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*To inspire each student to
extraordinary achievement
every day*

May 29, 2026

To Staff and Our Twin Rivers Families,

Every year, as the school year draws to a close, I find myself noticing the same thing — our students just seem so different than they did in August. There's a quiet confidence in the way they carry themselves now, a sense that they know themselves a little better than they did before.

And usually, it's not the big milestones that make me notice it. It's the student who finally found their footing after a difficult start. The child who stopped saying "I can't." The friendships that formed in classrooms, on playgrounds, and in cafeterias. The teachers and staff members who made students feel safe and encouraged and reminded them that they mattered to all of us.

That's what stays with me as we reach the end of another year.

Yes, graduations, promotions, and report cards matter. They mark important milestones and give us a chance to celebrate. But what students carry with them long after the last day of school are often the experiences and relationships that shape them along the way.

As summer break nears, I hope our students carry forward confidence in themselves, curiosity about the world around them, kindness toward others, and the understanding that they are capable of more than they sometimes realize. I also hope they have time to relax, have fun, read, explore, spend time with family, and enjoy the kind of moments that make childhood memorable.

Thank you to our families, staff, and community for the ways you show up for our students every day. The impact of that care and encouragement lasts far beyond a single school year. Those kids walking a little taller in June? That's because of you.

TRUSD Proud Alert!

- Teams from **Foothill High School and Vista Nueva Career & Technology High School** earned a standout achievement at the **Northern California Design Build 2026 Competition**, taking home the **"Best in Show" award in the Open Division**. Competing against 39 other teams, this recognition reflects the students' exceptional performance in design, craftsmanship, safety, construction management, and teamwork.
- A huge shout-out to all of the student-athletes who participated in this year's **Twin Rivers Unified Special Day Class Track Meet**. Students from Foothill Ranch, Highlands, Norwood, Rio Linda Prep, and Rio Tierra came together to compete, encourage one another, and celebrate the joy of participation through a variety of track and field activities. Just as inspiring was the support shown by student leaders at each school, staff, and school communities who cheered on every athlete and helped create an environment rooted in inclusion, encouragement, and belonging.

- Congratulations to Foothill High School sophomore **Maryam Hassani**, who represented the district on the **California Newcomer Education and Wellbeing Statewide Student Council**. Born in Afghanistan, Maryam is an English learner who has been in U.S. schools for less than three years. She was among student leaders from across California who recently met in Sacramento to present recommendations on ways to improve schools for newcomer students.

Around TR!

- A reminder—[Free Summer Meals Program](#): Twin Rivers Unified will provide free breakfast and lunch, funded by the USDA, for all children and teens ages 18 and younger at sites across the district beginning June 8. No application or proof of income is required. Please note that meals will not be served on June 19 or July 3. For more information, please call 916.566.1600, ext. 36272.

All the best,

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

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