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*To inspire each student to
extraordinary achievement
every day*

Sept. 1, 2023

To Staff and our Twin Rivers School Community,

September is National School Attendance Awareness Month, and I am taking this opportunity to urge all TR employees, families, care providers, and students to please pay close attention to attendance.

While the school year begins for most public school students in August, it is in the month of September that we notice a student's attention to attendance as a positive or concerning trend.

Did You Know?

- Missing two to four days of school in September is a predictor that a student may be headed for poor attendance throughout the school year.
- Ninth graders who have poor attendance may be at increased risk of not graduating.
- Missing 18 days of school in the school year is considered chronic absenteeism.
- Chronic absenteeism not only compromises a student's ability to learn, it can also set a negative habit in their life that could make it difficult to secure and maintain employment.

Consider This!

If you are running a business, coaching a team, hosting a family gathering or meeting friends for a social event, don't you want others to be on time? This is true for school, too. Students must be prepared to come to school on time, as often as possible, and we are asking our families and care providers to join us in making sure that the healthy habit of showing up for work—and learning is our students' work—is taught and reinforced from the start and throughout the year.

We have created programs, clubs, and extracurricular activities, including our wide range of after-school sports programs for students of all ages, to engage them in their learning.

Every day we see bright-eyed possibility in our students, and we want to make the most of our time with each and every student to help them learn, grow socially, develop life skills, and be prepared for graduation and the college or career journey that excites them.

Let's join together to make attendance and participation a goal for all students. They deserve our team effort.

With warm regards,

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

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