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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

41st Annual Math Super Bowl Set for March 24

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. · Visalia Convention Center

The mathematics problem-solving abilities of over 600 middle school students will be tested during the 41st Annual Tulare County Office of Education Math Super Bowl on Monday, March 24, at the Visalia Convention Center. Approximately 120 five-member teams of seventh- and eighth-grade students will compete for ribbons and trophies in three main events:

- **Power Bowl** - Students will work independently to solve 35 multiple-choice problems in a 40-minute period. All test materials will be furnished, including pencils and scratch paper. There is no penalty for guessing. Individual trophies will be given to the top five students in each category. Top scorers from each school will be recognized with a Power Bowl Individual Honors Ribbon.
- **Pro Bowl** - Students will be divided into teams of five students from different schools. They will be given one open-ended problem to solve in a 45-minute period. The Pro Bowl will be evaluated on the thoroughness and accuracy of the answer. The problem will be scored by a committee of judges.

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- **Team Bowl** - Students will compete in teams of five from their own school. Each team will be required to complete 20 multiple-step problems in a 40-minute period.

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 participants benefit from working in teams with students from other schools, and sharpening their problem-solving skills,” says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. “These are valuable skills that will serve them as adults in any profession they choose.”

For more information, call Robert Herman, public information officer at (559) 733-6606. More information on the Math Super Bowl may be obtained by calling Tracey Dunn at (559) 651-2130 or by visiting our website at www.tcoe.org/mathsuperbowl.

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