

# Tulare County Office of Education

*Jim Vidak, County Superintendent of Schools*

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**Tulare County Office of Education Announces:**

## **Visalia Unified’s Dr. Craig Wheaton to join administration at Tulare County Office of Education in February.**

Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak is pleased to announce that Visalia Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Craig Wheaton will be joining the Tulare County Office of Education in February as deputy superintendent of Administrative Services. Dr. Wheaton announced his resignation as superintendent at the October 27 meeting of the Visalia Unified Board of Education.

“Craig will be an excellent addition to our leadership team,” said Mr. Vidak. “In his 37 years in education, he has had a very wide range of teaching and administrative experience at both large and small districts.” Prior to his tenure at Visalia Unified, Dr. Wheaton served 24 years with Corcoran Unified as a high school counselor and coach and an elementary principal. “His experience with small district leadership will be a tremendous asset to more than 30 school districts in Tulare County that have enrollments of 2,500 or less,” Mr. Vidak said.

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Craig Wheaton joined the Visalia Unified School District in 2002 as director of state and federal projects and later as an area administrator. Since July 2010, he has served as Visalia Unified School District superintendent. Dr. Wheaton earned his doctorate in education from Pepperdine University in 2001.

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