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extraordinary achievement
every day*

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To Staff and the Twin Rivers School Community,

As we move toward spring and we see and hear more and more kids playing outdoors, I'm always reminded of that time in my youth when winter turned to spring, and sports and other extracurricular activities were such a big part of my life. But I draw from more than my own personal experience when I share with you that the many clubs, activities and extracurricular activities offered to students at our schools are critically important strategies for helping our students engage in their learning.

Myriad studies show us that students who engage in some form of activity at school, whether its band, choir, school musicals, sports, robotics, student government, yearbook or the recycling club, are more likely to enjoy school and to take their academics more seriously.

Families, I hope that you will encourage your children to consider participating in one or more of the many clubs or activities that are offered on their campus. If you are not sure of all the offerings, please contact your school administrator to gather this information. And I hope that you will discuss with your students their interests, and encourage them to participate in things that will expand their talents and curiosity.

TR staff, I thank you for taking time to consider the activities offered at your school and to invite students to participate. As you welcome new students and families to your school community, please be sure to share with them the wide range of offerings available to students at your school. This is especially important when students are transitioning from elementary to middle school and from middle to high school.

The social isolation forced on us by the pandemic is behind us. While we should continue to be vigilant about the health protocols, we should be finding ways to help our students interact in ways that encourage social skills, group collaboration, team building and personal satisfaction.

I am looking forward to a spring full of athletic events, concerts and school activities that bring our students together and help build character and a sense of community.

Around TR

- **Join the LCAP Conversation:** Click [HERE](#) to share your thoughts to help us make decisions on how to best improve services to our students.
- **Parent Volunteers:** We know many of our parents are anxious to volunteer in classrooms again. We are working to make this happen as soon as possible in a safe and responsible way. Please stay tuned for announcements of how and when this will occur.

With warm regards,

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

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