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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

Math Super Bowl Set for March 31, 2004

8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Visalia Convention Center

The mathematics problem-solving abilities of approximately 720 middle school students will be tested during the 31st Annual Tulare County Math Super Bowl on March 31 at the Visalia Convention Center.

More than 120 five-member teams and alternates from 38 schools will compete from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 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 individual students work on 30 enhanced multiple choice problems.

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Problems used in the competition will assess areas such 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 provides student an opportunity to utilize mathematical skills to solve problems, both as team members and as individuals. Competitors learn valuable problem solving skills that they'll continue to use as adults in their business and personal lives."

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

Information about the Tulare County Office of Education is available at www.tcoe.org, or by calling the Public Information Office at 559.733.6606. More information on the Math Super Bowl may be obtained by calling Julie Joseph at 559.651.3641 or by visiting our website at www.tcoe.org/mathsuperbowl.

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