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Aug. 26, 2022

To Staff and the Twin Rivers School Community,

What a week—a very busy and exciting time for all of us!

After much anticipation and excitement, our schools are bustling with activity. Some 22,759 students just completed their first full week of classroom instruction. More than 3,300 of them are enrolled in our outstanding Career Technical Education (CTE) program. We opened new CTE pathways this academic year in Architectural Design, Digital Media: Animation, and Early Childhood Education. The district also offers 21 American River College (ARC) courses where students receive college and high school credit. Approximately 340 students are taking advantage of the ARC classes.

With all that's going on in our classrooms, I was pleasantly surprised that students had the time to join me and the Board of Trustees this week to celebrate three milestones for the district.

On Thursday, we hosted ribbon cutting ceremonies to celebrate the completion of new state-of-the-art sports venues at Highlands High School and Grant Union High School. Click [HERE](#) to view the Facebook photo album. And today, students, staff and the community gathered for a groundbreaking ceremony for a new baseball/softball complex at Rio Linda High School ([view photos](#)). The baseball/softball complex includes new artificial turf, new backstops, dugouts, bullpens, batting cages, a concession/restroom/ticket booth and storage building. The project is expected to be completed in April 2023. And there's more! On Sept. 1, we will host another groundbreaking ceremony at Highlands for their new baseball/softball complex.

It was great talking to students at all the events. Many told us they can't wait to use the new facilities and feel fortunate they can train and play in new spaces. Like the students, we are proud of the new venues which will support physical education classes and competitions with other schools. Public education athletic facilities are more than an investment in our schools and students. They are an investment in our TR communities, and that's important. The new venues will be open to neighborhood youth leagues and will offer accessible opportunities for physical activity to residents of our community outside of school hours.

There are wonderful things taking place across the district. From students and staff reconnecting to enhancements to our campuses, Twin Rivers is set to support our students as they embark on a year of learning and personal growth.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend,

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

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