



FRANK PORTER

Frank Porter is superintendent of California's newest school district: Twin Rivers Unified School District. Twin Rivers serves 27,000 preschool through adult students in 54 schools in northern Sacramento County, including the socio-economically diverse communities of McClellan Park, Del Paso Heights, North Sacramento, North Highlands, Rio Linda, Foothill Farms, and Natomas.

Porter was selected to serve as superintendent of Twin Rivers in December of 2008, after serving as interim superintendent for one year. Porter actively engaged community members, staff, and students in a number of forums and summits designed to build the new district's foundation, mission, and vision.

Under Porter's leadership, the new district has shown significant progress in a variety of areas. Investments in unique summer school enrichment and GATE opportunities, expansion of college and career readiness courses like Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID), first time articulation across grade levels and expansions of early childhood education including preschools at almost every elementary and full-day kindergarten have strengthened the academic core of district schools. In addition, the district has increased the focus on 21st Century Learning initiatives including video conferencing, engaging library media centers, interactive SMART boards, and project-based learning. Based on a review of the strengths in each of the unifying districts, high school career-technical academies were identified as another area of expansion. Information technology, criminal justice, environmental science, and Sports Health and Marketing are some of the many existing academies. Plans for a new green jobs academy are in the works.

The first year of scores for the district indicates the investments in academic programs are paying off. 2008-2009 scores show that the majority of Twin Rivers schools made significant growth in at least one category. Despite the challenges associated with the first year of operations, 22 schools grew at least 5% in English Language Arts AYP Proficiency, and 16 schools grew at least 5% in Math AYP Proficiency. 23 schools grew 9 points or more in the Academic Performance Index (API), including 14 that raised their API by more than 30 points. As of this year, five schools have exceeded the state goal of an API of 800 and a second school received a National Blue Ribbon Award.

Porter's thirty-four year education career includes more than 22 years in the Rio Linda Union School District (RLUSD) where he served in a variety of roles, including Superintendent for more than six years. Under Mr. Porter's leadership in Rio Linda, eight of the district's elementary schools earned California Distinguished School Awards, nine elementary schools earned Title One Achieving School Awards, and the district won its first National Blue Ribbon Award. In addition, Porter worked for 10 years in the Buckeye USD in El Dorado County where he served as a teacher and assistant principal.

Porter has actively served on a wide range of local, regional, and statewide leadership positions including: Association of California School Administrators Superintendency Council; Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce Workforce Development and Education Committee; and on the Board of Directors of LEED (Linking Education and Economic Development.) His leadership interests have included the development and growth of the Rio Linda Educational Foundation; initiating and expanding a Sacramento regional Project Lead the Way (science, technology, engineering, and math curriculum for grades 6-12) initiative that now serves over 1,000 students in 14 schools and 6 school districts; extensive involvement in community affairs and creating joint-use partnerships with local recreation/park districts, City of Sacramento, and the County of Sacramento.