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# **MEDIA ADVISORY**

## Pittsburg Unified School District Brings Back Luncheon Tradition to Commemorate 100<sup>th</sup> Big-Little Football Game

**Thursday, October 25, 2018**...Pittsburg, CA. Pittsburg Unified School District's Athletic Department brings back a special luncheon to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> meeting of two High School football teams. The Big-Little Luncheon will take place at the Elks Lodge in Pittsburg on Thursday, October 25, 2018. Senior football players, senior cheerleaders, and coaches from both Pittsburg and Antioch, will all come together for a meal. A luncheon between the opposing teams hasn't happened in nearly ten years; however, Pittsburg Unified's Athletics Coordinator, Greg Strom, strongly believes 100 meetings between the two rivals was a good reason to bring back an old tradition.

"This Big-Little luncheon is something special to celebrate," said Greg Strom, Athletics Coordinator, Pittsburg Unified School District. "These two football teams are known for turning out some of the best high school football athletes in the Bay Area. Yes, the rivalry is fierce, but the game also represents great football. The Big-Little Game is a huge annual event in our community. I wanted to bring this luncheon back because no matter who wins the game on Saturday, these two teams and the coaching staffs have a deep respect for each other. At the end of the day, we all want to teach our athletes good sportsmanship and respect for our opponents." Strom estimates 125 athletes and coaches will attend the luncheon on Thursday.

The keynote speaker of the luncheon is Joe Arenivar, School Board Trustee and Pittsburg Hall of Fame athlete. Principal Whitmire of Pittsburg High and Principal Rocha of Antioch High will also give remarks. This is a private event and is not open to the public.

WHEN:Thursday, October 25, 2018 at 12:00pm

WHAT: Big-Little Luncheon

#### WHERE: Elks Lodge, 200 Marina Blvd., Pittsburg

#### **PHOTO OPP:** Photo and video opportunities are available for this event

The Pittsburg Pirates and Antioch Panthers will face off in the Big-Little Game on Saturday, October 27, 2018 at Antioch High School. The Junior Varsity game begins at 11:00am and is followed by the Varsity game at 1:30pm. At the game, Hall of Fame players from both teams will also be honored.

### About Pittsburg Unified School District

Video about PUSD: https://youtu.be/X2xn3HOavfM

Awarded the College Board's Gaston Caperton Opportunity Honor Roll award in 2016 for expanding access to college, <u>Pittsburg Unified School District</u> (PUSD) is one of 130 school districts across the nation recognized for creating opportunities for traditionally underrepresented students. PUSD is a K-12 district serving the community of Pittsburg, California. Founded in 1933, the school system is committed to providing an excellent opportunity for all students to learn. Comprised of eight elementary schools, three junior high schools, one comprehensive high school, one alternative education high school, an adult school, independent study options, and a preschool program, the school district serves more than 11,500 students. PUSD is located in the San Francisco Bay Area, fifty minutes outside of downtown San Francisco.