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May 3, 2024

To Staff and the Twin Rivers School Community,

With great joy and gratitude, I recently had the pleasure and privilege of addressing members of our school community at a We Are TR Foundation event that featured inspiring performances from some of our talented TR students— the Foothill High School Mariachi Ensemble, the Las Palmas Elementary School choir, and the Grant Union High School and Rio Linda High School drumlines.

While I have the honor of representing our school community at these events, it is never lost on me that the myriad and marvelous accomplishments across TR are the result of teamwork. Teams of people in all areas of operation work tirelessly every day to offer our 24,470 students the programs and opportunities to help them succeed in school. And our results are proof that our teams are making a difference in the lives of our students from TK-12th grade.

Some of TR's remarkable accomplishments:

- High school graduation rates have increased from 75.3% to 91.4% during the past decade
- Northlake TK-8 School will open its doors to students at the start of the next school year
- \$79 million has been invested in 74 major facilities improvement projects, including state-of-the-art sports complexes at Grant Union and Highlands High Schools
- Universal Transitional Kindergarten (UTK) facilities are now open at Castori and Woodridge Elementary Schools
- Zero-emission buses have been rolled out to serve our students and our environment and we continue to invest in charging stations to maintain this important investment
- TR launched a Dual Enrollment Program with American River College allowing high school students to earn their high school diploma and an Associate of Arts degree simultaneously – two students have achieved this dual distinction and three more are set to achieve the same in 2024

Across the district, from transportation, curriculum and instruction, facilities, maintenance and technology, we all come together in support of student engagement and learning.

Recently, I was humbled to receive the Roberts Family Development Center Legacy Award for work that has been described as transformational, and I share with great sincerity that this award belongs to every member of the TR school community. Together, we are creating the conditions for students to engage and excel and when you look at the impressive increase in our graduation rates, you can see that our teamwork is paying off.

I want to take a moment to acknowledge the We Are TR Foundation, a non-profit organization that raises charitable funds to support activities, programs and facilities for all of the schools within TR. Additionally, the Foundation provides financial assistance to teachers, administrators and students in the form of grants, scholarships, studies and programs.

The Foundation organizes and optimizes the tremendous support that our community has for its public schools, and we are grateful that our students and education professionals have access to this wonderful resource.

Our mission is to inspire each student to extraordinary achievement every day and I am deeply grateful to the many members of our TR school community for sharing this mission. I know that our collective work is transformational because our students are inspirational.

#TRUSD Proud Alert!

We couldn't be more proud of Joshua Crotts, the district's Instructional Materials Coordinator. We were notified on May 1 that Joshua is a 2024 California Classified School Employee of the Year. This coveted honor recognizes his outstanding dedication and hard work, making a positive impact every day. Joshua is one of nine individuals statewide to receive this recognition. This is so special because not only is he a valued member of the TR team, Joshua is a 2008 graduate of Rio Linda High School. He also attended elementary and middle school in the district.

Thank you to the entire TR school community for all that you do to make Twin Rivers shine.

Warm regards,

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

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