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*To inspire each student to
extraordinary achievement
every day*

July 2, 2020

Twin Rivers Staff and Community,

As our nation prepares to celebrate the Fourth of July, I want to take this moment to wish each and every member of our Twin Rivers team a wonderful and safe holiday. While our celebrations will no doubt be quite different than in the past due to COVID-19 physical distancing guidance, I hope you find some time to enjoy family, friends and traditions that combine to create the quintessential fun that we all enjoy on our nation's birthday.

I also want to thank you for all that you do to serve our public schools and our students. Receiving a high quality public education is a cornerstone of equity, equality, and upward mobility for our students. It is our responsibility, indeed our privilege, to invest in our students to ensure that they have the skills needed to acquire the "American Dream" (our students' dreams). It is our responsibility to ensure that the youngest members of our society are taught ***all*** of our nation's history, our system of government and how to exercise their democratic rights.

The role that public schools play in helping to ensure our nation's democratic principles are upheld cannot be overstated. Your work is powerful. It is essential. It makes a difference. Our theme for the upcoming year is: Every student-every day, leaving no one behind.

With that being said, take a moment this holiday season to relax. Hit reset. It's been a very trying time for all of us, and when we re-enter the new school year, a year like nothing we have known in the past, we will need your energy, passion and commitment to every student-every day. So that we can return to delivering hope and constructing dreams through the important work of educating all Twin Rivers students.

I want to express my gratitude to Trustee Ramona Landeros, who served on our Board for four years. I watched Ms. Landeros serve with integrity, compassion and a deep dedication to all students. Thoughtful and kind, she led from the heart, and her heart was guided by our students' needs. Thank you, Ramona. Welcome to Chris Jefferson, who will officially join the Board of Trustees on July 7th.

I know that Mrs. Jefferson is stepping into service with great intentions and reverence for all who work in public education.

Enjoy the Fourth of July. Take a moment to consider and accept your important role in helping to keep our nation's dream of democracy alive for ***all*** by educating our future Twin Rivers students.

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While today it seems that we are living and looking right into the “Eye of the Storm” with so much uncertainty, I want you all to be reassured that the vision of our district and potential outcomes for students have never been stronger.

With deep gratitude and appreciation,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Martinez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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