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MEDIA ADVISORY

Pittsburg High School Hosts Hour of Code Event to Inspire Students' Hidden Talents and Interests in Coding

On Tuesday, December 6, 2016, Mr. Romeo Simionas, Computer Science Teacher at Pittsburg High School is hosting his second annual Hour of Code event and is opening up his classroom to all Pittsburg High School students with an interest in computer programming. Each of his six periods will have thirty-five slots available for students who want to try out coding. His goal is to expose more than 200 teens at Pittsburg High School to a career field growing at rapid speed. Simionas has organized this event to follow code.org's Hour of Code week, which is a campaign taking place during Computer Science Education Week (December 5-11) throughout the Nation and around the world. According to code.org, the Hour of Code is a global movement reaching tens of millions of students in 180+ countries.

"It excites, exposes, and motivates our students to consider a career in tech and/or an interest in programming, said Mr. Todd Whitmire, Principal at Pittsburg High School.

"During the event, I have the opportunity to introduce our computer science classes to participating students," said Mr. Romeo Simionas, Computer Science Teacher. "Those who find it interesting and intriguing may decide to take computer programming classes in the future."

WHAT: Hour of Code Event

WHERE: Pittsburg High School, 1750 Harbor Street, Pittsburg

WHEN: Tuesday, December 6, 2016

- WHY:** The goal of the event is to expose and inspire students about computer coding.
- WHO:** The “Hour of Code” event is open to all students at Pittsburg High School. The classroom will be an open lab for 6 periods, offering 35 students each period an opportunity to participate in a code assignment.
- PHOTO OPP:** **Photo and video opportunities are available from 11:00am – 12:00pm in room F212 at Pittsburg High School.** If you plan on attending, please contact Nicky Mora, District Communications and PR Specialist at (925) 473-2427 or (831) 578-7180 (cell).

About Pittsburg Unified School District

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, alternative learning experiences, and early childhood education services, the school district serves more than 11,000 students. PUSD is located in the San Francisco Bay Area, fifty minutes outside of downtown San Francisco.

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