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*To inspire each student to  
extraordinary achievement  
every day*

May 10, 2024

To Staff and the Twin Rivers School Community,

In our school district, May is always a poignant time as graduation nears and we blend moments of celebration with a touch of nostalgia.

It's a time when we pause to recognize the profound contributions of our beloved teachers (National Teacher Appreciation Week May 6-10), principals and administrators (May 1), school nurses (May 8), district police officers (May 12-18), classified and confidential staff (May 19-25), speech pathologists (May 18) and every hero who plays an integral role in the success and well-being of our educational community. Their dedication and tireless efforts do not go unnoticed. Each day they pour their hearts into nurturing our students and creating a positive and vibrant learning environment that fosters growth and success.

While we, as a school community, are deeply grateful for the incredible work our educators and support staff do, I invite our families to join us in expressing appreciation. A simple note or email sharing your gratitude can truly brighten someone's day and remind them of the profound impact they have on our children's lives. Let's come together to celebrate and uplift our educators and support staff throughout the month of May and beyond. Your words of kindness and encouragement mean the world to each and every member of our Twin Rivers family.

May is also a time we begin to say goodbye to our retiring colleagues. This year our group of retirees have a total of 1,910 years of service. We will honor them Monday at the district's annual Retiree Recognition Celebration. As we honor them, let's not only celebrate their remarkable achievements, but also express our deepest gratitude for the profound impact they have had on the entire Twin Rivers school community. We extend our heartfelt thanks for their years of service, their unwavering dedication, and their enduring legacy. They will be dearly missed.

**TRUSD Proud Alert!**

As we celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week (May 6-10), we are proud to announce the selection of two exceptional Twin Rivers Unified educators as our 2024-2025 District Teachers of the Year—**Mrs. Edie Xiong (Elementary)** and **Dr. Marc Vankeuren (Secondary)**. Mrs. Xiong teaches fifth grade at Foothill Oaks Elementary and Dr. Vankeuren teaches AP Physics, AP Environmental Science and Physics of the Universe at Grant Union High School. Please join us in extending our heartfelt congratulations to Mrs. Xiong and Dr. Vankeuren.

**Around TR!**

- We're hiring! A reminder that the district will host a Paraeducator Recruitment Fair from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 15, at the District Office (Bay A), 5115 Dudley Blvd., McClellan Park. For more information, including how to register and schedule an interview, click [here](#).
- I hope all of our families are able to attend their school's Open House. Please check with your school administration for upcoming dates if your school hasn't already had one. It's a fantastic opportunity to meet teachers and learn more about our educational programs and resources.
- We encourage you to visit the [summer school and camps](#) website to learn more about the programs we are offering and to complete the online registration.

Warm regards,

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

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