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Tulare County Office of Education announces:

Tulare County Office of Education to host 11th Annual Support Staff Conference

Renowned Author, Speaker, and Personal Developer, Jack Canfield (Co-Creator of *Chicken Soup for the Soul*), is keynote speaker

The Tulare County Office of Education will host the 11th Annual Support Staff Conference March 21 at the Visalia Convention Center. The conference, which is held annually, is designed to provide unique opportunities for professional development for classified and confidential management employees. Nearly 500 staff members from Tulare County and throughout the state are expected to attend the conference.

This year's conference, entitled "Chicken Soup for the Support Employee's Soul," will feature renowned author, speaker, and personal development expert, Jack Canfield. Canfield, the founder and co-creator of the New York Times #1 best-selling *Chicken Soup for the Soul* book series, will teach conference participants a ten-step action plan for improving their professional and personal performance.

"Tulare County Office of Education is pleased to host this conference for our hard working employees out in our schools," says Jim Vidak, County Superintendent of Schools. "Staff development is especially

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crucial in difficult times like these. Participants will take away lessons from the conference that will allow them to more effectively serve students and their families.”

The conference agenda is as follows:

8:00 - 8:45 a.m.	Registration, Continental Breakfast & Vendors
8:45 - 9:00 a.m.	Welcome
9:00 - 10:30 a.m.	Training and Presentation by Jack Canfield Part I: Self-Esteem & Peak Performance: Ten Steps to Success
Break	Visit Vendor Booths
11:00 - 12:30 p.m.	Jack Canfield Part II: Self-Esteem & Peak Performance: Ten Steps to Success
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.	Luncheon Remarks by Linda Hess, Parent Liaison/Staff Development Coordinator, Special Services Division
	Entertainment TCOE Theatre Company Summer Production: <i>The King & I</i> Introduction by Brian Roberts, Instructional Consultant Performance by Lauren Hurlbut, Redwood High School
	Closing Remarks Darlynn Billingsley, Administrative Assistant
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	Book Signing by Jack Canfield

For additional information about the support staff conference, contact Pamela Kunze, Public Information Officer, at 559-733-6606. Detailed information about Jack Canfield and *Chicken Soup for the Soul* book series and speakers bureau is available at www.soupspeakers.com or www.chickensoup.com.

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