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extraordinary achievement  
every day*

Nov. 20, 2020

To Staff and the Twin Rivers School Community,

As we enter into Thanksgiving Break (Nov. 23-27), I want you to know how grateful I am for your continued commitment to our students, each other and the entire community.

This has not been an easy time, with physical distancing and other restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic. While no one knows when this will be over, now is not the time to let down our guard. Please join me in heeding the advice of health professionals who are imploring us to practice physical distancing and to avoid traveling and being in large groups this holiday season. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has a webpage on [Celebrating Thanksgiving](#), whether it's with your immediate family or if you have plans to spend the day with people outside your household. The bottom line is we are being asked to continue to take the necessary steps to be safe so we can begin a new year with the promise of returning to traditions and familiarity.

The reclassification of Sacramento County to the purple health tier, the most restrictive of the state's directives for containing the spread of COVID, makes it all the more important for us to follow health guidelines. So please, mask up, tend to hand hygiene, and avoid large gatherings so we can put this pandemic behind us and return to life and school as we knew it.

Our District will continue to push forward on preparations to return to school on Jan. 19, 2021. One way or another, and hopefully sooner than later, we shall return to in-person instruction. You can count on Twin Rivers to be ready. We press on with our work, keeping in sight the image of a traditional school setting, where kids and adults share laughs, stories, experiences, and information.

There will be no Friday Update next week due to Thanksgiving Break. I will keep you in my best wishes and hope that you and your families find unique ways to connect, reminisce, and celebrate the promise of a brighter 2021 and a return to the many traditions that give our lives meaning.

From my family to yours, I wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving. Be safe. Be responsible. Be well.

**Good News Around the District**

**Student Achievement**

- Trimester 1 Benchmarks have closed and data is being reviewed by sites to determine needs for reteaching of essential standards.

- Initial English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC) testing continues. Over 83% of eligible students have been assessed by the Academic Intervention Specialist Behavior (AISB) staff. This testing must be conducted in person by qualified staff. The results of the assessment are critical to determine our English Learners' instructional and language development needs.

#### **Outreach & Engagement**

- Plans for small group cohort support are underway. Students in the Bridge programs will initially be identified for supplemental in-person supports utilizing county health department guidelines for these groups. Services are targeted to begin Dec. 12.
- **Reminder:** Holiday meals will be offered at 16 school sites on Monday, Nov. 23, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Children and teens will receive a three-day meal kit with entrees and 3 pounds of apples, 3 pounds of oranges and 5 pounds of potatoes. There will be no curbside meal service Nov. 24 – 27. Distribution sites: Norwood, Dry Creek, Grant (main campus), Las Palmas, Smythe Elementary, Joyce, Highlands, Oakdale, Northwood, Morey, Westside, Pioneer, Ridgepoint, Regency Park, Foothill High and Village.

#### **District Operations**

- **Reminder:** For parents or students needing technical support for District devices, we are here to help! Please contact our Technology Support line at (916) 566-7802 or email [techsupport@twinriversusd.org](mailto:techsupport@twinriversusd.org).

With warm regards,



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

*Every Student, Every Day. Leaving No One Behind!*