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extraordinary achievement
every day*

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To Staff and the Twin Rivers School Community,

Recent news of violence in the Middle East tears at us as we watch the images and hear the stories of lives lost and continued fighting. We know that hate and anger transcend boundaries and impact lives all around the world, including in our own community.

News from around the world is unsettling and it may present our students with increased anxiety and a need to talk. Please remind your students that we are here for them. We have trained professionals and support services that can offer the compassion and kindness that my mother often referred to, so if your child needs some extra help, please do not hesitate to reach out to your school administration. It may be the violence from abroad that causes them concern, it may be something more personal to their own life. Whatever might cause a need to be heard and supported, we are here and committed to make our schools safe, stable and reliably supportive places for all our children and staff.

In closing, I share a simple message that my mother used to stress when I was just a child, "Compassion and kindness don't cost a thing, so share them liberally." Please keep in mind, that we never know what someone may be going through and your act of kindness may be the lift they need. I offer heartfelt sympathies to those who have families and friends impacted by the tragic events in the world.

With warm regards and my deep appreciation for all that you do to support our students and each other.

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

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