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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

50th Annual Math Super Bowl set for March 23

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. · Visalia Convention Center Exhibit Hall

This year, students will participate in the 50th anniversary of Tulare County's Math Super Bowl. The mathematics problem-solving abilities of more than 700 middle school students will be tested at the event on Thursday, March 23, at the Visalia Convention Center. Seventh- and eighth-grade students from 41 Tulare and Kings county schools, both public and private, will compete for ribbons and trophies in three main events:

• **Power Bowl** - Students will work independently to solve multiple-choice problems during a 40-minute period. Individual trophies will be given to the top five students in each category.

• **Pro Bowl** - Students will be divided into teams of five from different schools. They will be given one open-ended problem to solve in a 45-minute period. A committee of judges will evaluate Pro Bowl solutions on the thoroughness and accuracy of the teams' answers.

• **Team Bowl** - Students will compete in teams of five from their own school. Each team will be required to complete multiple-step problems during a 40-minute period.

Problems used in the competition cover topics such as patterns, functions, interpreting charts and graphs, probability, number theory, discrete math, logic, statistics, algebra, and geometry. Creative problem-solving and critical thinking skills are also tested.

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the event, organizers have pulled questions from previous Power Bowl tests, while the Pro Bowl test centers on solving mathematical problems related to popular products and activities of the past 50 years.

More information on the Math Super Bowl may be obtained by calling Paula Terrill at (559) 651-0565, or by visiting our website at www.tcoe.org/mathsuperbowl.

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