreditation Commission means that the school is accredited, and that The Center for Educational Growth is recognized across the nation as a school that meets Cognia Performance Standards and maintains a commitment to continuous improvement.

“School accreditation as conferred by the Cognia Global Accreditation Commission provides US Virgin Islands school system a nationally recognized mark of quality for our school,” shared US Virgin Islands school superintendents. “It demonstrates to our community our commitment to excellence, our openness to external review and feedback, and our desire to be the best we can be on behalf of the students we serve.”

To earn Cognia accreditation, a school district also must implement a continuous process of improvement and submit to internal and external review. Schools in good standing can maintain their accreditation for a six-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. The Center for Educational Growth is to be commended for demonstrating that it has met high standards, is making progress on key indicators that impact student learning.”

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. 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 90 countries, our 40,000 institutions serve and support nearly 17 million students and 800 thousand educators every day. Cognia serves as trusted partner in advancing learning for all. Find out more at [cognia.org](http://cognia.org).

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THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

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***THE CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL GROWTH***

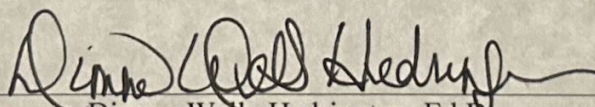
*having complied with the provisions of the Virgin Islands Code, and given satisfactory evidence of compliance with conditions and standards established by the Department of Education, is hereby granted this*

**Certificate of Operation**

*in recognition of facilities and the program of instruction provided for pupils in grades Seventh through Twelfth from  
October 4, 2024 through October 4, 2026*

*IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Commissioner of Education has here unto set the Seal of the Department of Education and  
affixed her signature at Charlotte Amalie this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, A.D. 2024.*



  
Dionne Wells-Hedrington, Ed.D.

Commissioner of Education  
Virgin Islands Department of Education