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*To inspire each student to
extraordinary achievement
every day*

May 6, 2022

To Staff and the Twin Rivers School Community,

"I have learned that people will forget what you said,
people will forget what you did,
but people will never forget how you made them feel."

Maya Angelou

This quote, from the beloved poet Maya Angelou, captures beautifully the power that we have when we interact with each other and the profound impact that we can have on our students.

As we bring a close to National Teacher Appreciation Week and prepare to celebrate many other employee groups this month, including classified employees, school nurses, speech-language pathologists, and our psychologists, it is important for us to reflect on the impact that our actions can have on our students' lives.

Teachers and those who work in education do not seek glory, fame or riches. They love the feeling of helping a student learn to read or add and subtract, and then knowing they will move on to use their fundamental skills to explore more complex subjects and tackle challenging topics and issues, as teachers continue to guide their students' learning journeys. Our staff who work with our students take pride in helping them develop their character through special interests such as music, art, theatre, sports and clubs.

Surrounding our teachers is a solid network of hard-working people who create the supports that make teaching and learning possible. They repair our schools. They clean our classrooms and campuses. They order and deliver supplies. They nurse illnesses. They counsel, support, coach and mentor. They feed students and staff, two and three times daily, and so much more.

As I have been visiting schools over the past few days to participate in end-of-year traditions, I was reminded of the powerful impact that our employees have on our children's lives, and I am grateful for their compassion, dedication and commitment to serve our students so they will always remember TR as a place that made them feel special, respected and empowered.

To our TR teachers, I thank you. This week, our nation took time to express the gratitude that you deserve for stepping into a career that is dedicated to help our youth to find their passions, talents and voice. Thank you for all that you do.

Your Alma Mater is Hiring

I want to encourage upcoming graduates who might be looking for part-time or full-time work that TR is hiring. We have many openings at various positions. If you're looking for a career right out of high school or part-time work as you pursue your higher education goals, please check out the great opportunities in TR. Perhaps there is a place for you on the TR team. Classified vacancies are posted [here](#).

Around TR

We have some great news for students and families interested in our Spanish-English Dual Language Immersion (DLI) program. It's expanding to middle school. At a Thursday morning ribbon cutting ceremony covered by local media organizations, we announced that the DLI program will be available at Martin Luther King Jr. Tech Academy (7-8) in the 2022-2023 academic year. The elementary school programs are housed at Madison and Las Palmas. Any student who has completed the elementary program can enroll in middle school DLI. Space is limited, so please apply early. Call 916.566.1600, ext. 33424 for enrollment information.

As always, enjoy the weekend. It's a special one. To the mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and all others who fill this role for a child in our community, I hope Mother's Day on Sunday is a day full of love, light and happiness.

With warm regards,

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

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