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*To inspire each student to  
extraordinary achievement  
every day*

Jan. 16, 2026

To Staff and Our Twin Rivers Families,

As we observe the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday on Monday, January 19, we take time to reflect on what this day means for our students, families, and schools. Dr. King reminded us that progress does not happen on its own—it requires courage, shared responsibility, and care for one another.

For our district, this holiday is a reminder of our commitment to ensuring every student feels valued, supported, and given a real opportunity to succeed. It calls us to look honestly at where barriers still exist and to work together—educators, families, and community partners—to remove them.

Honoring Dr. King's legacy means more than remembering his words. It means showing up for our children, strengthening our communities, and continuing the work of creating safe, inclusive, and thriving schools for all. I am grateful for the families and staff who do this work every day, and I believe this work is strongest when we do it together.

Each year, the Roberts Family Development Center brings the community together for the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Call to Action event in North Sacramento/Del Paso Heights. Participants can take part in a symbolic community march and hands-on sessions focused on youth development, family wellness, and community-led improvement projects. By coming together with shared purpose and responsibility, we can create practical solutions and stronger opportunities for every student and family.

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Call to Action event will take place Monday, January 19, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Grant Union High School. The day begins with a pre-program assembly at 8 a.m., the main program at 9 a.m., and the march at 10:30 a.m., followed by a resource fair and strategy sessions. [View the flyer here.](#)

Let's stand together to create opportunities, inclusion, and hope in our community.

**#TRUSD Proud Alert!**

Congratulations to Abigail Godwin! The Northlake TK-8 student won first place in the Middle School Division of the 13th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Sacramento Regional Essay Contest and will receive a \$250 cash award. Abigail will be recognized at the 2026 MLK Celebration Dinner on Saturday, January 24, at Sacramento State University. Abigail has also been invited to a Sacramento Kings game where all the essay contest winners will be recognized.

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We are incredibly proud of Abigail for representing Northlake TK-8 and Twin Rivers with creativity, thoughtfulness, and leadership.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Martinez", with a stylized, flowing script.

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