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*To inspire each student to
extraordinary achievement
every day*

Dec. 9, 2022

To Staff and the Twin Rivers School Community,

We have all experienced the difference between “I have to” and “I want to” attitudes. A “want to” spirit can ignite positive energy, enthusiasm, and joy.

The TR team *wants to* create and offer programs that students enjoy, so that they *want to* come to school. We are watching these programs grow in popularity, as they help build stronger connections for our students to one another and to their learning. I am asking our families to explore the many opportunities that we offer your students, and encourage them to find something of interest for them to participate in.

Consider some of these exceptional examples of TR students engaging in extra-curricular and enrichment programs:

Elementary Athletics – More than 600 students have participated in our cheer and cross country Tk-8th grade athletics program. Our free after-school program also includes basketball, soccer, tennis, golf and track. If you have an elementary student who might enjoy one of these sports, please click [HERE](#) for more information about the program.

Enrichment Field Trips – Our Anchor Field Trips for grades 3-6 continue to provide great opportunities for our students to explore and experience the wonders and possibilities of science. The special field trips first began during the 2017-2018 school year. More than 19,600 students participated prior to the COVID-19 closure of schools. So far this school year: 1,481 third graders have visited the kid-friendly Museum of Science and Curiosity; 518 fourth graders have been to Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park; 522 fifth graders have enjoyed the Aerospace Museum; and 56 sixth graders have taken an overnight science camp trip.

WIN Academy – This ongoing enrichment program offers opportunities for all students to recover instructional minutes that are lost from missed days of school. The WIN Academy program helps to recover funding that supports programs such as art, music, field trips and much more! More than 32,000 students have participated in the WIN program since its launch in the 2017-2018 school year. For more information regarding the WIN Academy, please contact your school or visit <https://bit.ly/TR-WIN-Academy>.

Around TR

- Let's go Pacers! - We all want to share our pride in the tremendous accomplishments of the Grant High School varsity football team. [The team is playing Saturday at Grant in a CIF State Football Championship Bowl Game, Division 3-AA](#) (tickets still available). The players have proven that engaging in something that you want to do can bring success and joy to your school experience.

I am deeply grateful to the team of professionals in TR who strive to create and offer exceptional programs that engage, inspire, and help our students find joy in their educational experience.

With respect,

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

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