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extraordinary achievement  
every day*

June 11, 2021

To Staff and the Twin Rivers School Community,

I recall as a young student thinking about summer school as nothing more than long, hot days in classrooms that kept me from playing with my friends. Today, I think the entire notion of summer school has changed, for the better.

Studies show that summer enrichment and academic programs for students from the early kinder years to high school can help students achieve solid academic traction where they did not make gains in the previous school year and accelerate learning. Plus, it allows students to continue to socialize with one another in productive and collaborative environments.

I am proud that Twin Rivers Unified is able to coordinate a summer of excellent learning and enrichment options for our students. Early Childhood Education offers a Kinder Kamp to support children entering transitional kindergarten or kindergarten in the fall. Kinder Kamp focuses on social-emotional skills, classroom routines and procedures, and the basics of the alphabet, numbers, colors and shapes. Academic and Enrichment is available in-person for K-8 students. There's academic support in ELA and math, as well as an enrichment program focusing on our oceans and amazing sea animals. In addition, we have two sessions of the Graduation Rate Improvement Program (GRIP). It's for all 9-12th grade credit deficient students. They can earn five credits each session. Courses include: Chemistry, ELA 9, 10 and 11, Health, Math, U.S. History, World History and Advanced Algebra Finance.

All of our programs are, of course, free of charge; TRUSD provides free transportation, breakfast and lunch; and for our online learners, we continue to offer the technology necessary for them to access their summer learning.

I realize that not all families felt that summer school was appropriate for their student/s, and this is a decision that I respect. No one knows a child better than their family, and we have to make the decisions that are right for each student. For those who did feel that summer learning was important for their child's academic and social-emotional well-being, we are thrilled that we could make a robust set of learning options available for your students.

**Thank You Teachers, Administrators and Support Professionals** – I want to give a great big shout-out to teachers, support professionals and administrators who agreed to participate in our summer school program, making it possible for 3,190 students from our TR school community to stay engaged in their learning; thank you very much.

With warm regards,

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

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