

# Tulare County Office of Education

*Jim Vidak, County Superintendent of Schools*

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## **For Immediate Release**

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**Tulare County Office of Education Announces:**

## **Annual Tulare County Spelling Championship** **February 27, 2007 · Holiday Inn, Visalia · 9:00 a.m.**

The Eighth Annual Tulare County Spelling Championship will begin at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 27, 2007, in the Valley Oak Center of the Holiday Inn, Visalia – located at 9000 W. Airport Drive. At this time, a record-breaking 75 public and private schools in Tulare County are sending two competitors and two alternates to the competition. The spellers, who are fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth graders, will compete for the opportunity to become the 2007 Tulare County Spelling Champion and advance to the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington D.C. May 30-31, 2007.

Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak and the *Visalia Times-Delta/Tulare Advance-Register* annually partner to sponsor the event. “Because of recent movies and the televised National Spelling Bee, public interest in the event has grown tremendously,” says Mr. Vidak. “The Tulare County event lacks none of the excitement of the National Bee as students from schools large and small, urban and rural, and private and public vie for the chance to go to compete in Washington D.C.”

The Tulare County Spelling Championship is open to the public. For more information, contact Robert Herman, Public Information Officer at 733-6606.

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