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every day*

Feb. 17, 2022

To Staff and the Twin Rivers School Community,

I hope you are preparing for a wonderful four-day Presidents' Day weekend. Whether you are going to spend time with family or friends, in a quiet place with a book or a project, or step out to bask in the sunshine and spring-like weather, I hope you can make the most of this long weekend.

One thing is for sure, with the masking requirement now lifted in so many places, sharing smiles should be a part of everyone's weekend.

We hope that on Feb. 28 (which is only 5 school days away) when the Governor and the California Department of Public Health share their updated masking recommendations, that we can return—as much as possible—to that sense of normalcy we haven't really experienced since the pandemic. I appreciate your remembering that masking continues to be required in our schools, and I ask you to remain vigilant about masking until the guidance is changed. I hope we will hear the news that there is a path to remove masks from our schools.

As I look forward with optimism, I take time to reflect on the recent past with respect and gratitude for all that our TR employees have done to make sure our educational services have continued for students in spite of COVID-19 difficulties. Given that our nation is celebrating Presidents' Day this Monday, Feb. 21, I share the following quotes from Presidents Washington and Lincoln that I believe summarize the great work performed by our TR team.

"Perseverance and spirit have done wonders in all ages."
George Washington

"Leave nothing for tomorrow which can be done today."
Abraham Lincoln

I respect that our TR team pulled together to continue to offer services, supports and instruction to our students.

Our TR team persevered and worked wonders for our students of all ages. I am grateful for the tireless efforts and positive attitudes that our employees dedicated to their work and our students. Our TR team leaves nothing for tomorrow that can be done today. I am proud of our team and their dedication to students and one another.

Enjoy the long weekend. Be safe.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Martinez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "S" and "M".

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