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*To inspire each student to
extraordinary achievement
every day*

March 24, 2023

To Staff and the Twin Rivers School Community,

As always, it's a whirlwind of activity around the district at this time of year and as we near the end of the month—Women's History Month—I wanted to be sure to acknowledge the many strong and dedicated women throughout our district, in the community and on our school board who have accomplished so much in their personal and professional lives. They are our unsung heroes, remarkable individuals who have certainly had an impact on my life during my time in TR and the lives of so many of our students and families. They are teachers, support staff, school and district administrators, volunteers and community members and leaders from all backgrounds. Some of them have paved the way for others and we are proud of every single one of them who have, and continue to, devote their lives to the care and education of the children in this community.

As the father of three girls, I find that Women's History Month is the perfect time to share stories about the influential women in our lives and to reflect on the simple but profoundly important notion that today women are empowered to dream big, reach high and celebrate their abilities and talents.

Watch. Read. Share. Discuss.

Watch: I hope that everyone in the TR school community will take time to discuss the importance of equity during Women's History Month. Families can watch movies together such as *Hidden Figures*, *Soul Surfer*, or Disney's *Mulan*, and discuss the power of women finding the courage to follow a dream.

Read: Every day there are stories in the news about work that women are doing in service to others. Look for these stories and read them with our students.

Share and Discuss: We can share stories with our children about women in our lives who, while perhaps not recognized in our history books or featured in novels and movies, we know made tremendous contributions to their families and communities.

What began with women standing up for better working conditions, the right to vote, and fair pay, must be recognized so that children today know that they are the beneficiaries of the courage and vigilance of those fought to be seen, heard and respected. We honor their accomplishments and legacies not just in March, but all year round.

With warm regards,

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

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