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Pomona High Scores First CIF Victory Since 1951

District, Community Celebrate Historic Win

POMONA, Calif. – The Pomona Unified School District is celebrating the Pomona High School Red Devils' recent victory in the CIF Southern Section Mid-Valley Division football final, where the team successfully clinched the championship for the first time in 63 years.

The Board of Education celebrated the win during the Dec. 10 meeting, where the football players, coaching staff and Pomona High administrators were cheered on by parents and community members.

"The game was a nail biter from beginning to end, but the Pomona High football team said they'd make us proud and they absolutely have kept their promise," said Board of Education Vice President Adrienne Konigar-Macklin. "These young men took their win with such grace and sportsmanship. I want to thank them for giving us more to be proud of than just their win."

Pomona High School won its first CIF title in 1951. Coach Robert "Keith" Richardson led the Red Devils to their second win, 37-29, over the Paraclete High School Spirits on Friday, Dec. 5.

"As an alum of Pomona High School, this win means a lot to me and has really touched home," Richardson said. "But the credit belongs to these football players, who worked so hard to get this far."

Pomona High School Assistant Principal Anthony Rice also thanked the parents and community members for being a solid foundation for the students.

"This victory is historic for Pomona High School and is a momentous occasion for us as a District," said PUSD Superintendent Richard Martinez. "Despite the obstacles this season, our students persevered and rallied together to beat some of the best teams in the Mid-Valley section and uniting the PUSD family in the process. We are so happy and proud of our students for all that they have accomplished."

PHOTO CAPTIONS:

PHSCIF1: The Pomona High School Red Devils football team celebrates their CIF win at the Board of Education meeting on Dec. 10.

PHSCIF2: The Red Devils present their plaque during the CIF Southern Section Mid-Valley Division football final against the Paraclete High School Spirits on Dec. 5.

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