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*To inspire each student to
extraordinary achievement
every day*

May 12, 2023

To Staff and the Twin Rivers School Community,

They say to teach is to impact the future. Imagine how this profound responsibility feels to today's teachers given the fact that our society, collectively, cannot fully imagine or comprehend the future.

Today's teachers are preparing students for success in our ever-changing world. To prepare our students to succeed in college and career, our teachers cover more than the core academic subjects.

They nurture their students' confidence, resiliency, perseverance and, to ensure they can work well with others, teachers guide students to be collaborative and compassionate. This is a tall order, a very tall order indeed. And yet every day, our dedicated TR teachers and the many members of our support staff come to work to offer students lessons in academics and invest in the characteristics that will help them to be successful in our rapidly evolving society.

As we close Teacher Appreciation Week, I want to express my deep gratitude to all our education professionals who know that we measure our students not by what they know, but what they can become. When I visit our schools, I see you devoting yourselves to help all students to become their best.

We will sorely miss our TR teachers who are retiring this school year. Some have been with the district for more than 30 years. Among them—Jean Friedrich, Regency Park, 38 years. Laura Pavlos, Pioneer, 37 years. Doris Hanson, Babcock, 36 years. Tracy Haysbert, Woodlake, 32 years. Jimmie Durham, Rio Linda High School, 31 years, and Lynn Reed, Grant Union High School, 30 years. Our 2022-2023 retirees have helped steer this district through times of great change and challenges. Thank you for your tireless efforts on behalf of our students. Thank you for performing your work with compassion, professionalism, and a commitment to all you have served over the years. Best wishes for the years ahead and know that you will always remain a part of the Twin Rivers family. Click [HERE](#) for a slideshow featuring both certificated and classified retirees.

With deep gratitude and sincere appreciation, I salute the teachers of TR for your remarkable contributions to our students—our future.

With warm regards,

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

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