

# Tulare County Office of Education

*Jim Vidak, County Superintendent of Schools*

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## **MEDIA ALERT**

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### **Tulare County Office of Education Announces: 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Friday Night Live Lip Synch Competition April 5, 2002, Visalia Convention Center**

The Visalia Convention Center will again be the site of the Annual Friday Night Live Lip Synch Competition Friday, April 5. Over 1,500 students, parents, relatives and classmates gather to watch 26 middle school teams compete for recognition in the annual competition. Students will vie for first, second and third place awards in three different categories: dance, novelty and lip synch.

The Lip Synch Competition begins at 6:00 pm in the exhibit hall of Visalia Convention Center, located in downtown Visalia. This event, which lasts until approximately 10:00 pm, is an opportunity for students, parents, relatives, teachers and peers to celebrate the efforts of middle school groups representing 19 different Tulare County schools.

Friday Night Live creates opportunities for school-age youth to be involved in high energy, life affirming activities promoting abstinence from alcohol, tobacco, drugs, gang participation and

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violence. Participation in major activities of this type encourages the productive use of after-school time, develops students' talents and self-confidence and recognizes their achievements.

Among the judges for the event are: Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak, Tulare County Board of Education President Chris Reed, County Supervisor Connie Conway, three former Lip Synch participants and three San Francisco 49er cheerleaders. "Lip Synch is one of our most entertaining events," says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. "But more importantly, it provides students from throughout the county the opportunity to perform in an exciting and positive environment."

For more information on the event, contact Pansy Ceballos, Program Manager for CHOICES, at 651-0155, or at [pansyc@tcoe.org](mailto:pansyc@tcoe.org).

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