



# River City Academy

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Dear River City Academy Families,

Welcome back to RCA! I hope that you have all had a chance to enjoy the wonderful weather this summer. It's hard to imagine that in a few short days we'll be back in the classrooms and ready to attack another set of standards!

A big change that will be greeting our students when they return is our implementation of a new tracking software. Empower will replace the old Educate – which has been a daily part of RCA since its beginning! Empower promises to have a much better user interface and more visual tracking than Educate. Since it's based on the same platform, our student data migrated over and every last standard, activity and hit from Educate has been moved to Empower. We will be hosting parent/guardian trainings for Empower once we are settled in the new system. Look for more information in mid-September.

We are continuing the process of moving in and expanding in our building. Anna made the decision to move her classroom to the portable next to our student parking lot. She's enjoying lots of extra space and sunlight out there! Tim will be moving his classroom out of the Vision room and taking over the infamous "Anna's Dungeon". These moves will afford us more working space and additional flexibility in our schedule.

Our staff will stay the same this year. Mary Blossom (School Secretary) and I will occupy the office. Tad DeGray (ELA), Deanne Pearson (Math), Carol Hutto (Science), Annaleah Karron (Social Environments) and Tim Wight (Special Education) will all be with us again. LaDawn Druce (Guidance Counselor) will be at RCA on Thursdays & Fridays. Continuing working with us will be Jordana Engebretsen (Blind and Visually Impaired Program) and Peggy Jones (Vision Aide).

The staff and I are all very excited about this upcoming year. I know that it will be amazing!

Sincerely,

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Principal



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