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Nov. 5, 2021

To Staff and our Twin Rivers School Community,

Vaccinations are in the news, again. The most recent information comes from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which announced earlier this week its approval of emergency use of the Pfizer COVID-19 pediatric vaccine for children ages 5 – 11. Vaccinations for children 12 and older had been previously approved.

I want to remind everyone that the District is not requiring students to be vaccinated, and we will not take that stand unless state leaders require students to be vaccinated to attend school. However, I do want to stress that leading public health authorities are telling all of us the same thing—that vaccination, along with other preventive measures, can best protect children, adolescents and adults from getting COVID-19.

We realize the topic of vaccines is deeply personal. This being said, I hope that you are able to access information from health experts who are working hard to share facts with the public as well as allay concerns regarding rumors, myths and misinformation. Yesterday, public health leaders collaborated to share information with the public through an online presentation titled: “Protect Sacramento.” Medical experts provided the most up-to-date facts about the vaccine and why it’s important to have children vaccinated. Their presentation will be available online at [Saccounty.net/COVID-19](https://saccounty.net/COVID-19). You may find it of interest and value as you make decisions regarding vaccinating your children.

I share the information about vaccinations not to advocate nor influence your personal point of view, but rather to make sure that our employees and families receive this important information from health professionals. Ultimately in TR, our interest is making sure that schools stay open and that kids are in class, and if vaccinations are an important step in meeting these interests, then I want to make sure our TR employees and families are fully informed. **There is a clinic available this Saturday, Nov. 6 at Grant Union High School from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The clinic is for ages 5 and up. Boosters for both Pfizer and Moderna are available for those who qualify.** [Click here for information on upcoming clinics.](#)

## **Around TR**

Thanksgiving is just around the corner, and so is a week-long break. The weeks leading up to Thanksgiving Break are typically very busy in our classrooms. TK-6 Parent/Teacher Conference Days will take place Nov. 18-19. The conferences are important! Families will gain a greater understanding of expectations, challenges and ways to improve the school experience for your student.

A reminder that during this upcoming holiday break, parents can encourage their children to continue valuable learning opportunities by having students login to the [TRUSD APPs Portal](#). Students can continue to work on their literacy by working on iReady activities for just thirty minutes per week. Math activities can be found by clicking on the SWUN Math icon or by downloading the SWUN Math app available free through the app store on their smartphone device. Many teachers will continue to have suggested resources available through their Google classroom. Additional resources are still available through [Online Learning Applications for Families](#). One of the best ways to support your child's learning is to read with them and to them.

As always, I want to thank our families for being such incredible partners in education this year. Your support and understanding are greatly appreciated as we continue to navigate unprecedented issues during these challenging times.

All the best,

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

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