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Tulare County Office of Education Announces: Middle schools to attend FNL T.U.P.E Leadership Training Wednesday, Sept. 20 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. • TCOE Elderwood Room, 7000 Doe Ave., Visalia

Students and advisors from 24 Tulare County middle schools will participate in the annual Friday Night Live T.U.P.E. (Tobacco Use Prevention Education) Leadership Training Wednesday, September 20 at the TCOE Doe Avenue Complex (7000 Doe Ave., Visalia). The schools represented include: La Joya Middle School, Burton Middle School, Rockford School, Alta Vista School, Palo Verde Union School, Waukena Joint Union School, Monson- Sultana Joint Union School, Tipton School, Mulcahy Middle School, St. Aloysius School, Oak Valley Union School, Kings River Union School, Pleasant View School, Willow Glen Elementary, Ridgeview Middle School, Sequoia Union School, Live Oak Middle School, Ivanhoe Elementary, Kohn Elementary, Sundale Union School, Los Tules Middle School, Springville Union School, Woodville Union School, Terra Bella Union School, and Divisadero Middle School.

The event is coordinated by the Friday Night Live (FNL) School liaisons from the CHOICES Prevention Program of the Tulare County Office of Education. The FNL T.U.P.E Leadership Training was created to develop young people's leadership potential. Students will attend a day full of activities, including leadership development, how to conduct an "ice-breaker," teambuilding utilizing a 30' rock-climbing wall, and learning the

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dangers of hookahs and e-cigarettes. Students will also have the chance to create videos around topics that impact young people. The videos are developed through a program called “Video Voice,” which is designed to empower students to document self-identified community needs through a personal interview process.

“Events like the FNL T.U.P.E Leadership Training help train young people to be leaders for positive change,” says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak.

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