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*To inspire each student to
extraordinary achievement
every day*

June 24, 2021

To Staff and the Twin Rivers School Community,

Aleksey Balatsky, Michael Hernandez, Ed Delgado, Dana Harvel, Arleen Martinez, Leslie Bouve and Alisia Cruz. These wonderful individuals are among 61 TR employees who are leaving us. They're retiring and we want to acknowledge and thank all of them for their unwavering support of our students and families over the years. Clearly, this is a huge loss for TR. Our retirees have a combined total of nearly 1,300 years of service. So much knowledge across several departments and school sites.

From our longest serving employees to the ones with the least amount of time with us, all have performed their work with professionalism, compassion, and commitment. Due to the hard work and dedication of our retirees and their colleagues throughout the District, we are celebrating many accomplishments:

- We graduated 1,278 seniors in the Class of 2021; 175 of them graduated with college credits
- 138 of our seniors received the California Seal of Biliteracy
- 22,715 Chromebooks were issued to our students during digital learning
- 2,537 students were enrolled in Career Technical Education (CTE)
- We served 5.6 million free meals
- Among the colleges and universities that accepted our students—UCLA, UC Berkeley, UC Davis, CSU Sacramento, University of the Pacific, University of Oregon and UC Santa Barbara
- In addition, we have a 2021 California Distinguished School – Westside Preparatory Charter; and a 2021 California Classified School Employee of the Year (one of nine in the state)

Retirees, I hope you are as proud as we are of your collective efforts in support of students and your colleagues.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I hope your retirement brings you great joy and good health. You have been exceptional coworkers and friends. You have helped steer TR through times of tremendous change and we are grateful for all you have done. Now, the real fun begins! No more meetings. No more SMART goals. And you'll never have to ask for a day off again!

Because we were not able to celebrate together, we prepared a slideshow for the June 22, 2021, school board recognitions. Click [here](#). Congratulations and good luck to all of you!

Around TR

- **Parent Corner** – Parents and guardians are integral to student success and we will do everything possible to help you support your child. This summer we are working on building a resource section on our website that will organize resources for parents and families in one place, so you will have easy access to the information/resources that can help you support your child’s educational needs—everything from instructional supports to technology needs. We will send you the link when it’s completed and look forward to your feedback. This resource section is for you and we will need to know from you that it has information that is important to you and your family.
- **2021 Annual Communications Survey** – Let me be the first to say thank you for responding to our recent communications survey. Your feedback is one of the best tools we have to identify our strengths as well as opportunities to improve. We asked you to evaluate the effectiveness of the District’s communication efforts during the pandemic. Of the 1,201 parents who responded, 94% were satisfied with our efforts. Of the 749 employees who responded, it was 88%. We are still reviewing the more than 500 comments received.

By the way, this will be my last weekly message to the Twin Rivers community until July 15, when I will share with you an update on summer activities across the District and messages of importance regarding our return to school on Tuesday, Aug. 17.

All the best,



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

Every Student, Every Day. Leaving No One Behind!