

Tulare County Office of Education

Jim Vidak, County Superintendent of Schools

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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

Tulare County Schools to Remain Open Tomorrow

September 14, 2001

Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak has been informed through State Superintendent of Public Instruction Delaine Eastin's office that although tomorrow has been declared a "National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for the Victims of the Terrorist Attacks on September 11, 2001," public schools will be open. "I encourage all Tulare County students to take time tomorrow to join in remembering the victims killed or injured during the tragic bombings of New York City and Washington D.C.," says County Superintendent of Schools Vidak. "We are sharing the information we have received from State Superintendent of Public Instruction Delaine Eastin and U. S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige with our own schools, hoping each will take advantage of this occasion in a unique and personal way."

Tulare County School District superintendents met Tuesday morning, the day of the bombings, to discuss communications between districts and the County Office of Education. During this crisis period, the Tulare County Office of Education will serve as the clearinghouse of information about any potential district closings. County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak pledged his support to provide counseling services to districts in need and to coordinate communications with other Tulare County agencies. On Tuesday afternoon, September 11, the Tulare County Office of Education conducted an emergency preparedness seminar for several district superintendents.

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Attached are copies of releases from State Superintendent of Public Instruction Delaine Eastin and U.S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige.

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