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To inspire each student to extraordinary achievement every day

May 31, 2024

To Staff and the Twin Rivers School Community,

As we continue to joyfully celebrate our graduates—Keema School for Independent Study this morning and Foothill High School on Monday, June 3—we couldn't be more proud of the Class of 2024. We're thrilled to share that graduates have been accepted into some of the most prestigious colleges and universities in the country, including Harvard, Stanford, Brown University, UCLA, UC Berkeley, UC Davis, and other notable institutions of higher learning.

While these tremendous accomplishments are reasons to celebrate, I also want to share that there are many paths to the top of the mountain. We are proud of all that our graduates will pursue to continue their growth and learning and realize their full potential. Every student who received a diploma has earned our utmost respect and they deserve to know that we have confidence in their promise and talents. We celebrate and congratulate all of them as they complete their journeys in Twin Rivers Unified School District. Graduation from high school is a remarkable occasion and we share the incredible pride of our educators, parents, family, friends and caregivers as these students move on to new chapters in their lives. On behalf of everyone here at Twin Rivers, we wish the Class of 2024 a lifetime of happiness and success.

To the students who will be returning to us in the fall, we hope your summer is filled with fun, family, and friends. We hope your days are filled with rest and recreation, always with safety in mind. A note of caution—we recognize that the "summer slide" can occur when children are out of class for long periods. Remember that education can continue year-round and we encourage families to take advantage of opportunities to read, explore and learn wherever you find yourselves this summer. Check out our awesome camps and activities at Twin Rivers Summer School Programs.

We offer special thanks to our teachers, aides, administrators, office staff and all campus workers who have worked tirelessly this year in our schools. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to our students. Many of your efforts may seem invisible and unnoticed, but nothing you do for a child is ever wasted. We deeply appreciate all you do.

While families and school staff are enjoying time off this summer, many of our TRUSD employees will continue working to prepare for the new school year. Our maintenance and operations team will focus on projects to clean, maintain, and improve our campuses and our district office staff will continue their efforts to support staff and prepare for the fall.

We wish you a wonderful summer vacation and we look forward to seeing you in the fall, with your bright smiles and boundless energy.

## **Summer Technology Support**

Students and families can email <u>tech.support@trusd.net</u> or call (916) 566-7802 for assistance with district Chromebooks, hotspots, or accessing student curriculum. For in-person support, service centers will be open at Highlands High School and Hagginwood Elementary. Summer support hours (excluding holidays): Phone & Email: 6:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. In-person visits: 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. - Monday through Friday.

## **#TRUSDProud Alert!**

- Approximately 70 bright young scholars from nine school sites demonstrated their engineering skills at the exciting TRUSD LEGO Robotics Showcase held Thursday at the District Office. Smythe Academy of Arts and Sciences 7 - 8 took first place, Rio Linda Preparatory Academy came in second, and Sierra View Elementary secured a close third place. Congratulations to all the students who participated, and a heartfelt thank you to the team leaders, support staff, and parents for making this event possible!
- Three students from Grant Union High School—Samsara Gomez, Evelina Cheng, and Hailey Lo—are featured in an educational video series on how sea levels and our future may be impacted by climate change and Thwaites Glacier in Antarctica. The glacier is closely monitored for its potential to elevate sea levels. The students assisted in scientific investigations alongside renowned climate scientists, including a Nobel Prize winner. This opportunity was made possible by their teacher, Dr. Marc Vankeuren (2024-2025 District Teacher of the Year, Secondary), through connections with the National Science Foundation and the U.S. Ice Drilling Program. The premiere of the three-part series was held May 28 at the MOSAC Multiverse Dome Theater in Sacramento.

With warm regards,

Steve Martinez, Ed.D.

Superintendent, Twin Rivers Unified