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*To inspire each student to
extraordinary achievement
every day*

Aug. 11, 2023

To Staff and the Twin Rivers School Community,

Our students are our purpose, and we can't wait to see their smiling faces, hear their stories about summer experiences, and welcome them to a new school year full of promise and potential.

All of us in Twin Rivers are full of excitement and enthusiasm knowing that the start of school is just days away, Thursday, Aug. 17. At its core, school is about academics, but we know that learning is optimized when students feel a close connection to school. Know that we have a dedicated and dynamic staff that will work tirelessly to build a strong foundation for every student to thrive in and outside of the classroom. Students will have safe and nurturing learning environments where they are valued and welcomed.

Our TR employees worked diligently over summer break preparing for your return—deep cleaning classrooms, HVAC installations, painting, and restriping parking lots and basketball courts. Our facilities team has also been busy overseeing several projects including the completion of the state-of-the-art baseball and softball venues at Highlands High School and Rio Linda High School, and the beautification project at Grant Union High School. We also broke ground on two more baseball/softball venues for Foothill High School and Grant Union High School. What an exciting time to be in TR!

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for choosing Twin Rivers. This year, I urge all families to encourage their children to engage in activities at their school. Whether sports or the arts, clubs or campus leadership, there are countless opportunities for our students to get involved with their school. When students are engaged beyond the classroom, they make friendships and connections that help them to feel safe, welcome, and happy at school, and this increases their learning potential.

If you have any questions or concerns throughout the school year, please don't hesitate to contact your school administration. A reminder: the district provides free backpacks and school supplies to all students. Our youngest scholars will get them on the first day of school at their elementary school sites. Our middle and high schools will distribute on orientation days and the first day of school.

Here are some important links for you:

- [2023-2024 start and end times for our schools](#)
- [Student & Family Handbook \(translations coming\)](#)
- [Student Immunization Requirements: **Required to attend school**](#)
- [Health Services - Clinic Information](#)
- [Aeries Parent Portal and Data Confirmation \(for returning or continuing students\)](#)
- [Family and Community Engagement \(FACE\)](#)
- [District Website](#)

As we near the start of school, you can help students by beginning a routine that includes plenty of sleep so they are prepared to rise and shine and get to school on time. Research shows that every school day counts. A missed day is a lost opportunity for children to learn.

Wishing you a great first day of school!

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Martinez".

Steve Martinez, Ed.D.
Superintendent, Twin Rivers Unified