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MEDIA ADVISORY

State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Mr. Tom Torlakson, Visits Pittsburg High School for Special Tour

Pittsburg Unified School District welcomes Mr. Torlakson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, to Pittsburg High School. Morning visit includes tour of garden and robotics display. Mr. Torlakson will also meet Gates Millennium Scholar, Brianna Davis. In addition, he will learn about the District's Gaston Caperton Opportunity Award – recognition by the College Board for providing underrepresented students college-preparation programs. More details about the visit below.

- WHO:** Mr. Tom Torlakson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction
- WHAT:** Special visit and tour at Pittsburg High School
- WHERE:** Pittsburg High School, 1750 Harbor Street, Pittsburg, CA 94565
- WHEN:** Monday, May 9: 8:30am – 10:30am
- PHOTO OPP:** Photo and video opportunities are available during event. **Please contact Nicky Mora, District Communications and PR Specialist, if you plan on covering this event.**
- TIMELINE:** See Below Details of Visit

8:40am – 9:10am: Tour of Pittsburg High School Garden

Garden team introductions and a tour of the Pittsburg High School garden. Students will be working and harvesting in the garden. Samples of freshly prepared foods, which were

harvested from PUSD's gardens will be offered. Cooking Matters students will be preparing the samples onsite, near garden.

9:10am – 9:25am: Meet and Greet Gates Millennium Scholar, Brianna Davis

High School Senior Brianna Davis has been awarded the Gates Millennium Scholarship and is one scholar out of only 1,000 recipients nationwide. This year, more than 53,000 applicants applied for the highly competitive scholarship which is awarded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

9:25am – 9:35am: Mr. Whitmire and Dr. Schulze Show and Tell College Board Gaston Caperton Opportunity Honor Roll Award

Pittsburg Unified School District is one of 130 school districts in the United States being recognized for creating opportunities for traditionally underrepresented students. The districts featured on the Honor Roll have expanded access to higher education by providing students with rigorous academic offerings and innovative college-preparation programs.

9:40am – 9:50am: Address to students

Mr. Torlakson and team will walk to the nearby Robotic's classroom, where he will address students.

9:50am – 10:20am: Tour Robotics Classroom

The Robotic's classroom will feature multiple displays with students presenting their work. The Engineering Academy will also have current projects on display with students prepared to answer questions.

10:20am – 10:30am: Departure

Mr. Torlakson and team depart Pittsburg High School.

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About Pittsburg Unified School District

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