

Tulare County Office of Education

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Tulare County Office of Education announces:

Tulare County Board of Education Accepts \$8.1M Bid for Construction of Special Education Buildings at Various School Sites

Visalia: The Tulare County Board of Education held a special board meeting July 2 to review and accept a bid for construction of 22 special education buildings at 19 school sites throughout the county.

Previously at a regular board meeting held May 14, board members had approved a request to obtain bids for the construction project which is targeted for completion by the beginning of the 2004-2005 school year. Seven companies participated in the pre-bid tour; three companies submitted bids. Of the three, the bid submitted by Oral E. Micham, Inc. for \$8,127,190 was ultimately accepted by the board.

The nineteen school sites that will receive the special education special day class buildings are: Burton Middle School, El Monte, Golden Valley, Dinuba High School, Roosevelt, Washington Middle School, Alila Elementary, Earlimart Intermediate, Farmersville Junior High, Liberty Elementary, Garvey Middle School, Pioneer Middle School, Roche, Vandalia, Wilson School, Divisadero, Green Acres, Castle Rock and Woodlake High School.

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"This is an exciting project for Tulare County Office of Education on many levels," says County Superintendent Jim Vidak. "The immediate impact will be new construction throughout the county. In the longer term, the new sites will allow the county office and area schools to continue to meet the needs of our special education students and their families. Ultimately, this will mean greater opportunities for our special education students at the various school sites," Vidak elaborates.

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