

Registration open for 39th Annual Tulare & Kings Counties Teacher Recruitment Fair

Registration is now open for the 39th Annual Tulare & Kings Counties Teacher Recruitment Fair. The fair is hosted by the California Center on Teaching Careers and will be held on Friday, February 16 from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m. The fair is a hybrid event, and will be held simultaneously virtually and at the Tulare County Office of Education at 6200 South Mooney Boulevard.

Candidates are encouraged to preregister online at thecentervirtualevents-tk2024.vfairs.com/en/registration-form. Applicants who have preregistered and received an email confirming their registration will be admitted at 4:00 p.m. Interested candidates who have not preregistered by completing the online registration will not be admitted into the fair until they have registered onsite.



School districts in Tulare and Kings counties (K-12) are seeking the following candidates for the 2024-2025 school year:

- Credentialed Multiple Subject, Single Subject, Education Specialist, and Career Technical Education teachers
- Candidates in all subject areas, including Speech Language Pathologists, who will be eligible for a teaching credential for the 2024-2025 school year

An exclusive mobile app will also be available to download to enhance interactions between candidates and school districts in Tulare and Kings counties.

A district booth layout map and information on the agency recruitment needs will be provided to registered candidates.

A list of participating districts is available at thecentervirtualevents-tk2024.vfairs.com, or for more information, contact Kindra Davis at Kindra.Davis@tcoe.org or Edgar Alvarez at Edgar.Alvarez@tcoe.org.

The California Center on Teaching Careers launches new statewide campaign to recruit school support staff



While the teacher shortage in California is well known, there is another staff shortage facing the state's schools. Classified staff positions are also going unfilled – positions such as teacher aides, mental health workers, cafeteria workers, and bus drivers.

A national survey of school district leaders by the RAND Corporation showed that nearly 60% of school districts had a shortage of bus drivers. In California alone, there are currently nearly 500 openings for bus drivers and over 500 openings for paraprofessionals. About a third of schools across the country reported custodial staff vacancies last school year, according to data from the Institute of Education Sciences, and over 100,000 mental health workers are needed nationwide to meet the levels recommended by experts.

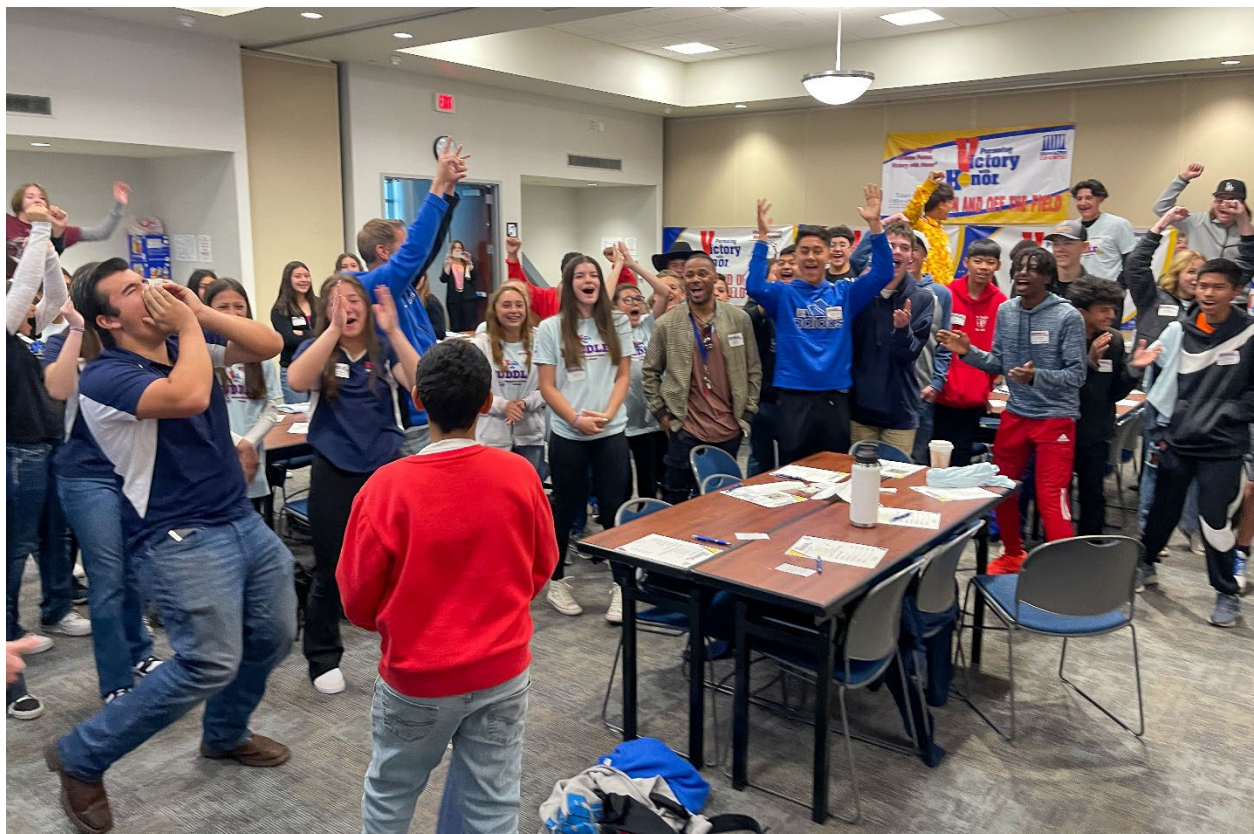
To address the shortages, the California Center on Teaching Careers (the Center), housed within the Tulare County Office of Education, recently launched a statewide campaign entitled “Be Their Joy” to spotlight the need for and importance of school

support staff. Located at www.betheirjoy.org, the campaign highlights open support staff positions across the state and offers key application information to job candidates.

“School support staff are often the first and last adults children see every day at school, so their roles are so important,” said Tim Hire, Tulare County Superintendent of Schools. “The impact they can make on children as caring, encouraging adults can be immeasurable. We know that by providing the tools to help interested candidates connect with districts, we can create better functioning schools that make for better learning environments.”

The “Be Their Joy” campaign follows the Center’s successful “We Want You” teacher recruitment campaign that was launched in 2022.

Middle school student-athlete sportsmanship conference, Huddle Jr., scheduled for April 17



Middle school athletic directors are encouraged to register their students for Huddle Jr., a student-athlete sportsmanship development conference scheduled for April 17. Athletic directors should attend as chaperones with up to six student-athletes.

The conference will feature a dynamic keynote speaker, Brooklyn Morris, the College of the Sequoias women’s soccer coach and the Redwood junior varsity girls’ soccer coach.

The conference will also feature a number of workshops for student-athletes and coaches alike. Members of the Sportsmanship Action Team Youth Council will present the student-athlete workshops. The council is a volunteer



organization of high school student-athletes from throughout the county that plans this and the high school Huddle conference held each fall. Workshops will include sessions on team building, nutrition, how to be a leader/captain, sportsmanship, and building a stronger team and school culture.

Huddle Jr will also offer two short Pursuing Victory with Honor (PVWH) trainings for ADs and coaches that attend.

Each school attending will be provided with a PVWH gift to display at their schools, plus breakfast snacks and lunches. Limited spaces remain. Register today at forms.gle/bPhEtw7RoP9TRgkG9.

For more information about Huddle Jr., contact Gene Mendes at genem@tcoe.org, or (559) 737-6349, ext. 1303.

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