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extraordinary achievement
every day*

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To Staff and the Twin Rivers School Community,

Welcome back to the start of an exciting new school year! It's with great joy and anticipation that I extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to each and every one of you. Whether you're a returning student or staff member of our TR family or new to the district, we are thrilled to have you here.

As we embark on this journey together, it's essential to recognize the incredible power of community and collaboration in enhancing the educational experience for our students. Our collective efforts, enthusiasm, and dedication play an important role in creating and sustaining an environment where ideas can take flight and our students' dreams can come to life.

It is the students that bring joy to our work. This year, we're committed to providing an environment that is not only safe and nurturing but also dynamic and innovative. Our dedicated educators have been hard at work designing engaging lessons, creative projects, and immersive learning experiences that will captivate and inspire students across all grade levels.

Our TR team wants to make the most of our time with each and every student, helping them get the most from their education. To this point, you may have seen and heard much in the news lately about the impact that chronic absenteeism can have on student success. A significant amount of research has demonstrated the relationship between student attendance and student achievement. Students missing fewer than 10 percent of their school year achieve better results both while in school and life after high school.

Knowing all this, I want to start off our school year with a reminder that regular attendance at school leads to greater outcomes. Good attendance habits start young. Please remember that every day counts, and every moment spent in the classroom is an opportunity for growth, discovery, and connection. When students are present and engaged, they not only absorb knowledge but also cultivate skills that will serve them throughout their lives.

Additionally, I want to say that attendance isn't just about numbers on an attendance sheet. It's about fostering a sense of belonging and community, which are key components to the success of our students. Our classrooms are spaces where friendships are forged, ideas are exchanged, and passions are ignited. Each student's unique perspective enriches our collective experience.

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In the days, weeks and months ahead, I encourage you to stay engaged, stay curious, and stay connected. Reach out to your child's teachers, attend school events, and be an active participant in our school community and your child's education. Together, we can create a supportive community where our students can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

Thank you for entrusting us with the privilege of educating your children. Your partnership and involvement are invaluable. I look forward with great anticipation to a year filled with growth, exploration, and countless moments of joy.

Wishing all of you a fantastic school year!

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Martinez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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