

# Tulare County Office of Education

*Jim Vidak, County Superintendent of Schools*

February 14, 2018

## **Media Alert**

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

**Tulare County Office of Education Announces:**

## **Annual Tulare County Spelling Championship Wednesday, February 21, 2018 · Visalia Convention Center · 8:30 a.m.**

The public is invited to the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Tulare County Spelling Championship. The event will begin at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, February 21, 2018, in the Exhibit Hall of the Visalia Convention Center at 303 E. Acequia in downtown Visalia. This year, 232 spellers from grades four through eight will compete for the opportunity to become the 2018 Tulare County Spelling Champion and advance to the Scripps National Spelling Bee in the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland, May 27 – June 1, 2018. These students represent 116 public and private schools throughout the county.

Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak and the *Visalia Times-Delta/Tulare Advance-Register* annually partner to sponsor the event. “The Tulare County Spelling Championship is every bit as exciting as the National Bee, enjoyed by millions of Americans on television. Again this year, one talented Tulare County speller will be crowned ‘Spelling Champion’ and represent our county at the national competition,” said Jim Vidak.

For more information, contact Robert Herman, Public Information Officer, at (559) 733-6606.

# TCOE #