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*To inspire each student to  
extraordinary achievement  
every day*

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To Staff and the Twin Rivers School Community,

Public education is intended to help provide students with the skills that will enable them to achieve independence and success in their lives, and this sentiment has extreme importance for our nation's homeless youth.

It is a stunning fact that today, in one of the wealthiest nations in the world, we have unhoused students. In fact, statistics tell us that as many as 4.2 million youth per year experience some form of homelessness in this country. Because November is National Youth Homelessness Awareness Month, I want to take a moment to acknowledge the students in our nation, state, and community who may be experiencing homelessness.

For these youth, public school can play an incredibly important role in providing a sense of stability and safety. Access to quality education provides them with the possibility of ending a cycle of homelessness. If you or someone you know needs help with homelessness, I encourage you to reach out to someone at your child's school to be connected with the appropriate resources. There are resources available to help families who are experiencing homelessness.

With Thanksgiving on the immediate horizon, the month of November conjures feelings of gratitude and appreciation. Personally and professionally, I am grateful for the multitude of ways that TR offers students to connect to their school. Whether it is through joining a club, participating in our extensive after school sports or music programs, or engaging in other school-related activities, we encourage every student to avail themselves of all that we have to offer. I am especially grateful to our dedicated staff, who bring these opportunities to our students.

We are on a continual journey of creating and maintaining a strong sense of community on our campuses. Thank you to our families and community partners who work alongside our educators to make TR a great place to learn for all our students.

Warm regards,

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

Steve Martinez, Ed.D.  
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