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PRESS ADVISORY

11th Annual CyberQuest Event Saturday, November 22

WHAT: CyberQuest is a technology-based competition that provides teams of students in grades 3 - 12 the opportunity to consider complex issues, solve problems and communicate solutions. Student teams are given three weeks to prepare for the competition. On Monday, November 3, team coaches were given access to the presentation scenarios, which encourage students to use their history, science, language arts, drama, and math skills to create innovative solutions to the challenges presented. All scenarios in this year's CyberQuest share a common theme involving music. A unique scenario has been created for each of the grade levels from 3 – 8. Students in grades 9 – 12 share the same scenario. Scenarios can be viewed at: www.tcoe.org/cyberquest/scenarios.htm

WHO: Approximately 150 teams of students are expected to compete. CyberQuest is open to schools throughout Fresno, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced and Tulare counties.

WHEN: Saturday, November 22, 2008
8:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m.

WHERE: Visalia Convention Center
303 East Acequia
Visalia, California

VISUAL OPPORTUNITIES:

Photo: Students presenting their projects to panels of judges.

Video: Talk to students and/or teachers about their projects.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

Nearly 400 students are expected to showcase the skills essential to succeed in today's cyber-rich world. Teams gather information from the Internet, magazines, interviews, books, videos and other resources in order to research and develop recommendations for previously assigned scenarios. The recommendations are presented in multi-media formats and are evaluated by a panel of judges. Teams, whose presentations are judged as the best in their respective categories, are then awarded trophies and medals for superior work. For further information about CyberQuest, visit the Tulare County Office of Education website at www.tcoe.org/cyberquest, or contact Glenn Williams at (559) 651-3047.

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