

Greetings!

Welcome to the first Progress Update of the Twin Rivers Unified School District. The Board of Trustees and I value open and frequent communication and plan to provide many opportunities for involvement. This update is just the first of many planned activities. Thanks to the hard work, input, and support of our staff and communities in all four existing districts, there are a lot of exciting developments to report....

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Coming Together as a Team



Administrators and principals in all four districts attended

informational meetings the two weeks prior to the winter break. All principals received a letter to share with their staff just prior to the break. In addition, representatives from the employee associations in all four districts have come together to form a calendar committee and are developing a calendar for the 2008-2009 school year. This is just one example of the many joint administrative task force groups striving to blend our four systems into one.

There are many ideas being considered for direct communication and outreach to all staff. Once a plan has been finalized, staff throughout Twin Rivers Unified School District will receive at least monthly updates and be informed of multiple events to engage all stakeholders. If you have ideas about how to get staff, parents, and

Welcome New Staff!



The effort to create a successful new preschool through adult education district took a step forward with the hiring of three exceptional education leaders:

Dr. Ramona Bishop, the current Superintendent of the Del Paso Heights School District has accepted the position of Interim Associate Superintendent of Curriculum and Achievement.

Patty Smart, the current Superintendent of the North Sacramento School District, will serve as Interim Associate Superintendent of Human Resources

Robert Ball, current Assistant Superintendent of Business Services for the Rio Linda School District will serve as Interim Chief Business Officer.

Coming Up - Join Us!

Our next board meeting is Tuesday, January 22nd (7 p.m.) at our new office: 5107 Dudley Blvd., Building 250B.

The first Twin Rivers Community Summit will be held Saturday, January 26th from 12 to 4 p.m. at Oakdale Elementary School, 3708 Myrtle Ave. Everyone is welcome! Lunch, childcare, and

our community members involved, email our district at info@twinriversusd.org and let us know!

Getting to Know Each Other



At a recent meeting with all four district management

ent teams, staff received a questionnaire that asked about their current positions and their ideas for the new district. In addition, I'm conducting personal informational interviews with all interested management staff. To date, I've talked with more than 50 managers, and continue to meet with several more each day. These conversations are providing me with invaluable information about our schools, students, and staff and I am amazed at the depth of talent we have at all four districts.

We Have a New Office

Our board recently approved an office for the Twin Rivers Unified School District Office at 5107 Dudley Blvd., Building 250B. It's still pretty rough, but we are working hard to make it a space we are all proud to call "home." I invite each of you to stop by and tour the space if you are interested. Our most recent board meeting was held in the new space. We have had a great turn-out at all of our board meetings, and I hope to see that trend continue.

I'd like to personally thank everyone who submitted a name for our new district. While I think we have chosen a great name, what's even more exciting is the level of community involvement in our process - more than 500

translators will be available. Call 916-566-1600 for more information.

Additional events are in the planning stages for the Foothill Farms, North Sacramento, and Del Paso Heights areas.

Twin Rivers has a new interim website! Check it for job postings, community events, and other progress in the development of our new district. Our web site address is:

www.twinriversusd.org

Email your thoughts:

info@twinriversusd.org

Join Our Mailing List!

people sent us name suggestions!
We are truly lucky to have so
many caring and committed people
involved with the Twin Rivers
USD.

I know change can be difficult,
and there may be some anxiety
and rumors during the next few
months. Please be patient, calm,
and know that we will do all we
can to listen to you and consider
your thoughts, dreams, and
aspirations for our new district as
we move forward. Thank you for
your continued support. Working
together, we're going to create an
exceptional school district for our
students.

Sincerely,



Frank Porter
Interim Superintendent

Twin Rivers Unified School
District