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extraordinary achievement
every day*

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To Staff and the Twin Rivers School Community,

In all the anticipation surrounding Thanksgiving Break, I can't help but wonder how many of you realized that National Career Development Month is also celebrated in November. I bring this up to let you know that approximately 1,300 of our eighth graders were able to attend our *Explore CTE Expo* on Nov. 28 in the courtyard at the district office. The event focused on the Career Technical Education Pathways offered at all of our high schools. It was organized like a college fair with students able to visit booths highlighting our 23 CTE Pathways in 12 industry sectors.

Explore CTE Expo was a great opportunity for eighth-grade students to learn more about their options for high school by participating in interactive activities, watching demonstrations, and talking with current high school CTE students and teachers to learn about these outstanding programs. There were goats on-site and a bunny, part of the Agriscience Academy. Students got a chance to explore our CTE Media Van (Digital Media Pathway), equipped with state-of-the-art technology used in the broadcasting industry. They were also able to pilot a drone which is part of the Computer Science Pathway. [Click here to learn more about our CTE Pathways.](#)

A big shout out to our College and Career Readiness and Arts and Career Education staff for organizing such an awesome event for our eighth graders. I would also like to thank district administration and support staff for their work in making *Explore CTE Expo* such a special event for our students.

Wide Range of Offerings

In TR, our high schools are well regarded for their powerful athletic programs and for many wonderful extracurricular activities including music, art, dance and theatre. We also offer our students the opportunity to enroll concurrently in community college courses, which allows them to earn college credits while working toward their high school diploma. Taking advantage of this program results in some students graduating high school with an associate degree – a tremendous head start.

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We hope our parents and families will begin speaking with their middle schoolers about the many programs available to them when they make the move to a TR high school and encourage them to build a plan that will help them to achieve their dreams.

Education is a personal investment that can help our students build a bright future. We strive to offer the widest possible range of programs and services so that each and every student can engage in their learning and grow excited about their career.

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