

Tulare County Office of Education

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MEDIA ALERT

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**Tulare County Office of Education Announces:
15th Annual Friday Night Live Lip Synch
Competition
March 19, 2004 Visalia Convention Center**

The Visalia Convention Center will again be the site of the annual Friday Night Live Lip Synch Competition on Friday, March 19. More than 1200 students, parents, relatives and classmates are expected to gather to watch 27 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 p.m. in the Exhibit Hall of Visalia Convention Center, located in downtown Visalia. This event, which lasts until approximately 10:00 p.m., is an opportunity for students, parents, relatives, teachers and peers to celebrate the efforts of middle school groups representing 15 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 violence.

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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, County Supervisor Connie Conway, two former Lip Synch participants and two San Francisco 49er cheerleaders.

Sponsors of the event include: Educational Employees Credit Union, Onshore Boardshop, Visalia Breakfast Lions, KJUG, Chavez Balloons and the Tulare County Sheriff Department.

"Lip Synch is one of our most entertaining and lively events," says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. "I'm always proud to provide students from throughout the county with the opportunity to perform and interact in an exciting and positive environment."

For additional information about the Tulare County Office of Education and its programs, call the public information office at 559.733.6606 or visit our website at www.tcoe.org. For more information about Friday Night Live Lip Synch Competition, contact Diana Finch, Program Manager for CHOICES, at 559.651.0155 or by e-mailing dfinch@tcoe.org.

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