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extraordinary achievement
every day*

August 13, 2018

Dear TR Staff,

I hope you are feeling energized and ready for the Aug. 20 opening of our schools. It's already shaping up to be a fantastic year, based on your impressive accomplishments during this past school year. We had a significant year of progress, and we are excited and proud of the exceptional teamwork that made this happen. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, thank you for all that you continue to do for our students and families.

What is clearer than ever before is that TR is now seeing results that represent your hard work, commitment and collaboration in implementing key initiatives to improve student achievement—from Swun Math, Professional Learning Communities, Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS), and Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS). Based on the SBAC testing data from the California Department of Education (CDE), I'm thrilled to report that 2017-2018 was a year of many firsts:

- Dry Creek Elementary is our first 50/50 school—53% of students met or exceeded proficiency in English language arts standards; 51% in Math
- Hazel Strauch, Regency Park, Westside, Ridgepoint and Frontier are schools that had 40% or more of students who were proficient in both ELA and Math
- Several schools exceeded the district's average growth of 4% in ELA, including Dry Creek (17%), Woodlake (15%), Hazel Strauch (14%), Grant (12%) and Foothill Oaks (10%)
- Several schools exceeded the district's average growth of 3% in math, including Pioneer (11%), Rio Linda High (9%), Ridgepoint (9%), Hazel Strauch (9%) and Allison (8%)

In addition, 152 of our students received the California State Seal of Biliteracy, 1,120 were enrolled in Advanced Placement (AP) classes, 6,750 took the PSAT and SAT for free, and more than 9,290 students took educational field trips (grades 3-6).

The data speaks volumes about all of you—your willingness and determination to drive and embrace new initiatives and other critical system changes to improve outcomes for all students. You should be exceptionally proud. We still have a tremendous amount of difficult work ahead of us, but by effectively working together, by trusting and supporting each other, we will continue to make great strides as a district.

Twin Rivers has over 3,000 employees who fulfill a wide range of responsibilities. Many worked all summer to prepare for new and returning students and staff. I appreciate all you have done and continue to do during the hot summer months, including supporting nearly 4,600 elementary, middle and high school students for two sessions of summer school this year. The special July 19 summer school graduation ceremony at the District Office for 25 seniors and their families and friends was a joyful celebration for all.

I have one request before the first bell rings. Pause for a moment. Take time to reflect on the past school year. Celebrate your accomplishments and know that we truly appreciate your individual and collective efforts to fulfill the hopes and aspirations of our students and families.

YOU are what makes TR special, and I can't wait for the 2018-2019 school year to begin!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Martinez", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Steve Martinez, Ed.D.

Superintendent, Twin Rivers USD