

# Tulare County Office of Education

*Jim Vidak, County Superintendent of Schools*

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**Tulare County Office of Education Announces:**

## **35<sup>th</sup> Annual Math Super Bowl Set for February 28** **8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. · Visalia Convention Center**

The mathematics problem-solving abilities of more than 700 middle school students will be tested during the 35th Annual Tulare County Office of Education Math Super Bowl on February 28, 2008, at the Visalia Convention Center. Approximately 120 five-member teams will compete from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for ribbons and trophies. The seventh- and eighth-grade students from schools throughout Tulare County will participate 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 20 multiple-step problems.
- **Power Bowl** – where each individual student works on 30 enhanced multiple choice problems.

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Problems used in the competition cover such topics as 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.

“Math Super Bowl is a great venue for participants to learn problem solving skills and how to work as a team,” says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. “These are valuable skills that will serve them as adults in any profession they choose.”

The competition is open to all middle and junior high 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](http://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](http://www.tcoe.org/mathsuperbowl).

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