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To: Dr. Karla Guseman

From: Mr. Chris McGuffey

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Subject: 25-26 Hair Braiding Course Contract Approval

As a part of JTHS' strategic plan action we are proud to recommend the new course *Hair Braiding* for the 25-26 school year in partnership with Fusion Natural Hair and Braid Academy. www.fusionbraidacademy.com.

Current Juniors requesting to participate in the program as a 25-26 Senior will transport themselves four days per week to the FNHBA campus downtown Joliet where they will participate in 300 hours of instruction to earn a cosmetology license in hair braiding. The program consists of classroom instruction, lab practice, and working on real clients in an supervised educational setting. Once a student finishes the full year program, they will earn 3.0 JTHS graduation credits on their transcript.

Per the associated contract, participating students will pay \$5,000 in annual tuition (over multiple installments), \$400 for their hair tool kit, and a \$100 registration fee.

Strategy 1: We will, in partnership with families and community, implement a systemic approach to culturally sustaining experiences and restorative justice to deliver an equitable educational experience while expanding the diversity of our faculty and administration in order to remove systemic educational barriers.

- **Specific Result 1-4:** Establish the instructional and academic identity of the school district to increase the focus on holistic student development and preparation for post-secondary success in a variety of career pathways.
 - o **Action Step 2:** Audit course offerings and expand courses/curriculum to include more of a focus on historically underrepresented populations.

Thank you,
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The mission of Joliet Township High School, a historically rich, unified and innovative learning community, is to empower every student to compete and contribute positively to our community and global society by providing a rigorous and personalized education through an academy environment.

Joliet Township High School District 204 is committed to cultivating an inclusive community that values and embraces diversity and respects the humanity of all people.

Joliet Township High School ensures equal educational opportunities are offered to students, regardless of race, color, national origin, age, gender, religion, disability, veteran's status, or marital status.