

State of the District Address Questions & Answers

The second annual State of the District Address took place on February 6, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Joliet West High School Cafeteria & Foyer, 401 N. Larkin Avenue in Joliet. The event was an opportunity for the Board of Education, Superintendent Dr. Karla Guseman, and administrative leadership to highlight the programming and aspects of the district that make JTHS innovative and unique. Guests had the opportunity to submit questions via an online form and a post card available at the event. The following question was submitted and the answer is below.

Q: What does the district do to improve the self-esteem of students?

A: JTHS encourages students to get involved in one of the many athletics or activities/clubs we offer. JTHS has over 40 IHSA/SPC athletic offerings and over 50 building-based clubs and activities. In addition, if parents, staff, or members of our community encounter a student who needs help developing self-esteem or requires social/emotional support, please complete the [Request for Support Form](#). Completion of this form initiates a request, and a team of school support personnel will review the situation to assign appropriate support. Concerns may be related to issues that include, but are not limited to, the following: mental health, poor attendance, addiction, self-esteem, academic difficulties, poor relations with peers or adults, health, and environmental issues. Please be as specific as possible when completing the form and know that you can reach out to the PPS Coordinators for direct and immediate assistance.