



# Gerber School

School Improvement Plan

Board Report

March 13, 2018

We prepare our youth for independent and responsible adulthood through academic, vocational and recreational successes in a safe and therapeutic environment.

## Demographics/Realities

- Currently serving 43 students in grades 4-12
  - 8 of those students beginning to reintegrate into classes at UMS or UHS
- Students who have experienced extreme trauma and little school success
- Approximately 85% of our students are DCFS Youth in Care
- All students receive special education support
- High Mobility Rate
  - 8 new students since Christmas break

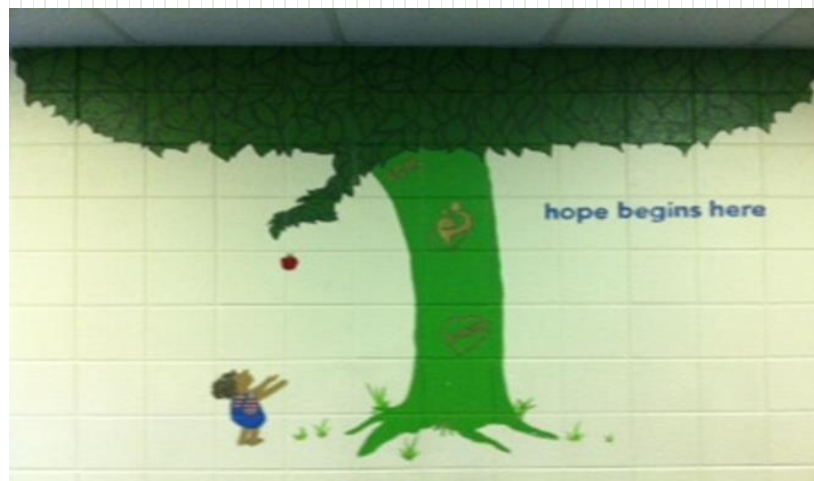
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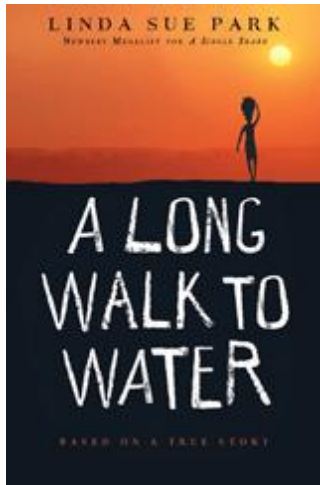
- **Goal #1:** Students will master an individually-challenging curriculum that is culturally responsive, cohesive, and driven by the essential elements.
  - Strategies:
    - Teachers have updated curriculum maps to better align with standards, UHS/UMS course content, and student needs and began evaluating appropriateness of resources to meet those identified goals in a non-biased manner.
    - Small group of teachers piloting guided reading programs with additional training to come for all teachers.
    - Training for teacher assistants in student data and how to better assist with academic interventions.

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- Goal # 2: Students will demonstrate positive skills for transitioning complex, real world settings.
  - Strategies:
    - School-wide initiative to teach students “soft skills” needed for life transitions
      - Table Manners
      - Hygiene
      - Relationships, including dating and sex education
    - Guest speakers to expand positive community connections and experiences
    - High school consumer education/foods classes infused with experiential learning experiences such as grocery shopping, cooking, budgeting, and use of public transportation

# Gerber Good News





## Walk For Water

The Gerber School Cheetah Assistants are sponsoring a Walk-a-thon to raise money to help build water wells in South Sudan.

**March 29, 2018**

**Noon**



Students are taking pledges and will be walking carrying jugs of water.

Donations can also be done online:

[https://water-for-south-sudan-inc.networkforgood.com/projects/46912-gerber-school-s-fundraiser?from\\_wicked\\_finish=true](https://water-for-south-sudan-inc.networkforgood.com/projects/46912-gerber-school-s-fundraiser?from_wicked_finish=true)

# New School Building



- <http://www.cunninghamhome.org/our-programs/educational-services/education-and-recreation-center>
- Education and Recreation Center currently under construction
  - Estimated to be completed December 2018
  - New classroom, office, gym, and cafeteria space for Gerber School designed to better meet the academic, behavioral, and sensory needs of our population