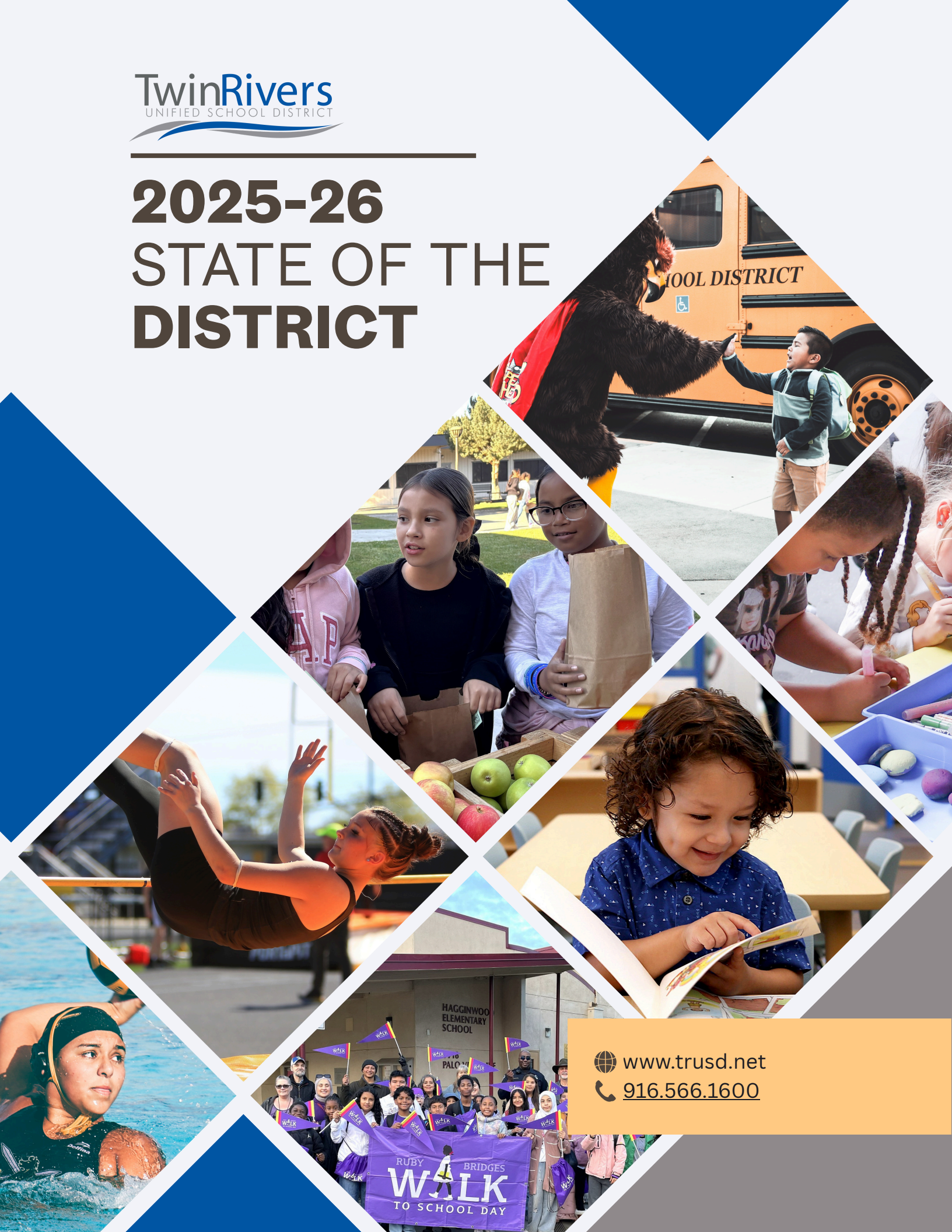


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Twin Rivers At A Glance*



25,140
Students



45
Schools



3,186
Employees



53
Languages spoken

Adventure in Education

Twin Rivers Unified School District has an unwavering commitment to every student's journey to ensure all students graduate college and career ready. Today we are the 27th largest public school District in California—Pre-K - 12 and Adult Education.

Pursuing Outstanding Student Achievement



92.1%

graduation rate

Higher than Sacramento County (**69.1%**) and state (**86.4%**) averages



5

students earned their Associate of Arts degree and their high school diploma at the same time through our Dual Enrollment Program with ARC



1,058

students enrolled in our Dual Enrollment Program



773

students in grades 7 -12 were enrolled in our Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID)



70.3%

of AVID seniors completed the requirements for a four-year college



7,826

students enrolled in 37 Career Technical Education (CTE) 7-12th grade Pathways



1,153

high school students enrolled in 20 Advanced Placement courses



186

seniors earned the State Seal of Biliteracy



3,380

students participated in the Elementary and TK-8 Athletics Program



5,112

K-12 online tutoring sessions during the school year through our partner, Paper

*Data from the 2025-26 school year



Letter from the Superintendent

Dear Twin Rivers Unified School District Community,

As we reflect on the past year, I do so with a deep sense of gratitude and perspective for where Twin Rivers Unified School District stands today and for the journey that brought us here. This year's progress is a result of work spanning over many years. It is shaped by the dedication of our students, families, staff, Board of Trustees, and community, all united by a shared belief in what our students can achieve.



Serving nearly 25,000 students across 45 schools, representing 53 languages and the extraordinary diversity of our community, our educators and staff work each day to ensure schools are safe, inclusive, and academically strong. Over the past year, Twin Rivers has continued to strengthen programs and services that support the whole child and prepare students for life beyond graduation. From early learning and literacy to expanded Career Technical Education, dual enrollment opportunities, dual immersion programs, and wellness supports, our focus remains on creating meaningful pathways for every learner.

One of the most meaningful moments of my tenure comes this year as I watch students who entered Twin Rivers as kindergarteners at the beginning of my time as Superintendent now prepare to graduate from high school. This full-circle moment is a powerful reminder that public education is generational work that is built patiently over time through relationships, consistency, and commitment.

As I conclude my tenure as Superintendent later this year, I do so with immense pride in what we have accomplished together and with great confidence in the future of Twin Rivers. The District's success is made possible by dedicated staff, engaged families, supportive community partners, and a Board willing to make student-centered decisions, even in complex moments.

This report offers an in-depth look at our District's academic programs, student life, facilities, financial stewardship, faculty and staff achievements, and the impactful work of our We Are TR Foundation. I encourage you to explore these sections to better understand the ongoing efforts and remarkable progress within Twin Rivers Unified School District.

With deep appreciation,

Dr. Steve Martinez
Superintendent
Twin Rivers Unified School District

Mission

At Twin Rivers Unified School District, our mission is to inspire each student to extraordinary achievement every day.

Vision

An unwavering focus on powerful and engaging learning experiences that prepare students for college, career and life success.

Founded in 2008, Twin Rivers Unified School District is a vibrant, award-winning educational community serving northern Sacramento County. Educating more than 25,000 students—from early learning through adult education—the District reflects the strength of 53 languages and diverse backgrounds. With 45 schools spanning 82 square miles, including elementary, middle, comprehensive high schools, charter, and alternative programs, Twin Rivers is dedicated to fostering safe, inclusive, and engaging learning environments where every student has the opportunity to succeed.

CORE PRINCIPALS



Graduation Readiness: All students will graduate college, career, and civic-minded ready.



Safe Environment: All students will have a safe, clean, and secure environment that is free of bullying and creates opportunities for learning.



Student Engagement: Student engagement is critical to student success.



Partnerships: Partnerships with all stakeholders are vital to student success.



Fiscal Responsibility: TRUSD will be fiscally sound and maximize resources for student success.



Diversity and Equity: TRUSD will honor diversity and create equity across the district.



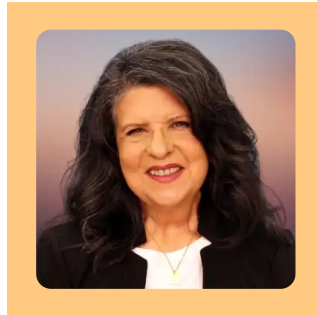
Employee Excellence: TRUSD will identify, recruit, retain, and develop the best employees.



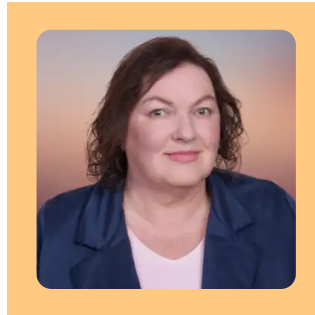
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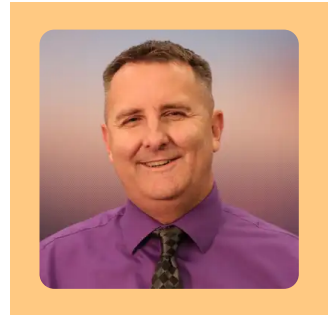
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President, Area 3



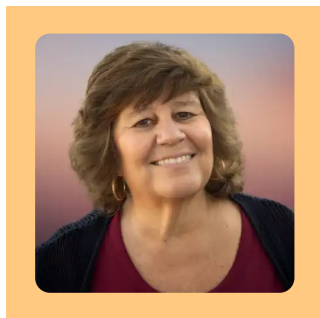
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Vice-President,
Area 6



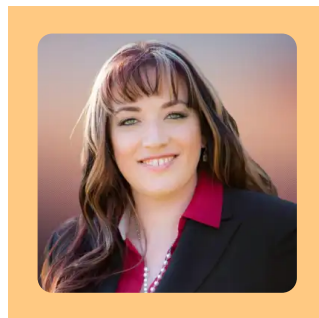
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Clerk, Area 7



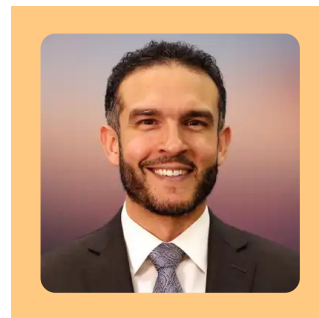
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Sharon Reichelt
Trustee, Area 2



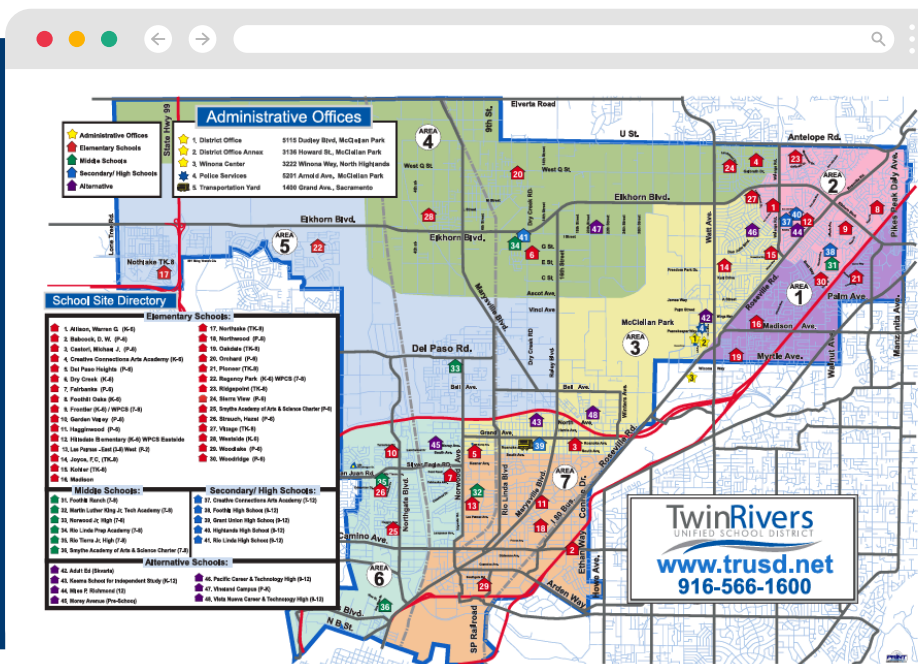
Stacey E. Bastian
Trustee, Area 4



Basim Elkarra
Trustee, Area 5

Our District

Twin Rivers Unified School District spans more than 82 square miles and includes diverse neighborhoods like Arden Fair, Del Paso Heights, Dos Rios, Elverta, Foothill Farms, Gardenland, McClellan Park, Natomas, Northgate, North Highlands, Northlake, North Sacramento, Robla, Rio Linda, and Woodlake.



Academics and Student Life



GRADUATION AND DROPOUT RATE:

Twin Rivers Unified School District boasts an outstanding

92.1%

graduation rate, surpassing state and county averages and increasing .1% over last year.

Impressively, the district has also reduced its dropout rate from

16.4% to just 4.6%

since 2012-13 reflecting its commitment to student success and academic excellence.

DUAL ENROLLMENT

Our award-winning dual enrollment program partners with American River College. Through this program we offer high school students the opportunity to earn college credit, and even potentially graduate high school with an associate degree, all while receiving books, tuition, and expert guidance at **no extra cost**.

By completing courses that meet high school requirements and earning college-level credits, students save time and money on a future degree. This program also allows students to complete required courses early, giving them more time to focus on their specific area of study once they enroll in college. Even for students undecided on their college or career path after high school, dual enrollment provides a chance to explore options, receive guidance from college advisors, and graduate with a competitive advantage.



SEAL OF BILITERACY



Twin Rivers Unified School District awards the State Seal of Biliteracy to high school graduates who demonstrate proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing in one or more languages in addition to English. This prestigious recognition is symbolized by a gold embossed insignia on their diploma and noted on their transcripts.

Since 2012, over 1,154 students have earned this honor, highlighting Twin Rivers' commitment to promoting bilingualism and biliteracy among its students. Qualified graduates also receive a medallion and honor cord to wear during commencement ceremonies, celebrating their achievement.

Twin Rivers Unified School District offers over 37 CTE programs, including:

Agriculture	Architectural Design	Culinary	Diesel Engine
Business	Computer Science	Early Childhood Education	Entrepreneurship
Construction	Criminal Justice	Media Arts	Sports Health/Medicine

CTE PROGRAMS

Twin Rivers Unified School District offers comprehensive Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs, providing students with hands-on learning in specialized fields like career education, STEM, performing arts, and partnership academies. These academies, embedded within our high schools, combine academic instruction with career-focused training, supported by business partnerships, mentoring, and internships. CTE equips students with the skills and experience needed for college, careers, and the workforce, creating a strong foundation for future success. Studies show that CTE participants are more engaged, achieve higher academic performance, and graduate at increased rates.



DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION



Twin Rivers Unified School District offers a Dual Language Immersion (DLI) program that empowers students to become bilingual and biliterate in English and another language. Emphasizing integration and cultural diversity, the program dedicates at least half of the instructional time to the target language, fostering cognitive growth and cross-cultural understanding. By enhancing academic achievement and promoting an appreciation for diversity, the DLI program provides students with invaluable skills and experiences, setting Twin Rivers apart as a leader in multilingual education.

Twin Rivers Unified School District Schools that offer DLI:

Elementary Schools:

- Las Palmas Elementary School
- Madison Elementary School

Middle School:

- Martin Luther King Jr. Technology Academy



TECHNOLOGY

Twin Rivers Unified School District is committed to integrating technology into everyday learning, providing every student with a Chromebook to support access, engagement, and collaboration.

At the same time, the District is modernizing its facilities with updated, state-of-the-art technology to ensure classrooms are equipped for today's learning environments. Together, these efforts help prepare students with the skills and experiences needed to succeed in an increasingly digital world.



AVID

Twin Rivers Unified School District uses AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) to promote college and career readiness, close opportunity gaps, and support equitable outcomes for all students. Through student-centered instruction, the program strengthens teaching, builds leadership, and empowers students to take ownership of their learning in an inclusive school environment.



ACADEMIC COMPETITIONS

Twin Rivers Unified School District students regularly excel in academic competitions, showcasing the strength of the District's commitment to excellence and opportunity. Through dedication, preparation, and high-quality instruction, students achieve recognition across STEM, the performing arts, and civic learning. These successes reflect a broader commitment to developing well-rounded learners equipped to thrive in a global society.





VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

Twin Rivers Unified School District's Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) programs provide a dynamic and inclusive arts education that fosters creativity, self-expression, and student engagement. The music program emphasizes the positive impact of music on the mind, body, and spirit, supporting both cognitive growth and emotional well-being. Elementary music specialists serve students in grades 3–6, while secondary educators offer instruction in general music, strings, band, and choir.

In visual arts, students build essential visual literacy skills that are increasingly important in today's digital world. Elementary specialists support students in transitional kindergarten through grade 2, while secondary programs offer a wide range of media and artistic disciplines. Through a comprehensive and sequential approach across all grade levels, students are encouraged to explore their interests, think critically, and express themselves creatively. Twin Rivers' commitment to the arts helps prepare students for success in school and beyond.

ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

Twin Rivers Unified School District's athletic programs are committed to fostering excellence, teamwork, and personal growth, inspiring every student-athlete to reach their full potential. Through comprehensive interscholastic opportunities, students build discipline, resilience, and leadership skills while learning the values of sportsmanship and fair play. These programs are grounded in a culture of respect, collaboration, and strong communication among coaches, educators, families, and students.



Athletics serve as a meaningful extension of the classroom—promoting school pride, connection, and well-being. Guided by experienced and dedicated leaders, Twin Rivers' athletic programs have earned numerous championships and have helped develop student-athletes who have gone on to succeed at the collegiate and professional levels.



Academics and Student Life

AWARDS

Twin Rivers Unified School District is renowned for its excellence, earning numerous awards and recognitions that highlight its commitment to student achievement, innovative programs, and a nurturing learning environment. These honors reflect the District’s dedication to empowering students and promoting educational success.

- ★ **California Distinguished School Award:** Westside Preparatory Charter School (2021), Hazel Strauch Elementary (2020)
- ★ **Civic Learning Award of Distinction (2018):** Creative Connections Arts Academy, Rio Linda Preparatory Academy
- ★ **California Model Continuation High School Award:** Pacific Career & Technology High School (2016 & 2019)
- ★ **Gold Ribbon Schools:** 8
- ★ **HealthierUS School Challenge Award:** 29 Schools (2015)
- ★ **California Positive Behavioral Intervention Supports (PBIS) Coalition Platinum Award:** 21 Award Winning Schools
- ★ **Recipient of 2022 California Pivotal Practice Award:** Only Sacramento school district to win the award

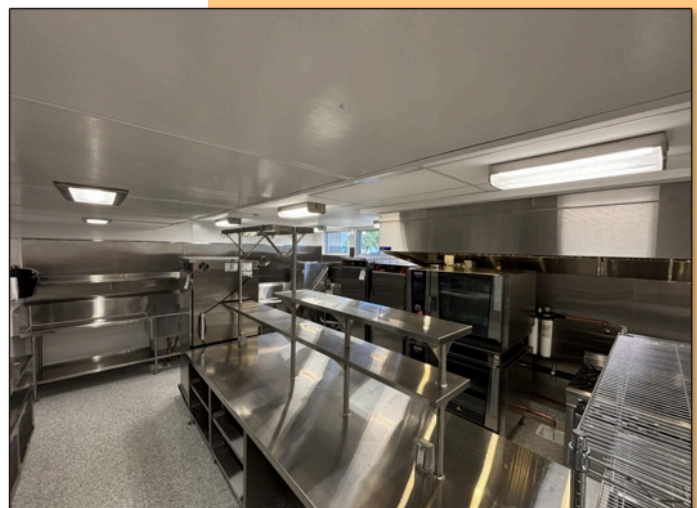


- ★ **Exemplary Dual Enrollment School (2022):** Rio Linda High School – Only Sacramento area school to win the award
- ★ **Golden Bell Award (2023):** Multi-Tiered System of Supports Initiative awarded by the California School Boards Association
- ★ **Meritorious Budget Award (16 consecutive years)**
- ★ **Adult Education Model Program (2023):** California Adult Education Program Summit
- ★ **Sacramento State College of Education School District Partner of the Year Award (2024)**
- ★ **2026 California Exemplary Dual Enrollment School:** Grant Union High – Only Sacramento area school to win the award

Facilities

Twin Rivers Unified School District, one of the largest in California, is dedicated to providing safe, modern, and high-quality facilities that support student learning. The District actively invests in routine maintenance and targeted upgrades to ensure campuses remain functional, secure, and conducive to success.

Through the Twin Rivers Long-Range Master Facilities Plan, the District prioritizes critical safety improvements and infrastructure modernization. By taking a disciplined and strategic approach to funding, leveraging state matching funds and other resources, Twin Rivers ensures responsible stewardship and maximizes the impact of every investment.



Facilities

In the 2024-25 school year, Twin Rivers Unified School District **invested \$203 Million and completed 91 Major Projects.**




Flooring Replacement

Babcock
Hagginwood
Northwood
Oakdale
Regency Park
Woodlake
Las Palmas
West



Roofing

Garden Valley
Grant West
Highlands HS
Madison
Morey Ave
Norwood
Rio Tierra
Smythe K-6
Strauch



Exterior Paint

Highlands HS
Norwood
Rio Linda HS
Rio Linda Prep
Rio Tierra
Oakdale
Sierra View
Woodlake



Cafeteria and Bathroom Remodel

Frontier
Grant HS
Norwood
Rio Linda HS
Westside



Safety and Security

Castori	Woodlake
Garden Valley	Regency Park
Grant HS	Rio Linda ES
Hagginwood	Rio Linda HS
Highlands HS	Rio Linda Prep
Hillsdale	Rio Tierra
Madison	Smythe K-6
MLK	Vista Nueva
Oakdale	



Outdoor Learning Shade Structure

Fairbanks	Kohler
CCAA K-6	Pioneer
CCAA 7-12	Rio Linda HS
Foothill Oaks	Rio Linda Prep
Highlands HS	Smythe K-6
Hillsdale	Woodlake
Joyce	



HVAC

Babcock	MLK
CCAA 7-12	Morey
Del Paso	Ridgepoint
Grant Main & West	Rio Linda HS
Keema	Rio Tierra
Madison	Sierra View
Miles P.	Smythe 7-8
Richmond	Westside

Facilities

In the 2025-26 School Year, Twin Rivers completed **56 projects totaling more than \$64 Million.**

Some of the highlights include:



**New Universal
TK**
Madison



Stadium Upgrades
Foothill HS
Rio Linda HS



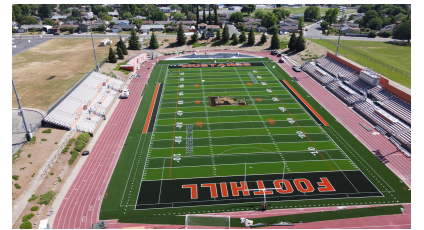
**Kitchen and
Bathroom
Modernization**

Hagginwood
F.C. Joyce
Keema
Madison
Northwood
Regency Park
Ridgepoint
Rio Linda Prep
Westside



**Frontage
Beautification**

Grant West
Highlands HS



Facilities - A Look Ahead

144

Projects in planning or progress totalling

\$242

Twin Rivers Unified School District is advancing a comprehensive set of facility improvements focused on modernization, student experience, and campus safety. Key projects include construction of a new cafeteria and administration building at Garden Valley Elementary School, restroom upgrades across 22 additional campuses, HVAC replacements at 16 sites, and new Transitional Kindergarten classrooms at Foothill Oaks, Garden Valley, and Stauch Elementary Schools.

The District is also investing in athletics through stadium upgrades at Grant Union and Highlands High School, a new Performance Training Center at Grant Union High School, and gym improvements at Foothill, Highlands, and Rio Linda High Schools. In addition, safety remains a top priority, with the implementation of a single point of entry project at Grant Union High School to enhance campus security.



Measures J and K

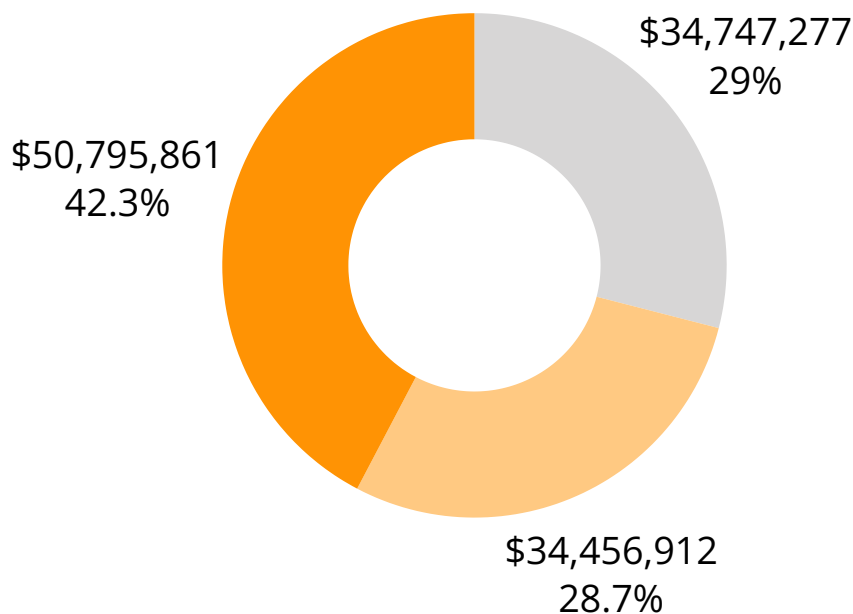
In November 2022, Twin Rivers Unified School District voters approved Measures J and K to fund critical facility improvements across the District. Measure J provides \$120 million to support upgrades at middle and high schools, while Measure K provides \$150 million to improve elementary schools within the District’s Elementary School Facilities Improvement District (SFID). The final bond sale for Measure G was completed this year.

MEASURE J BOND EXPENDITURES AS OF JANUARY 31, 2026

Measure J Bond Authorization

	\$120,000,000
Amount of Bond Sold for Project Spending	\$79,750,000
Interest Earned and Other Revenue**	\$5,602,733
Total Funds Available for Project Spending <i>(Amount of Bond Sold + Interest Earned)</i>	\$85,252,773

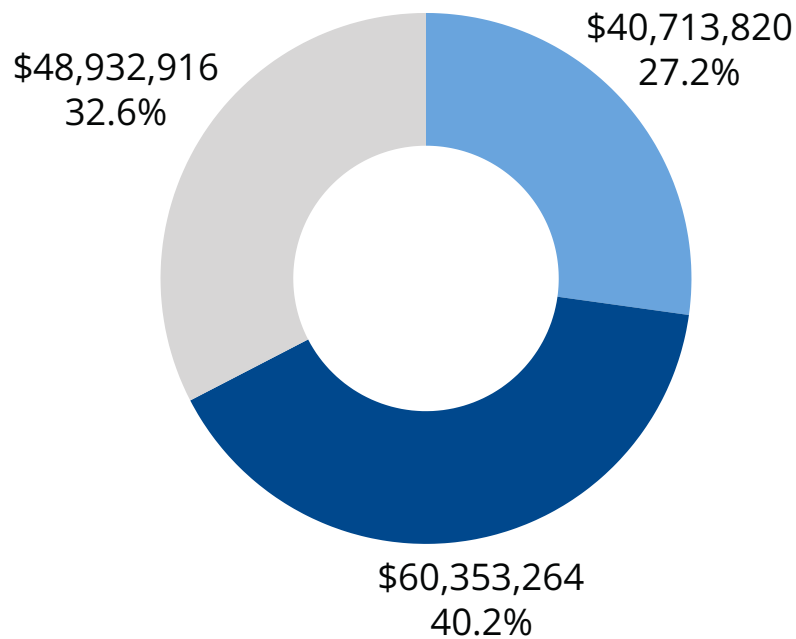
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MEASURE K BOND EXPENDITURES AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2026

Measure K Bond Authorization	\$150,000,000
Amount of Bond Sold for Project Spending	\$94,704,000
Interest Earned and Other Revenue**	\$6,363,084
Total Funds Available for Project Spending <i>(Amount of Bond Sold + Interest Earned)</i>	\$101,067,084

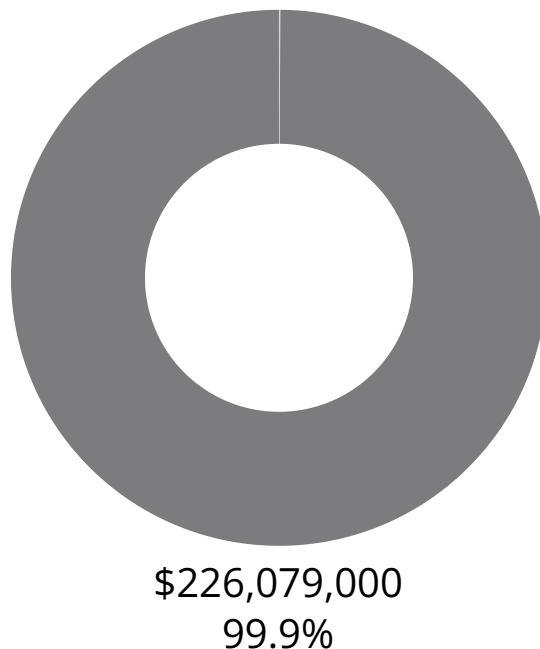
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MEASURE G BOND EXPENDITURES AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2026

Measure G is a \$230 million bond to address school improvements at high schools within the boundaries of the former Grant Joint Union High School District. This bond measure was passed in 2006. The most recent bond issuance was Series F in 2025 in the amount of \$4,142,199 and concludes the total issuance for Measure G. The final bond sale for Measure G was completed this year.

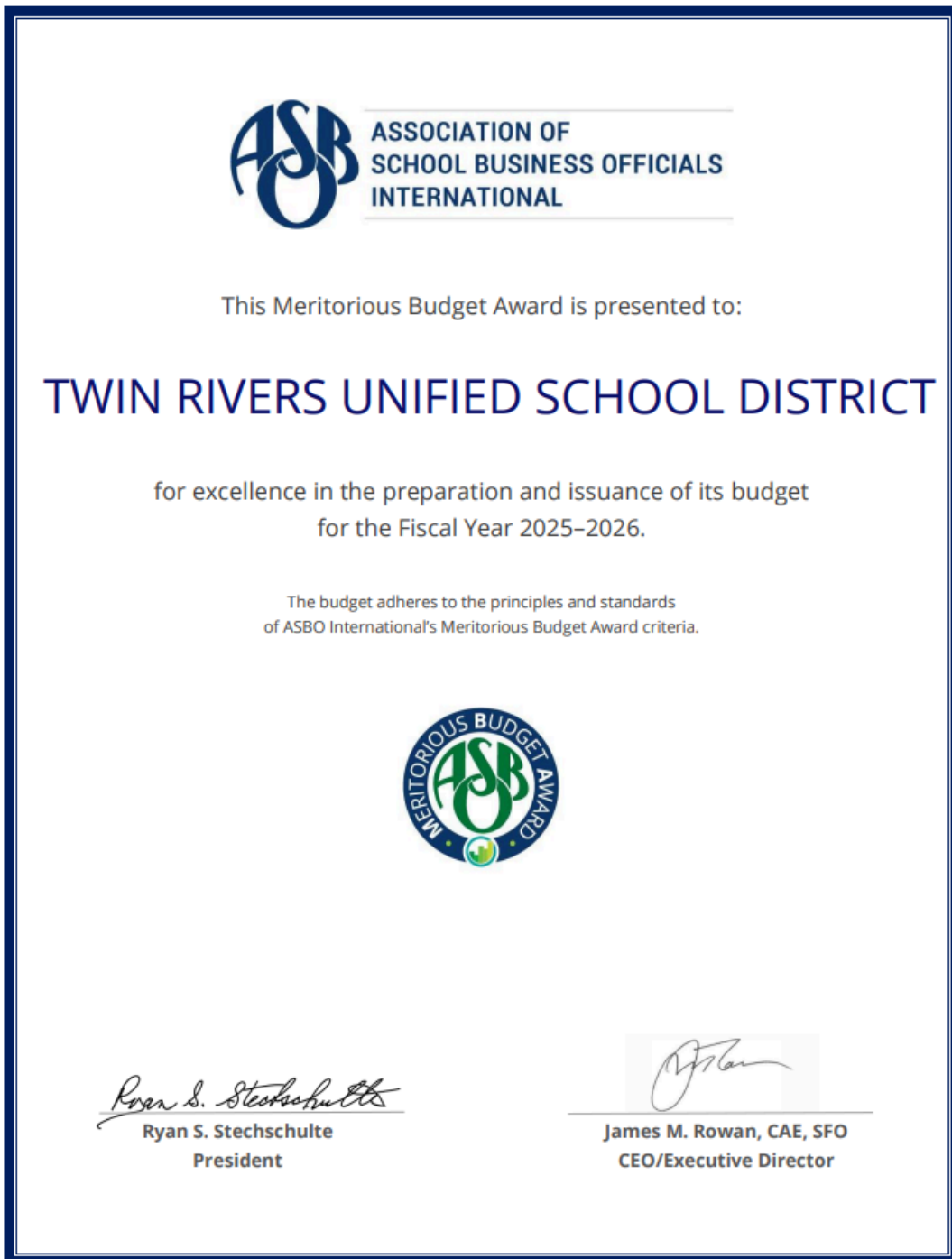
Measure G Bond Authorization	\$230,000,000
Amount of Bond Sold for Project Spending	\$230,000,000
Total Funds Available for Project Spending <i>(Amount of Bond Sold + Interest Earned)</i>	\$3,924,000
■ Remaining Amount of Bond to be Sold by Board of Trustees for Future Project Spending	\$0
■ Bond Expenditures as of January 31, 2026	\$226,079,000
■ Total Funds for Projects after Expenditures <i>(Total Bond Funds – Bond Expenditures)</i>	\$3,924,000



BUDGET

At Twin Rivers Unified School District, sound fiscal management is a top priority. We maintain a balanced budget, uphold sufficient reserves, and benefit from stable enrollment and attendance.

Our commitment to responsible financial stewardship has earned us the Meritorious Budget Award for 16 consecutive years — a recognition we're proud to uphold.



Faculty and Staff



At Twin Rivers Unified School District, the faculty and staff are distinguished by their exceptional expertise and steadfast commitment to collaboration and care. Their dedication and passion shape the District's identity and drive its excellence. By fostering a supportive and inclusive environment, they ensure every student feels valued, encouraged, and empowered to achieve their highest potential.

EMPLOYEE DEMOGRAPHICS AND RECRUITMENT

At Twin Rivers, we strive to support a workforce whose demographics are reflective of our students.

3,414

Employees

- 0.85% American Indian
- 10.32% Black/African American
- 10% Asian
- 0.59% Filipino
- 26% Hispanic
- 0.7% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
- 46% White

25,140

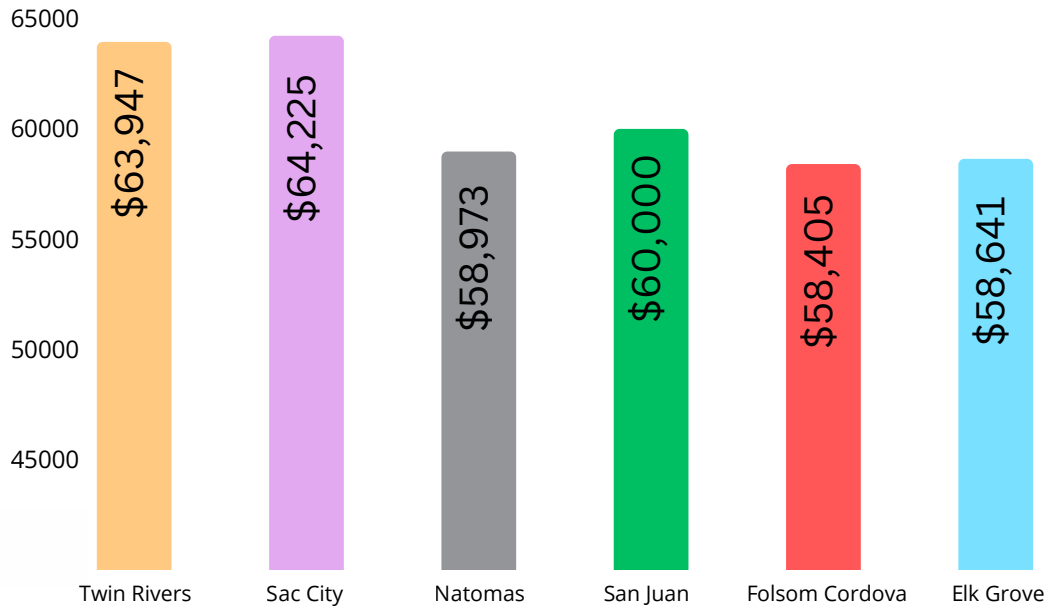
Students

- 0.42% American Indian
- 11.51% Black/African American
- 15.78% Asian
- 1.04% Filipino
- 46.69% Hispanic
- 1.72% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
- 14.38% White
- 6.37% Two or more races

Faculty and Staff

Twin Rivers Unified School District prioritizes the recruitment and retention of high-quality educators and staff, understanding that strong schools begin with strong teams. By offering salaries for new teachers that are competitive with, and often exceed, neighboring districts, Twin Rivers continues to strengthen retention and build a consistent, experienced workforce that supports student achievement.

NEW TEACHER SALARY



INNOVATIVE TEACHER SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Twin Rivers Unified School District prioritizes strong support systems for new teachers, providing mentorship, coaching, and resources that help educators build confidence and deliver high-quality instruction from the start. These programs play a critical role in strengthening the overall effectiveness and long-term success of the District.

- ✓ **NEW HIRE ACADEMY**
- ✓ **INSTRUCTIONAL IMPLEMENTATION**
- ✓ **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**
- ✓ **MONTHLY NEW TEACHER MEETINGS**
- ✓ **BI-MONTHLY MARIGOLD MIXER**

In addition, the District offers a comprehensive Wellness Resource program designed to support employee health and well-being. By promoting healthy lifestyle choices and a positive work environment, Twin Rivers helps reduce the risk of illness, improve staff effectiveness, and ensure employees are supported both personally and professionally.

AN AWARD-WINNING TEAM

Twin Rivers Unified School District employees have been awarded the Sacramento County Office of Education's 'Classified Employee of the Year' for 15 consecutive years (beginning in 2012).

**2025 - 2026 DISTRICT
TEACHER OF THE YEAR**



Mirna Flores-Perez

2026 DISTRICT CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR



Elizabeth Huddleston



Larry Hollins



Sandra Braff



Conor Allison



Diane Lunbeck



Jason Wayman

Faculty and Staff

SACRAMENTO COUNTY CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR WINNERS 2021 TO 2026

- 2025-26: Conor Allison (Technical Services)
- 2024-25: Efrain Alanis (Health and Student Services)
- 2024-25: Keren Beukema (Paraprofessional Services Category)
- 2023-24: Kiana Davis (Clerical and Administrative Services Category)
- 2023-24: Robert Whittaker (Custodial and Maintenance Services Category)
- 2023-24 Joshua Crofts (Transportation Services Category)
- 2022-23: Troygah Ahmach (Clerical and Administrative Services Category)
- 2022-23: Antoinette Tanksley (Food and Nutrition Services Category)
- 2021-22: Jennifer Lynn (Health and Student Services Category)
- 2021-22: Ronald Thomas (Paraprofessional Services Category)
- 2021-22: Anthony Pettinari (Skilled Trade Services Category)

TEACHER OF THE YEAR COUNTY AWARDEES

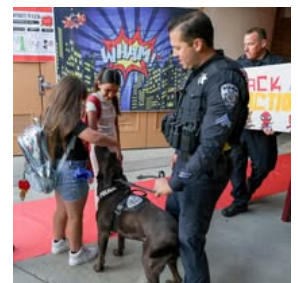
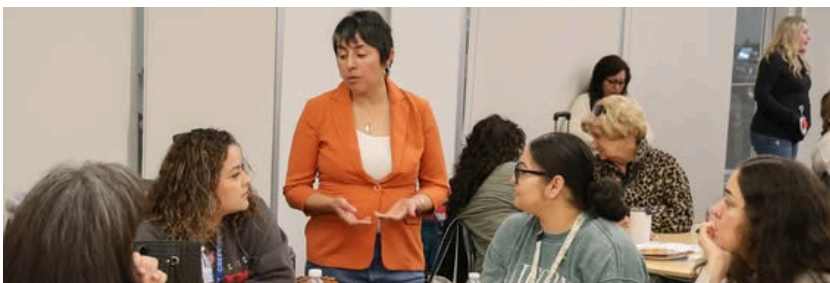
- 2024-25: Marc Vankeuren, Ph.D.
- 2020-21 Belinda Foster
- 2019-20: Gewon Richards

TEACHER OF THE YEAR STATE AWARDEES

- 2010-11 & 2002-2003 Teacher of Year Winners

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR STATE AWARDEES

- 2024: Joshua Crofts (Instructional Materials Coordinator - Transportation Services Category)
- 2021: Rhima Blenkhorn (Food and Nutrition Services Category)
- 2020: Dario Gonzalez (Para-Educator and Instructional Assistance Category)



MARIGOLD MOMENTS



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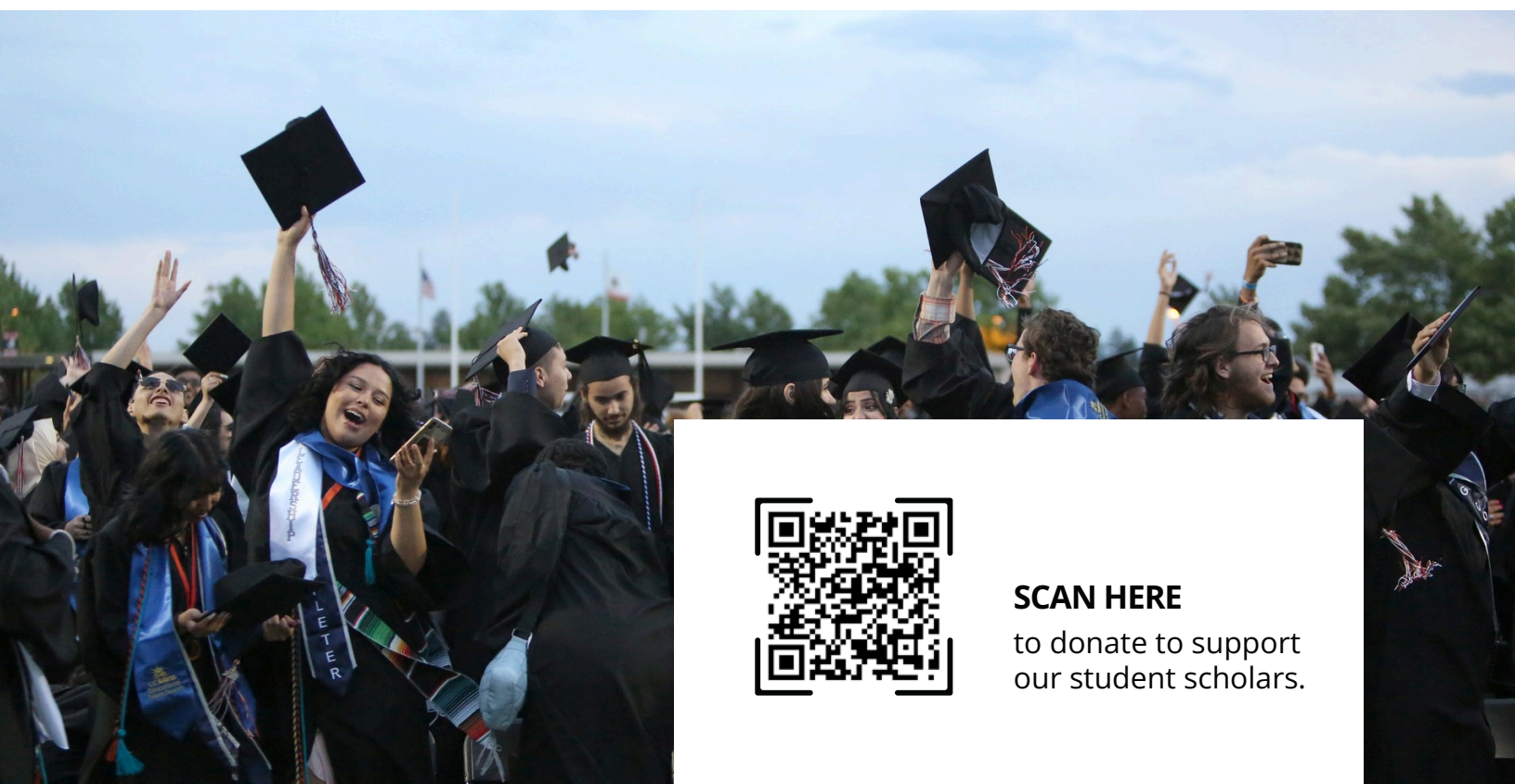


We Are TR Foundation is a California non-profit organization that raises charitable funds to support activities, programs and facilities for all of the schools operating within Twin Rivers Unified School District. The Foundation provides financial assistance to teachers, administrators and students in the form of grants, scholarships, studies and programs, and materials and equipment.

Funding from the Foundation helps provide further enrichment and education opportunities for students through the generosity of community members.

MONICA'S TESTIMONIAL

"My name is Monica Rodriguez, and I am a proud recipient of the **We are TR [Foundation] Scholarship**. I attended schools in the Twin Rivers Unified School District ever since kindergarten and graduated from Highlands High School as salutatorian in 2020. I am currently in my second year of college at UC Davis, majoring in Ecological Management & Restoration. I am beyond grateful for the financial aid that was given to me through this scholarship. I highly encourage donors to consider contributing to this foundation to help students like me."



SCAN HERE

to donate to support our student scholars.

Thank You Partners and Sponsors



A large group of graduates in blue and yellow gowns and caps, with a speaker at a podium in the foreground.

TwinRivers

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT