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*To inspire each student to
extraordinary achievement
every day*

Nov. 7, 2025

To Staff and Our Twin Rivers Families,

On Tuesday, our eighth graders got to see and experience the exciting opportunities waiting for them in high school at our annual [Career and Technical Education](#) (CTE) Expo. With all seven high schools showcasing programs from Architectural Design to Digital Media and Agriculture and Natural Resources, students could explore the wide range of CTE pathways available to them.

Students didn't just walk through the Expo. They asked questions, tried out activities, and saw firsthand how each program brings learning to life. At the Information & Communication Technology booth, high school students guided some of the middle schoolers through programming Edison robots, giving them a chance to try coding themselves and see how technology can bring ideas to life. At one of the Building & Construction Trades booths, students donned hard hats and picked up tools to explore the fundamentals of construction, practicing safety and teamwork while getting hands-on experience with building materials and construction techniques. Throughout the Expo, there was laughter, curiosity, and discovery as students connected with their future peers and teachers.

Our district has **7,664 students in grades 9–12** enrolled in CTE—**555 are English learners** and **301 are students with disabilities**. We have [31 CTE pathways in 11 industry sectors](#) at our high schools. These programs are designed to be accessible to all students, supporting learning and growth while helping each discover a pathway that aligns with their interests and strengths.

The Expo gave our eighth graders a head start in thinking about their futures. Events like this demonstrate how our district not only prepares students for high school but also helps them develop skills and confidence to grow as learners and thrive in high school and beyond.

Veterans Day

As we approach Veterans Day on Tuesday, Nov. 11, we want to take a moment to honor and thank all veterans—especially those in our TR family—for their service, dedication, and sacrifice. Your courage and commitment inspire us every day, and we are grateful for the example you set for our students, families, and community. A reminder, our schools and the district office will be closed to observe the Veterans Day holiday.

#TRUSD Proud Alert!

- We're thrilled to share that five amazing students were sworn in as student board members at the Nov. 4 school board meeting. Congratulations to **Issabell Viotti, Creative Connections Arts Academy**; **Nevaeh Wixson, Highlands High School**; **Lynn Reed, Grant Union High School**; **Kennedy Edmon, Rio Linda High School**; and **Amauri Steele, Foothill High School**. Let's support these remarkable students as they take on this important role!
- Congratulations to our student-athletes, teams and coaches who earned CIF Sac-Joaquin Section postseason berths this fall! **Cross Country Sub Sections** - Foothill, Grant, Highlands, and Rio Linda; **Golf (CIF Masters Tournament)** – Rio Linda's Malea Gonzalez; **Flag Football** - Grant and Rio Linda; **Water Polo** - Rio Linda boys and girls teams; **Football Bowl Games** – Highlands; **Football Playoffs** - Grant and Rio Linda. By the way, the Highlands vs Union Mine bowl game is at **7 tonight at Highlands**. Let's pack the stands!

- **TR Middle School Playoffs Results: Flag football** – MLK over Norwood; **Girls Volleyball** – Smythe over Norwood.

Celebrating our school community with you,

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

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