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Tulare County Office of Education Announces: Middle schools to attend FNL T.U.P.E Leadership Training Wednesday, Sept. 19 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. • Wyndham Visalia, 9000 W. Airport Dr.

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 19 at the Wyndham Visalia (9000 W. Airport Dr.). The schools represented include: Wilson Middle School, Burton Middle School, Rockford School, Palo Verde Union School, Waukena Joint Union School, Monson-Sultana Joint Union School, Tipton School, Oak Valley Union School, Kings River Union School, Pleasant View School, Sequoia Union School, Live Oak Middle School, Springville Union School, Woodville Union School, Terra Bella Union School, Pixley Middle School, Green Acres Middle School, El Monte Middle School, Buena Vista School, Palo Verde 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 exercises, and learning the dangers of hookahs and e-cigarettes. Students will also have the chance to create videos around topics that impact young people. The

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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.

For more information about the Tulare County Office of Education and its programs, please call Robert Herman, Public Information Officer, at (559) 733-6606. For information on this event, call Gene Mendes at (559) 651-0155.

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