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MEDIA ADVISORY

Pittsburg Unified School District and Pittsburg Chamber of Commerce Collaborate on Two Career Centered Programs for Students

Pittsburg Chamber of Commerce and Pittsburg Unified School District collaborate to offer career fair and mock-interview opportunities to high school students. The two events are on separate dates (Wednesday, 4/25 and Friday, 4/27) and will feature volunteers and business owners focused on helping high school students prepare for the job force.

On Wednesday, April 25, 2018, dozens of local business owners will be at Pittsburg High School's gymnasium, located at 1750 Harbor Street, Pittsburg, for the CareerLINK Expo. They will be offering advice and job opportunity information to 1,500 high school students from Pittsburg High and Black Diamond High from 7:45AM – 1:30PM. From 12:30PM – 1:30PM, two speakers will be addressing the audience. Karen Sakata, County Superintendent of Schools of Contra Costa County will give a message on Career Technical Education in the County and the State. Dr. Janet Schulze, Superintendent of Pittsburg Unified School District will present a State of the District message.

On Friday, April 27, 2018, volunteers will conduct mock-interviews for students, helping them have a better understanding of the interview process, tips for success, and suggestions on do's and don'ts during interviews. This event will take place at Pittsburg High, 1750 Harbor Street, Pittsburg from 8:00AM – 3:00PM in the Little Gym.

The goal of the two events is to help prepare students for life after high school and

what to expect when applying for a job or entering a career path.

“Students need to explore possible career options, and businesses need to hire and build their future employee pipelines, said Todd Whitmire, Principal at Pittsburg Unified School District. The CareerLINK Expo meets both of those needs by linking future employees and employment opportunities. It’s critical for high school students to have opportunities to explore various careers and find out what skills and education are required, as well as what the work environment is like in those career paths. The Expo is a casual and friendly environment suited for these kinds of conversations. We are very appreciative of our partners for supporting our students!”

“The Pittsburg Chamber believes that students are tomorrow’s workforce and the goal of this effort is to create a space where schools can partner with local employers to help prepare students for purposeful transitions from high school to post-secondary education, training and jobs aligned with local high-wage, high-skill, or high-demand STEM careers,” said Monica Couture, President & CEO, Pittsburg Chamber. “As well, employers have the opportunity to have one-on-one time preparing students for what it is like to go into the real world and apply for a job with confidence. The feeling shared by all is that these two events are valued, rewarding and promote a sense of community pride and togetherness.”

WHO: Pittsburg Chamber of Commerce along with local businesses host CareerLINK Expo and InterviewLINK Project for high school students

WHEN: CareerLINK Expo April 25th 7:45am - 1:30pm
InterviewLINK Project April 27th 8:00am - 3:00pm

WHERE: Pittsburg High School Gym, 1750 Harbor Street, Pittsburg, CA 94565

WHY: CareerLINK Expo and InterviewLINK Project are geared at connecting tomorrow's workforce with today's employers

WHAT: CareerLINK Expo (4/25) and InterviewLINK Project (4/27)

PHOTO OPP: Photo and video opportunities are available. Please contact Nicky Mora, District Communications if you plan on covering these events.

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.

About Pittsburg Chamber

The mission of the Pittsburg Chamber is to advance business, commerce, and community. Our vision is to ensure the City of Pittsburg is recognized as a great place to live, work, and visit. For more information about the Pittsburg Chamber, go to:

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