

Central Administration & Board of Education Office

Dr. Paula D. Knight, Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Jennings School District Community:

The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has released the final Annual Performance Reports (APR) data for all public school districts in Missouri. We are pleased to announce that the Jennings School District earned the points to remain in the fully accredited classification. Although DESE will not reclassify districts this school year, a K-12 school district must earn at least 70.0% of the points possible on the standards for accreditation purposes to be fully accredited. The district earned above-average mathematics growth for the 2021-2022 school year.

Although we are pleased that the district remains in the accredited point range, our main goals are to increase student attendance and academic achievement in all content areas by the end of the 2023-2024 academic school year. We ask our students, parents, and community to get involved in reaching this goal. We need each student at school daily. The educational stakes are high, but we are up for the challenge.

Jennings's instructional leadership team works diligently with principals and teachers to provide high-quality professional development. We adopted new K-12 curriculum materials aligned with state standards. The new curriculum materials help ensure essential content is taught at all grade levels. We are encouraged by our progress, but we are still a long way from our targets. There is excitement and a renewed commitment by our staff to move the district forward.

On behalf of our staff and students, we thank you for your continued support and encourage ongoing involvement in your child's education.

Sincerely,

Dr. Paula D. Knight

Superintendent of Schools

