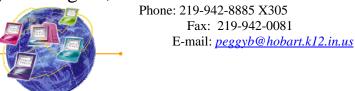
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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

## **School City of Hobart Awarded District Accreditation**

School City of Hobart announced today that it was granted District Accreditation from the AdvancED Accreditation Commission, the national commission that confers the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI). This means that the district and all of its schools are accredited, and that The School City of Hobart is recognized across the nation as a quality school system.



The accreditation process involves three ongoing components: 1) meeting high quality standards; 2) implementing a continuous process of improvement; and 3) engaging in quality assurance through internal and external review. The district's accreditation is for a five year term with regular monitoring of progress and reporting occurring during the term.

"District Accreditation as conferred by the AdvancED Accreditation Commission provides the School City of Hobart a nationally-recognized mark of quality for our district and all the schools within our district," shared Peggy Buffington. "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."

Dr. Mark Elgart, President/CEO of AdvancED, stated, "District Accreditation is a rigorous process that focuses the entire school system on the primary goal of creating lifelong learners. School City of Hobart is to be commended for engaging in this process and demonstrating a commitment to continuous improvement." In addition, Dr. Elgart presented the district with an award at the annual conference on March 17<sup>th</sup> in Chicago. He noted that there were over 10,000 district applicants and 31 districts were awarded with district accreditation this year.

Parents and interested community members can learn more about the District Accreditation Process at <a href="www.advanc-ed.org">www.advanc-ed.org</a> or by visiting the School City of Hobart's web site at <a href="www.hobart.k12.in.us">www.hobart.k12.in.us</a>.

AdvancED is the parent organization for the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI), the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI), and the National Study of School Evaluation (NSSE). NCA CASI and SACS CASI are accreditation divisions of AdvancED. Dedicated to advancing excellence in education worldwide, AdvancED provides accreditation, research, and professional services to 23,000 public and private schools and 4,500 school districts in 30 states and 65 countries.

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