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extraordinary achievement  
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April 23, 2021

To Staff and the Twin Rivers School Community,

It's amazing how quickly time flies!

We are fast approaching the end of this unprecedented school year. And while all of us are enjoying our return to in-person instruction, we realize that the upcoming school year is just a few months away and our District, like others across the state, will need to offer a virtual instructional option to students whose families feel that distance learning is the prudent option for their family circumstance. I have no specific details on our virtual offering at this time because we are awaiting word from the California State Legislature regarding distance learning expectations and requirements. Once this is clear, we will meet with our labor leaders to outline the virtual option for our students. Please know that a virtual offering for students in the 2021-2022 school year will be provided, though we hope to see all of our students return for in-person learning, as we believe this is the best environment for their academic and social learning.

Whether in-person or distance learning, we are committed to meeting the social, emotional and academic needs of all TR students.

**Around TR**

Congratulations to the 175 seniors on track to graduate with college credits! What an awe-inspiring achievement after the huge disruption of COVID-19. The students are enrolled in the District's Dual Enrollment Program, a unique partnership with American River College (ARC). One of the students, Brandon Thao, attends Rio Linda High. He will graduate with 30 college credits and has been accepted at four universities. The Dual Enrollment Program provides 9th - 12th graders at all comprehensive high schools an opportunity to enroll in college courses and get both high school and college credit. Classes are held on our campuses, and the District pays all fees. Students should contact their high school counselor for more information. We're very proud of this program which "opens doors" so more students can fulfill their dreams of a college education.

Students are excited, as they should be. In-person high school graduations are scheduled throughout the first week of June. Masks will be required and social distancing will be in effect. As I explained in my Friday Update last week, attendance will be limited and will comply with local public health guidelines. All TRUSD high schools have measured stadiums to determine the number of guests appropriate for ceremonies. Based on the number of seats available to allow for social distancing, each graduate will receive two tickets for guests. High school ceremonies will be livestreamed for those who cannot attend in person. Middle school and sixth grade promotion ceremonies will all be virtual. Your school site will send out additional information specific to your school.

**Equity, Diversity and Inclusion**

We are excited to announce the addition of Katrina Callaway as the Director of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. Katrina will work with school employees and students as well as parents and the community at large. She is responsible for establishing a comprehensive approach to improve school climate, creating inclusive schools for diverse families, and fostering a District culture to support equity and social justice within the District and surrounding community.

Katrina will join us on July 1. She is a former Director of Student Services in the Anaheim Union High School District and has also worked in the Santa Ana Unified School District.

I take pride in the great work coming out of our District, and I hope you are proud as well. As we continue to focus on the work ahead, a friendly reminder—please continue to mask up, observe physical distancing, and practice good hand hygiene. It has been a long road to our return, so let's all do our part to protect public health and keep our schools open for all.

Sincerely,

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

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

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