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Los Medanos Elementary School Recognized for High Achievement in Student Success

California School Selected for Prestigious Honor Roll Issued By a National Campaign of Business and Education Leaders

Pittsburg, CA...Thursday, May 4, 2017– Pittsburg Unified School District announces today that Los Medanos Elementary School has been selected by Educational Results Partnership (ERP) and the Campaign for Business and Education Excellence (CBEE) as one of **1,866** public schools in California to receive the title of 2016 Honor Roll school.

The Honor Roll is part of a national effort to identify higher-performing schools and highlight successful practices that improve outcomes for students. Schools receiving this distinction from leaders in the California academic and business communities have demonstrated consistent high levels of student academic achievement, improvement in achievement levels over time and reduction in achievement gaps among student populations. For High Schools, the Honor Roll recognition also includes measures of

college readiness. The Honor Roll is comprised of two different awards, the “Star Schools” Award and “Scholar Schools” Award.

Star Schools are those with significant populations of socio-economically disadvantaged students that have shown a significant increase in grade-level proficiency over time. Scholar Schools are schools that are showing significant levels of academic achievement, but do not have a significant socio-economically disadvantaged student population.

“We are so proud to be recognized by leaders in the California business community as an Honor Roll school,” said Joanne Rovner-Curtis, principal. “Our teachers and administrators work tirelessly to keep the focus on high expectations and student academic achievement and to continuously reflect and improve our practices. This hard work and dedication is paying off for all of our students.”

“We are proud to recognize those schools and school districts who are succeeding in putting their students on a path of productivity that not only leads to success in the classroom, but also prepares them to contribute to and benefit from a more productive economy,” said Greg Jones, ERP and CBEE Board Chairman. “Leadership from both education and the business community is critical to linking success from one system to the next, and ensuring that students have the knowledge and skills necessary to achieve a college degree and the financial security of a living wage job.”

“The Honor Roll proves that many schools are doing well, even those with high numbers of historically disadvantaged students,” said Jim Lanich, ERP President and CEO. “These schools are clearly doing something right and all schools, no matter what zip code they are in, can achieve this kind of success. School and school district leadership have a great opportunity to find out what’s working at these Honor Roll schools and replicate it.”

The California Honor Roll program is made possible with generous support from numerous businesses and organizations including Automobile Club of Southern California, Macy’s, Wells Fargo, Enterprise Holdings Foundation, and several private foundations. Chevron Corporation provides support for the STEM Honor Roll.

A full list of the Honor Roll schools, districts, and the STEM awardees can be found at <http://edresults.org/HonorRoll/HonorRoll?State=CA> or follow Jim Lanich, President and CEO at @JLanich or email us at help@edresults.org.

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Educational Results Partnership and the Campaign for Business and Education Excellence

Educational Results Partnership (ERP) is a 501c3 non-profit organization dedicated to improving educational productivity. Using the nation’s largest database on student achievement, we uncover successful schools, particularly in economically

disadvantaged districts, and promote their best practices. Supported by an alliance of national business leaders, ERP and its sister organization, the Campaign for Business and Education Excellence (CBEE), also identify and recognize high performing schools through our Honor Roll program.

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 options, and a preschool program, 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.