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every day*

May 27, 2022

To Staff and the Twin Rivers School Community,

As we close another school year, we are also preparing to say thank you, best wishes, and you will be missed to 90 members of our TR team. I want to express my sincere gratitude to all of our colleagues who are retiring at the end of this school year (five are leaving in July), and note that collectively these employees represent over 1,900 years of service to our students and school community.

Some of them, like Odessa Richardson, a paraeducator II, left us in January after 44 years of service. Teri Avery, a teacher, is leaving us June 4 with 38 years of service. Sheila Garnett, a café assistant II, has 28 years. Dmitry Demchuk, head custodian, has 18 years of service. Jennifer Brown, budget analyst-senior, has 12 years. Michelle Weeks, a library media tech, has 17 years. Michael Morris, teacher and athletic director, has 35 years of service. Debra Thorne, the district's enrollment demographics specialist, has 21 years. Robin Ewing, administrative secretary, has 35 years. And Mignon Jennings, bus driver, has 17 years.

As they embark on the next chapter of their lives, we want to express our thanks for their hard work and recognize their accomplishments. Across all areas of operation, TR employees reliably demonstrated ingenuity and adaptability during the challenging years of the pandemic, devoted countless hours to the well-being and progress of our students, kept our schools safe, and proved the resilience of the TR team in service to one another and to our students.

Retirement is a very personal decision, and it is sometimes bittersweet. I hope that the years ahead are filled with opportunities to pursue new challenges and interests, joyful times with friends and family, and well-deserved rest and relaxation.

In the past, we have all gathered for a special retirement dinner, but the pandemic changed our plans. That doesn't mean we will not be celebrating our retirees. All of them will receive board recognition in June.

In the meantime, I would like to send each and every one of our retirees a heartfelt THANK YOU! You will be greatly missed by all.

Around TR

The district continues to provide free COVID test kits for our students and staff. In fact, we are sending test kits home with students so they can test on Monday, May 30 (Memorial Day) before returning to school on Tuesday, May 31. Please stay home and contact your health care provider and school site for any positive test results.

Have a wonderful Memorial Day weekend!

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Martinez", is positioned above the typed name.

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