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*To inspire each student to  
extraordinary achievement  
every day*

Oct. 27, 2023

To Staff and the Twin Rivers School Community,

This is the time of year when elementary teachers are preparing to meet with parents to discuss student learning. This important time is in place for our parents and caregivers to visit your child's classroom, meet with their teacher, see their work, and hear about their progress up to this point.

We encourage parents to attend these conferences (TK-6, Nov. 16-17) with questions or concerns, and to walk away with strategies that can be used at home to help support your child's learning.

Before the conference, consider checking in with your child by asking them how they feel at school. Do they feel supported and secure? Ask questions that elicit responses that require them to go beyond a simple yes or no. Instead of asking, "Is everything okay at school?," consider asking, "Tell me what subject you like best and why do you feel that way?" Or "What can I do to support you in managing your time, so you have the time you want to hang out with friends while still completing your homework?"

For parents of students in middle and high school, while we do not have dedicated parent-teacher conferences in these grades, this is an important time for you to ask your students the same questions. Check in on how they are doing at school and reach out to teachers or your student's counselor if you feel your child needs extra support. Also, you may want to talk to your student about how they feel about their transition from grades 6 to 7 and grades 8 to 9. At the high school level, both students and families should have all the information they need about high school graduation requirements ([Student and Family Handbook](#)). For our freshmen, sophomores and juniors, request as much information as you can about the programs we offer such as our [Dual Enrollment Program](#) in collaboration with American River College (ARC) and our [California Partnership Academies](#).

Strong relationships with your student's teachers and counselors can enhance a student's overall school experience, and I want to thank our teachers, counselors and families for working to create strong partnerships in support of our students.

**Around TR!**

- **Celebrating Students!** - We are #TRUSD Proud of Steven Chavez and Bradley Nall. The Rio Linda High School seniors earned academic honors from the College Board National Hispanic Recognition Program. The program celebrates their academic achievements and strong performance on College Board assessments. Congratulations Steven and Bradley!
- **State Recognition** - Our Twin Rivers Adult School has earned a momentous achievement. The school has been named a “Model Program” by the California Adult Education Program (CAEP). Congratulations to Principal Tanya Praest and the school’s dedicated staff.
- **Poetry Day** – Congratulations to all our students who took part in Twin Rivers Sacramento Poetry Day Showcase on Oct. 26.

Have a wonderful weekend and be safe while having a great time at Halloween events. As always, inspect all treats and be alert while driving or participating in activities like Trick-or-Treating.

Warm regards,

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

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