



Board of Trustees

March 23, 2022

*Michelle Rivas
President*

To Staff and the Twin Rivers School Community,

We are thrilled that our Festival of the Arts is happening this year, even with all the challenges involved. We were elated when we learned that events like this were allowed to resume. Although it was a very short timeline, our Festival of the Arts Committee—comprised of a team of teachers representing all grade levels—quickly sprang into action. We needed a venue that would seat at least 2,000 people, have enough space for approximately 1,000 exhibits featuring some amazing student artwork, and a place that would allow for 500 students to rehearse during a four-hour period on the day of the event.

As you can imagine, it was difficult finding a location in our district and surrounding communities that could accommodate all of our needs because of COVID restrictions on events of this size. But after a lot of searching, the Festival of the Arts Committee was able to find @the Grounds in Roseville. Like you, we were hoping something would open in Sacramento, but nothing was available. We contacted 12 venues, including Memorial Auditorium and Cal Expo. Not having the Festival of the Arts was not an option. In fact, 80% of parents/families we surveyed indicated they would attend the event even if the venue were outside the district. So working on a tight schedule, we confirmed our space in February with @the Grounds.

We apologize for any inconvenience the Roseville location may cause, but we are excited that there will be a Festival of the Arts this year. For some individuals who attend, it will be their first student arts festival experience of the year! The Festival of the Arts, like many other events, was absent in 2020 due to the pandemic. In 2021, it was a virtual event with taped performances and didn't have much of an audience.

Superintendent

Steve Martinez, Ed.D.

I hope to see all of you @the Grounds on March 31 to support our students and staff for all the hard work they have put into this event. The students are in grades 3-12, and what a talented group they are. You'll enjoy their great performances and stunning artwork. **If you're not able to attend, we are livestreaming the event and will have more details in the coming days.**

To inspire each student to extraordinary achievement every day

Please know that @the Grounds is not a permanent venue for Festival of the Arts. Our hope is to return to a venue in our district/Sacramento area next year.

Sincerely,

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

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