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*To inspire each student to
extraordinary achievement
every day*

August 21, 2020

To Staff and the Twin Rivers School Community,

In spite of record heat, the threat of fires, a pandemic, and mandatory physical distancing, I am proud to say that the Twin Rivers school community achieved a remarkably smooth and positive opening to this new school year, welcoming students back to class. In the face of adversity and obstacles, we pulled together as a team—a team with a shared goal: maintaining excellent instruction for our students.

I want to extend a sincere thank you to every member of our community for pulling together, doing your part, and helping us to create a positive opening and return to school for our students.

Granted, classes are different than in the past, and given that we are separated from one another, are proceeding in a manner that is most certainly not our ideal. Yet, in spite of this physical separation, in some ways our community has never been closer, and I attribute this connection to shared purpose. The Twin Rivers school community—teachers, support staff, principals, administrators, students, and our parents and families—has a shared goal and unity of purpose.

I am proud and humbled by the cooperation, compassion, and connections that I see growing across our schools, and I am grateful and soothed to know that, when times are tough, we pull together for our kids. We launched the school year with great energy and a can-do spirit. Now, take a moment to give yourself a pat on the back for your contributions.

Teachers – for extending instructional practices, collaborating and supporting one another with selfless grace; thank you. Principals – you are there for your teachers and staff, advocating for their needs so they can serve our students; thank you. Support staff at sites and all departments– whether serving meals, cleaning schools, distributing technology and teaching supplies, organizing counseling services and supports for our students with special needs, or simply taking calls from anxious parents, your work is the “glue” that holds us together; thank you. Parents and families – you’ve been called into action like never before, and we are grateful that you, our at-home-partners, are encouraging your students to take school seriously, to log on, and to keep learning; thank you. Students – you are our inspiration and reason; thank you.

Connections. Compassion. Cooperation.

Let's agree to keep the themes of connections, compassion, and cooperation as our guides as we continue down the path of remote learning. If we stick together, if we reach out when we need support, and in turn, offer support to those in need, I believe that we will deliver a historic accomplishment for our students. Not only will we continue to provide them with excellent education, we will show our students (your children) that obstacles can reveal your strengths.

Warm regards,

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!