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*To inspire each student to  
extraordinary achievement  
every day*

Feb. 9, 2024

To Staff and the Twin Rivers School Community,

Much like you, I'm eagerly looking forward to a change in the weather—brighter skies and sunnier days would be nice! This has been quite a wild winter season, particularly the severe storm that slammed us Sunday with gusty winds and heavy rain. From flooded streets, road closures, power outages, fallen trees and traffic issues, Father Winter has been busy.

Our TR team started monitoring weather reports early last Sunday in an effort to communicate with our families, staff and students. I am so pleased that we were able to have all our schools open for service to students.

To our families, I thank you for paying close attention to our messages. While we were able to keep our schools open in spite of some power issues, we knew that offering the consistency of school and all that we provide for our students was important. For families that felt it best to keep your children home, we understand and are always glad to partner with you to make sure that your students receive their schoolwork so they stay current on lessons and assignments. We encourage you to check in with you site about WIN Saturday dates to allow your child to recoup any missed learning time.

To the TR staff, I thank you for the tireless efforts that you put in to make sure our schools were ready to open. The rain and wind did their best to add to your workload and you rose to the occasion. Thanks to our amazing maintenance and operations, facilities and IT teams for making sure that issues were addressed promptly. A big thank you to our teachers who exhibited flexibility and perseverance teaching in classrooms that may have experienced some power outages Monday. Although the conditions were not ideal, we appreciate your understanding and commitment to keeping our students safe and in school on Monday.

From time to time, I heard my own children wish for snow days like they experience in the Midwest and on the East Coast, so they could miss a day or two of school. But educators and parents know that missing school is not ideal, so you can count on the TR team to do all we can to keep the doors open and instruction uninterrupted.

**Around TR!**

- Congratulations to our talented high school wrestlers who are competing this weekend (Feb. 9-10) in the CIF Sac-Joaquin Section Northern Regional Girls Wrestling Tournament. The event, featuring 300 wrestlers, will take place at our Foothill High School. Championship rounds are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. We have wrestlers from Foothill, Grant, Highlands and Rio Linda participating. To Spencer Reber, Kaytlin Fobes, Starr Umana, Melanie (Astrid) Perez, Alayzha Robinson, Zoe Lopez Rodriguez, Anel Galvan Medina, Aliza Thao, Isabella Lopez Rodriguez, Kathryn Hingano and Destiny Wood—we are incredibly proud of your achievements. Making it this far is a testament to your hard work, skill, and dedication to your sport. The entire TR school community is behind you.
- Exciting times await your little ones in Twin Rivers Unified, and we hope you're able to join us for our second [Kindergarten Roundup](#), 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, at Madison Elementary School, 5241 Harrison St., North Highlands.

Take care everyone.

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

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