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Statement Regarding Resignation of District Police Chief

The Twin Rivers Unified School District Board of Trustees accepted the resignation of Chief of Police Christopher Breck at the Dec. 18 school board meeting.

Breck's resignation follows months of public controversy, and brings closure to what could have been a potentially long and costly personnel matter. Breck's settlement agreement includes a payment of \$36,500.

The resolution represents a positive step forward for the district, as the administration strives to put into action the clearly-stated board directive to identify legally sound, timely and cost efficient solutions to legal matters when possible and appropriate.

"Keeping Mr. Breck on paid administrative leave was not in the best interest of the district," said Interim Superintendent Joseph Williams. "District funds must be optimized to serve our students and care for our employees. This settlement is definitely a cost savings compared to other outcomes."

Breck's annual salary was \$116,610 a year plus an additional \$34,000 in benefits and employer taxes. He has been on paid administrative leave since November 2011.

The board also accepted the resignation of Margueritte Dias-Breck, a school resource officer. Along with her resignation, the board approved a \$1,000 settlement of a claim against the district by Ms. Dias-Breck.

In addition, \$112,500 was agreed to be paid in full settlement of two workers compensation claims by Ms. Dias-Breck, if and when the Workers Compensation Appeals Board approves such settlements.

Both settlements will be paid out of the district's general fund. Working closely with legal counsel, the board and the district's senior staff firmly believe these outcomes, in place of continued and costly legal battles, provide the district with a solution that is fiscally responsible.

"We're relieved this matter is behind us," said Williams. "The district and the community can now turn toward healing, rebuilding confidence and trust, and focusing our energy on what is most important to us—educating our students and keeping them safe."

Twin Rivers Unified School District serves approximately 27,000 preschool through adult education students in northern Sacramento County.

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