

Tulare County Office of Education

Jim Vidak, County Superintendent of Schools

April 14, 2009

MEDIA ALERT

Contact: Robert Herman
Public Information Officer
(559) 733-6606
(559) 303-8568 (cell)

**Tulare County Office of Education Announces:
25 teams to compete in 20th annual Friday Night Live Lip
Synch Competition
April 17, 2009 · Visalia Convention Center · 6:00 p.m.**

The 20th anniversary of Tulare County Office of Education's Friday Night Live Lip Synch Competition is scheduled for Friday night, April 17, 2009. Hundreds of students and family members are expected to gather to watch 25 teams from 12 Tulare County middle schools compete for recognition in the live performance competition. Students vie for first, second and third place awards in three different categories: dance, novelty and lip synch. Schools competing include: Earlimart Middle School; Sequoia Union, Lemon Cove; Oak Valley, Tulare; Woodlake Valley Middle School; Tipton Elementary; Pleasant View Elementary, Porterville; Waukena Elementary, Tulare; Springville Elementary; John F. Kennedy Academy, Dinuba; Valley Oak Elementary, Visalia; Sundale Elementary, Tulare; and El Monte Middle School, Orosi.

The Lip Synch Competition begins at 6:00 p.m. in the Exhibit Hall of the Visalia Convention Center, located in downtown Visalia. This event, which lasts until approximately 9:00 p.m., is designed to celebrate the efforts of Tulare County middle school groups in the competition.

Friday Night Live creates opportunities for school-age youth to be involved in high energy, life-

- more -

Tulare County Office of Education

Jim Vidak, County Superintendent of Schools

Page 2

affirming activities promoting abstinence from alcohol, tobacco, drugs, gang participation and violence. Participation in Friday Night Live activities encourages the productive use of after-school time, develops students' talents and self-confidence and recognizes their achievements.

During intermission, the crowd will enjoy entertainment by the Creative Center Players and Woodlake High School's Valeria Aguirre – a Friday Night Live mentor.

“We're proud that for 20 years, our Friday Night Live program has provided the Lip Synch Competition, which has always been an exciting and positive event for Tulare County students to develop their teamwork skills and self-confidence,” says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak.

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 the Friday Night Live Lip Synch Competition, contact Tom Byars, Program Manager for Choices, at (559) 651-0155.

-TCOE-

Rel 2709