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MEDIA ADVISORY

Martin Luther King Jr. Junior High School Hosts Million Father March on September 29, 2017

Pittsburg Unified School District's Martin Luther King Jr. Junior High School will participate in the school's first Million Father March on September 29, 2017. This is an opportunity for fathers, grandfathers, stepfathers, uncles, big brothers mothers, grandmothers, male/female caregivers, and mentors to welcome children to school at Martin Luther King Jr. Junior High School. Following the morning drop-off, Principal Stevenson and staff will lead everyone in a march around the school campus. A guest speaker will also present a motivational speech for everyone involved. This will be a grand celebration for the scholars before they proceed to class.

History of Million Father March: The Million Father March began in 2004 and is significant because the goal of the event is to encourage caregivers of children across the United States and around the world to gather and accompany children to school. Additional information about how the event began can be found at this website: http://www.blackstarproject.org/index.php/national-initiatives/million-father-march.html

WHO: Scholars at Martin Luther King Jr. Junior High SchoolWHAT: Million Father March

 WHERE: Martin Luther King Jr. Junior High School, 2012 Carion Court, Pittsburg, CA
WHEN: Friday, September 29: 8:00am – 9:30am
PHOTO OPP: Photo and video opportunities are available during event. Please contact Nicky Mora at (925) 473-2427. Alternate contact: Angela Stevens-Stevenson, Principal. Main number for Martin Luther King Jr. Junior High School is (925) 473-2500. Reporters and photographers should check in at the Principal's office upon arrival.

About Pittsburg Unified School District

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.