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every day*

April 22, 2022

To Staff and the Twin Rivers School Community,

Welcome back from Spring Break, and welcome to the last six weeks of the school year. This year, although challenging, we were fortunate to be back on campus, in classrooms, and to participate in athletics, music and theater, and other wonderful events. We could enjoy one another's company, learning and working side by side, and relying on the use of technology when we chose to, rather than as the only means to connect, communicate and learn.

Now, we look forward to celebratory activities that recognize high school graduation, middle and elementary school matriculation, and all the traditions that we enjoy at these gatherings. Until we close this school year, I am asking all students to continue focusing on their learning through the end of the year. Let's work together—students, families and staff—to do our very best through to the last day of school. Across all grade levels and all subjects, our TR Team works hard every day to make learning meaningful for our students. Let's have a great finish to the year.

Open House

This year, we held all Open House events in person, and it was a joy to see the home-to-school connections across our campuses. Families poured into our schools to meet with and thank teachers and staff, to see student work, and to enjoy the partnerships between families and TR staff that are so important to student learning. When students know we share an interest in them, in their happiness and their academic progress, they perform better in school. To this point, it was wonderful to see so many families participate in our Open House events throughout our district. Special thanks to all TR employees who make these events great. From campus maintenance to classroom displays of student work, we were impressed by what we saw. Thank you Team TR for your wonderful work!

Summer Learning Opportunities

Some families may want their students to take advantage of the rich programs that TR will offer this summer. Some students may need some extra support to gain ground in subjects that challenged them this year, and others may want to get a jumpstart on the next school year. Either way, we will be offering terrific learning opportunities for all grade levels this summer. You can learn more by clicking this link: [Summer Programs 2022 webpage.](#)

Negotiations in the News

Many followed with interest the negotiations challenges that districts in our area and other parts of the state have realized. In this context, I want to stress to our full TR school community— all employees, students, families, and care providers—that your TR Team is committed to productive, collaborative, and efficient negotiations processes with our labor leaders. Currently, we are in active negotiations with our teachers union (Twin Rivers United Educators – TRUE). This group represents all certificated employees. Given that the largest part of our budget is dedicated to the compensation of all of our employees, I feel it is important to keep the community apprised of our progress in negotiations. You can find updates on our [Negotiations webpage](#).

Again, I welcome you back from what I hope was a restful and enjoyable Spring Break, and I thank you for pushing through the end of the year in earnest. Keep up the good work!

With warm regards,

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

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