JENNINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT RECOGNIZED
AT GOVERNOR’S STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS

Superintendent and Staff Recognized by Governor Nixon

(JENNINGS, MO) A local superintendent, Dr. Tiffany Anderson from Jennings School District, is being recognized at the Governor’s State of the State Address on January 21, 2015 for the progress and achievements the district has made. An administrative representative from the elementary schools and one from the secondary schools will also be in attendance along with a teacher and a student.

Dr. Anderson shared, "The true heart and soul of the district are the staff members and students." To share in receiving this recognition, Dr. Anderson brought with her as guests Mrs. Melba Davis, Jennings Junior High/College Prep Academy principal; Mr. Curt Wrisberg, Woodland/Kenneth C. Hanrahan Elementary principal; Mrs. Kathy Foster, an English teacher who has been awarded by the district for high performance for two consecutive years and she supports the teacher induction activities. Additionally, Mrs. Foster’s student, Breyannah Parker, seventh-grade College Prep student from Jennings Junior High, will also be in attendance.

Some of the achievements that Jennings has accomplished over the last three years include:
• The Jennings four-year graduation rate has steadily increased and is now 91.6%.
• Under the accreditation system, on the MSIP Annual Performance Report (APR) points increased from 57.1% in 2012 to 78.2% in 2014 which exceeds the full accreditation standards of 70%.
• In 2014 the district initiated the district’s first Jobs for American Graduates program and the district now provides job placement programs with a dedicated counselor who tracks all students through college and beyond.
• In 2013 the district implemented the first comprehensive fine arts program which trains violinists in elementary and middle schools.
• The district implemented the first Missouri school-based food pantry in 2012 serving approximately 400 families with 8,000 pounds of food monthly to support the community. Jennings also now employs 30% of their work force as alumni or residents to recycle economic opportunities within the Jennings community.
• In 2014 the district began piloting PLTW STEM courses in elementary schools.

The district is congratulated on the continued progress since 2012 and the staff in Jennings School District is honored to be recognized by the Governor. In addition to local media stations, the State of the State Address will be streamed live at 7:00 PM from the Jennings webpage and on the state's webpage at www.mo.gov.