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*To inspire each student to
extraordinary achievement
every day*

Dear Twin Rivers School Community,

I'm writing to you today to apologize for a social media post/flier designed to spread fear, anxiety, and mistrust in our community. The post indicates that 17 of our schools are on the "chopping block" when, in fact, **NO schools are closing this year** and **NO recommendations** have been brought forward to the Board of Trustees. Unfortunately, Twin Rivers United Educators (TRUE) has created and distributed this throughout our community to mislead and incite you.

As your Superintendent, I will not sit idly by as misinformation spreads throughout our community with the intent to spread fear and create chaos. Together, we have worked too hard for our students to allow anyone or any group to undermine our work to create a better Twin Rivers for our students, staff and community.

It is my responsibility to ensure that the District is fiscally sound—that we operate efficiently and effectively to ensure that every student in every classroom in every school receives high-quality instruction and support. With that said, we have a Student Housing Committee (SHC) that is tasked with coming up with a standardized grade-span configuration in our District—something we do **NOT** have now—and making a recommendation relative to possible school consolidation. This is a long process, and to date there has been **NO** recommendation to consolidate/close any schools. SHC is reviewing multiple scenarios of what the District might look like in the future. When it comes to the point where there is a firm recommendation, we will come to you with **accurate information**. We will schedule community meetings about next steps and the potential impact.

So many wonderful things are happening for our students throughout our District! I am excited to see what our students and staff will accomplish this year. I encourage you to take a moment to reflect on how far we have come and how special it is to be a part of Twin Rivers. Your partnership and support are crucial and are the keys to student success.

You can make a difference! Get involved. Stay connected with us by reviewing the **accurate information** on our website at: <http://www.twinriversusd.org/Operations/Administrative-Services/Student-Housing-Committee/index.html>.

You know I will always be honest, factual, and use a transparent process to inform our Twin Rivers school community!

Sincerely,

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

Steve Martinez, Ed.D.
Superintendent
Twin Rivers Unified