

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We provide regular updates about student academic progress by sending home a report card. Once a year we provide updates on our school's achievements through the North Carolina School Report Card. School Report Cards are provided for regular public schools, charter schools and alternative schools that were open during the 2008-09 school year.

As you can see from the report card, we are listed as a School of Progress achieving High Growth. Our school met 100% of the AYP targets for the year. We are continuing to show improvement on our End-of-Grade testing. We have shown dramatic increases in our overall percent proficient in math and reading. Our reading proficiency jumped 21 percentage points from 38.4% in 07-08 to 59.4% in 08-09. In addition our math proficiency increased 17 percentage points from 48.1% in 07-08 to 65.1% in 08-09.

It is important to add the fact that more than 95% of our students met and/or exceeded the North Carolina State Standards for Algebra. We also celebrated a 13.8% increase in overall student performance on North Carolina State performance composite which includes Math, Reading, Science, End-of-Course, and Computer Skills.

The numbers however, only tell part of our story. At our school we are proud of the following special activities that are underway:

- Saturday Success Academy
- High School Course offerings in Algebra and Geometry
- After School Tutoring

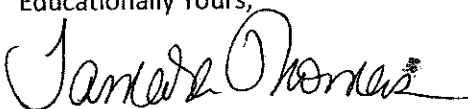
In addition to our successes in academia, we also pride ourselves in the multiple extra-curricular offerings that cater to our education of the whole child as well as edify our parents. Some of these offerings include but are not limited to:

- Basketball, Volleyball Teams, Cheerleading and Tae Kwon Do
- Band, Orchestra, Choral Ensemble, and Art Club
- Monthly Parent Workshops with guest speakers, covering *Behavior and Stress Management*, *Parent Teacher Conferences*, *Child Nutrition*, and many other topics of interest.

We are committed to providing parents with accurate and timely information about our schools performance in accordance with the federal No Child Left Behind Act. Well-informed parents who participate in their children's education and school enhance the learning environment for students and educators alike.

At Research Triangle Charter Academy, parent involvement is very important to the success of our school! I encourage you to review our Report Card carefully, then feel free to contact me directly to discuss any questions or concerns you may have regarding the Report Card. I also welcome your feedback regarding other interests you have in our school.

Educationally Yours,



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