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To Staff and the Twin Rivers School Community,

When school is out, free meals will continue for children and teens ages 18 and younger at designated locations throughout Twin Rivers Unified School District. Thanks to funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, our <u>Summer Meals Program</u> will begin June 10 and continue through July 18. Children do not need to attend a Twin Rivers School in order to participate. There's no cost, no application, and no paperwork required.

Over the past 10 years, we've served approximately 128,000 free meals during June and July through our Summer Meals Program. The food served is healthy and follows USDA nutrition guidelines.

We understand the importance of nutritious meals and are committed to doing everything possible to eliminate any barriers to access. Many of the summer meal sites offer fun learning and recreational activities so children and teenagers can eat a healthy meal while staying active and being with friends. The summer meal sites are safe places. We encourage you to check out the information provided on the <a href="Nutrition Services webpage">Nutrition Services webpage</a> to find the location closest to you.

## **Memorial Day Weekend**

Our schools and district office are closed Memorial Day, Monday, May 27. As we enter the Memorial Day weekend, I want to take a moment to remind everyone about the importance of safety during this time of celebration and remembrance. Memorial Day weekend often marks the unofficial start of summer, a time for outdoor gatherings, barbecues, and family outings. While we encourage you to enjoy this special time with loved ones, we also urge you to prioritize safety in all your activities.

Here are a few safety reminders to keep in mind:

- **Practice Water Safety:** If you plan to spend time near water, please remember to supervise children closely and ensure that everyone wears appropriate flotation devices.
- **Stay Hydrated:** With warmer temperatures, it's essential to stay hydrated throughout the weekend. Encourage your family to drink plenty of water, especially if you'll be spending time outdoors.

- Travel Safely: If you're hitting the road for a weekend getaway, remember to buckle up, follow all traffic laws, and avoid distracted driving. Plan your route in advance and allow extra time for potential delays.
- **Fire Safety:** If you're planning a barbecue or campfire, take precautions to prevent accidents. Keep a safe distance from flames, never leave fires unattended, and make sure to fully extinguish them when you're finished.

Above all, let's take a moment to honor and remember the brave individuals who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country. As we enjoy the freedoms they fought to protect, let's do so responsibly and with gratitude for their sacrifice.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day weekend!

Steve Martinez, Ed.D.

Superintendent, Twin Rivers Unified