

Dear Parent of In-coming REACH Student,

I was you, last year. In one of the most daunting positions of my life. My child, whom I have fiercely protected, shielded from harm, and most of all, loved beyond imagination, was leaving my sheltering side. I entrusted Edie, and the capable, welcoming REACH staff, with not only his life, but mine as well. I realized that "letting-go" was the best thing for both of us. Transition came with its challenges, frustration, and adjustment, as with any child leaving home for the first time. Each concern was handled with delicate care, and ultimately resolved. By mid-year, my son gained new-found independence, a stronger work ethic, and resilience. Tutors and mentors were assigned with extreme thought as to make a connection with individual needs and interests. By years end, my son had run two road-races, flown independently several times, had made great strides in education, dedication, and most of all personal growth. We only look forward to what the REACH Program will do to further enhance the life of a child who has struggled.... but now is thriving.

All the Best,

Linda