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extraordinary achievement
every day*

Feb. 2, 2024

To Staff and the Twin Rivers School Community,

As we approach National School Counseling Week (Feb. 5-9), I encourage each of you to take a moment to express your appreciation for the hard work and dedication of our TR school counselors. Whether it's a simple thank-you note, a gesture of gratitude, or a kind word, your acknowledgment will undoubtedly mean a lot to them.

Across TR, there are many professionals and a wide range of positions that all work together to create the support systems that nurture student learning, and counselors are an integral part of a strong, student-focused school environment. They are always there for our students and show their greatest strength when students are most vulnerable and in need of support, especially during times of great stress. We saw that this week when counselors with the District's Crisis Intervention Team arrived at Grant Union High School to provide additional support for students and staff after an on-campus shooting involving two Grant students. One student was taken to the hospital with a non-life-threatening injury. Thanks to the rapid response of site administration and safety personnel, Twin Rivers Police Services, the Sacramento Police Department and other local law enforcement agencies, the suspect was located and arrested quickly.

When unexpected events happen at school, in our community or nation, it is our counselors who step up to offer the compassion, emotional support and guidance that our students may need. They play a critical role in fostering a safe and supportive environment for our students.

Our counselors also work collaboratively with teachers, administrators, and families to create a nurturing school climate where all students can thrive. In TR, our 72 counselors are integral in the academic, career and personal/social development of all K-12 students. We have a comprehensive K-12 counseling/guidance plan that addresses a full spectrum of issues/services to support students throughout their school years. Their dedication and compassion make a lasting impact on the lives of our students and contribute to the overall success of the TR school community.

Let's join together in recognizing and celebrating our outstanding school counselors during National School Counseling Week and all yearlong. Their commitment to our students is truly commendable, and we are fortunate to have such a talented and caring team.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to ensure the success and well-being of every student in our district.

Around TR!

- February is Black History Month. On Saturday, Feb. 3, the TRUSD Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Department will host their first Black History Celebration for the community. The event will take place at Grant Union High School. Please click [here](#) for more information.
- Twin Rivers Adult Education will host a Workforce Prep Boot Camp on Saturday, Feb. 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you know someone who's looking for employment, please share this [flyer](#) with them.

Warm regards,

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

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