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Tulare County Office of Education Announces: 34th Annual Poetry & Prose March 13, 15, 16, 19-22 TCOE Administration Building, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia

Visalia – The Annual **Poetry & Prose On Stage** program is scheduled for **March 13, 15, 16 and 19-22** in the Tulare County Office of Education administration building located at 6200 S. Mooney Blvd. in Visalia. This countywide oral interpretation event for students in grades K-8 provides an opportunity for participants to recite before an appreciative audience. The public is welcome to attend this free event.

This year, 100 Tulare County schools are sending over 1,300 students to the seven-day event. Students prepare poems or dramatic readings and perform either individually or in small groups. A judge provides positive and instructional critiques, and evaluates each performance. Every student receives a personalized Achievement Award Certificate.

“Poetry & Prose is an excellent event for students regardless of their experience reciting before an audience,” says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. “Participants get lots of praise and encouragement.” **Sessions will be held each day at 9:00 a.m., 10:15 a.m., and 11:30 a.m., with the exception of March 19 when only the 10:15 a.m. session will be held.**

For information on Poetry & Prose, contact Robert Herman, public information officer, at (559) 733-6606.