

## ROYAL LIVE OAKS ACADEMY

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Greetings, Royal Knights Parents, Students, and Staff!

Wow! What a terrific end to our 2017-2018 School Year! For the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row, we received state accolades for breaking the achievement gap by reaching the highest level (EVAAS 5) for student academic growth. We had a long-awaited groundbreaking on our new 70,000+ square foot campus on John Smith Road, and Cleland Site Prep is making major strides in getting the ground ready for E.E. Reed to start the construction of the building during the summer months.

Summer reading programs are in full swing, and much preparation is going in to preparing the staff professional development and programs that will help our children succeed.

I am looking forward to next year and all the benefits and opportunities afforded our staff and our students with the Charter Institute at Erskine as our new district authorizer! RLOA will soar to new heights under the leadership and accountability system the Charter Institute has in place. In addition, expanded programs in career and college tracks will give our students far more opportunities to ensure a bright future once they graduate from RLOA.

August will be here before you know it, but in the meantime, just a reminder that administrative staff will be at school starting July 17<sup>th</sup>, and if you need to reach out to me over the summer don't hesitate

Enjoy your summer!

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