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MEDIA ADVISORY

Pittsburg Unified School District Hosts Virtual Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for New Parkside Elementary School

Thursday, March 4, 2021...Pittsburg, CA...Pittsburg Unified School District's Facilities Department is very proud to host a virtual Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to celebrate the District's new Parkside Elementary School.

WHEN: Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 1:00PM

WHAT: Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Newly Constructed Elementary School

WHERE: Virtual Event Stream Link: <https://youtu.be/PYkzWcBsBYg>. A very limited number of speakers and guests will be at the school location for the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. The event will be streamed live via Zoom on the District's YouTube channel. The District is following strict COVID-19 safety guidelines for this event. All speakers and guests present are required to wear masks and be socially distanced.

MORE DETAILS: Photos, video, and interviews are available, if prearranged before the event. The Virtual Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will include speakers, a video about the new school, and a virtual tour.

The new 85,976 square foot Parkside Elementary School is located at 985 West 17th Street in Pittsburg, California. It was constructed on the same campus as the previous school, which was built in the 1950s. After demolishing the old building, a new Net-Zero school was erected in its place. The project took more than a year to complete and cost \$45,250,000. This new school was made possible because residents in the City of Pittsburg have continued to support school bonds. Funds from Measure N and Measure P paid for the new Parkside Elementary School.

"I'm incredibly proud of the new Parkside Elementary School," said Jeff Varner, Parkside Elementary School Principal. This school is more than just a school, it is part



of the community. This new school was made possible because of the tax payers in Pittsburg and I thank them for supporting schools and education in our community.”

“This school was carefully designed with the input of our teachers, staff, students, and community members,” said Dr. Janet Schulze, Superintendent of Pittsburg Unified School District. “The new Parkside is absolutely gorgeous with its bright paint colors, wide hallways, natural sunlight, beautiful playground, and state-of-the-art technology. Our scholars and teachers are going to love it.”

The new Parkside Elementary School was built with Net-Zero ‘energy ideas that will dramatically decrease the school’s utility bills,” said Larry Scott, Facilities Director at Pittsburg Unified School District. We incorporated solar panels, ceiling fans, special lighting, and energy efficient technology into the design of this school and the District will see cost savings on energy costs for years to come!”

More than ten years of planning with the School Board, principal, students, teachers, and community members went into this project. The two-story school includes a multipurpose room with state-of-the-art technology for theater performances, music concerts, and school functions. Parkside Elementary School can accommodate 900 students and a full complement of teachers and staff. Aedis Architects and BHM Construction Co., Inc. are the contractors that designed and built this school.

About Pittsburg Unified School District (PUSD)

View 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, Pittsburg Unified School District (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 10,500 students. PUSD is located in the San Francisco Bay Area, fifty minutes outside of downtown San Francisco.

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