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To Staff and the Twin Rivers School Community,

As you know, the District has been working diligently to prepare and plan for a range of options for the start of the 2020-2021 school year on August 18. Many of you have joined us in this discussion by providing your feedback, comments and concerns over the past several months. Thank you for your support and patience during this time of uncertainty due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We continue to diligently follow the guidance from the Sacramento County Health Department and the California Department of Public Health, and are preparing for a year-long educational program that is flexible and appropriate given the circumstances at any given time. In short, as guidance changes, we will pivot, as well—always putting the safety of our students and staff as our first responsibility.

As everyone is very well aware of how rapidly things can change, we recognize that we must be able to adjust quickly to the circumstances with a strong educational program that minimizes lost instructional time. This is accomplished through a year-long flexible educational plan.

To support this type of educational program, the Board of Trustees approved the Fall Reentry plan for students at the June 30, 2020 Special Virtual School Board Meeting. You can review the plan HERE. Our instructional plan for the 2020-2021 year is an inclusive plan that allows us the flexibility needed to transition into the instructional model most appropriate given the surrounding and changing circumstances we are faced with in these times. The plan includes: a pure virtual model, a hybrid model consisting of both in-person and virtual practices, and a traditional model.

I wish that we could provide you with a concrete plan for starting and continuing with the school year; however, given the importance of keeping safety first and being able to transition as needed, we must continue to make decisions based on the guidance we receive from our experts. We will continue to plan so that we can provide our students with the best education given the circumstances.

We will continue to provide updates to you as plans are finalized with our labor partners. In addition, please check our website for updates and information.
We are truly excited to welcome our students and staff back to school in the appropriate educational model given the circumstances. We miss them. Whether learning at home or at school, teamwork will be required to successfully navigate the upcoming school year, and I have faith in the TR team—parents, staff, students and the greater community.

Again, thank you for your ongoing support and patience regarding our plans for the 2020-2021 school year.

Best regards,

Steve Martinez, Ed.D.
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