

Jennings School District
Office of the Superintendent

January 23, 2008

Dear Faculty and Staff Members:

This is a very pivotal time in the evolution of the District as we create additional opportunities for students to achieve unprecedented academic success. Using a model of strategic planning developed by the Cambridge Group, a team of individuals, including parents, teachers, administrators and community members, developed the District's Strategic Plan. This plan solidifies our common beliefs, creates a new mission, sets new objectives, and provides strategies to ensure extraordinary student performance. A draft of our strategic plan is enclosed for your information.

In order to ensure the implementation of our plan, action steps must be developed to support each strategy. These steps will include recommendations for structures, programs and services needed to accelerate the achievement and success of our students. We, therefore, invite you to assist us in the strategic planning process by serving on one of the Action Teams. Both internal and external facilitators will be available to each of the Action Teams to assist in guiding the work.

An organizational meeting of the Strategic Planning Action Teams has been scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, February 5, 2008
6:00 - 6:30 p.m. Refreshments
6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Action Team Orientation
Jennings Senior High School Commons
8850 Cozens Avenue, Jennings, Missouri

The agenda for the Action Team meetings will include an overview of the strategic planning process and a discussion of beliefs and parameters which shaped the eight (8) identified strategies. We will also review the procedures and timeline for conducting the work of the Action Teams.

We would be pleased if you would use the attached Response Form to select, in priority order, three of the eight Strategic Action Teams on which you would be willing to serve. However, you will be asked to serve on only one team. **You may submit your response form by January 30th to the main office of your child's school or mail it to:**

Patricia Jones, Internal Facilitator of Strategic Planning
Jennings School District
2559 Dorwood Drive
Jennings, MO 63136

Thank you in advance for your willingness to serve as an Action Team Member. We are very excited by the prospect of having you as a part of this process. Please know that we appreciate all that you do in the interest of students attending the Jennings Public Schools.

Sincerely,

Kay E. Royster, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools