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Office of Education

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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

Math Super Bowl Set for April 16
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. •   Visalia Convention Center

The problem-solving abilities of approximately 680 middle school students will be tested during the Twenty-Sixth Annual Tulare County Math Super Bowl on April 16 at the Visalia Convention Center. Over 114 five-member teams from 40 schools will compete from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon for ribbons and trophies. Tulare County seventh- and eighth-grade students will compete in three main events:

?   Pro Bowl where students from different schools form teams to work on one challenging problem.

?   Team Bowl where team members from a school work together to solve fifteen multiple step problems.

?   Power Bowl where each individual student works on 30 enhanced multiple choice problems.

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Problems used in the competition will include such topics as computing interest, patterns, functions, interpreting charts and graphs, probability, number theory, discrete math, logic, statistics, algebra and geometry. Creative problem-solving and critical thinking skills will also be tested.

County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak praises the competition saying, "Math Super Bowl is an excellent event where students utilize mathematical skills to solve problems in teams and as individuals. It demonstrates how as adults we work together to solve similar problems in business and our personal lives."

The event is sponsored by the Tulare County Office of Education and McDonald's Restaurants in conjunction with RLMK Enterprises. The Math Super Bowl is open to all schools in Tulare County.

The public is invited to attend. More information on the Math Super Bowl may be obtained by calling Julie Moshier at 651-3641.

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