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Steve Martinez, Ed.D.

To inspire each student to extraordinary achievement every day

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To Staff and Our Twin Rivers Families,

I see it every day—students exploring, creating, and learning in ways that turn every lesson into an adventure! With Chromebooks in hand, SMART Boards in classrooms, and teachers using iPads and Apple Pencils to make lessons interactive and fun, students are engaging, collaborating, and discovering in ways that feel completely natural for them. And while this comes easily to them, it's still exciting for all of us to see just what they can do with these tools.

Our Educational Technology (EdTech) tools, such as <u>MagicSchool AI</u> and <u>Canva</u>, give teachers and students new ways to personalize learning and bring lessons to life. These platforms spark curiosity, deepen understanding, and nurture a lifelong love of learning. As we continue to weave technology into our classrooms and homes, it's more important than ever to use these tools thoughtfully and purposefully to support our students' educational growth and success. Want to learn more about these tools? Click <u>here</u> to see the full list of the district's licensed apps and easy-to-follow videos.

These tools don't just stay in the classroom, they keep learning going at home, too. Students can take projects home, share ideas with family, and even collaborate with peers outside school hours. With these resources at their fingertips, students aren't just learning—they're building skills they'll carry into college, careers, and life.

And this is just the beginning. Every activity and collaboration strengthens problem-solving, creativity, and confidence, helping our students not just keep up with the world, but help shape the future. This generation, with their curiosity and comfort with technology, is truly something special—and it's inspiring to watch them lead the way.

## Need tech help?

If your student's Chromebook is not working correctly, we're here to help—just let your teacher or school office know. Replacement Chromebooks are available at all schools to ensure students always have the resources they need. If technical support is needed outside of school hours for Twin Rivers provided Chromebooks or hotspots, please contact our technology help desk at (916) 566-7802 or by email at <a href="techsupport@trusd.net">techsupport@trusd.net</a> for assistance. Most issues can be quickly resolved remotely and, if necessary, we have a technology service center open year-round for in-person support needs.

## **#TRUSDProud Alert!**

Congratulations to the 27 Smythe Academy of Arts & Sciences Middle School students who participated in an enriching STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) <u>field trip to Boston in June 2025</u>. The students are part of the MESA (Math, Engineering, Science Achievement) program, offered at Smythe in partnership with the UC Davis MESA Center. They earned the trip through strong academic performance, participation in the MESA Day Competition, and completion of a summer engineering program at UC Davis.

We are so proud of Galilea Mendoza, Joseph Hartman, William Woodley, Xzander Gonzalez Munoz, Caitlyn Bartel, Johan Bautista Perez, Alonzo Enriquez, Ruben Gallardo Galvan, Arnav Paudel, Kaeden Visamoune, Roman Sultani, Izabella Nieto-Gomez, Adam Thao, Shawn Thor, Matthew Jones, Pedro Magaña, Adrian Ramirez Celio, Rita V. Bausas, Brienna (Alex) Ramirez Galvez, Anneliese Elmore, Maximiliano Gutierrez, Angel Hernandez Tejeda, Daniel Hernandez, Sire Lam Yuen-Hammond, Adrian Lopez, Gabriella Fleming Sebastian, and David Laris. A huge shout-out to the staff—Karolee Smiley, Miguel Moreno, Alondra Roma, and Alondra Mendoza for making this trip possible.

With much appreciation,

Steve Martinez, Ed.D.

Superintendent, Twin Rivers Unified