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Tulare County Office of Education Announces: Resources Available for Students Displaced by California Charter Academy Closure

Visalia The abrupt closure this month of California Charter Academy's four charter schools has resulted in closure of over 70 satellite campuses statewide, Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak said today. It is estimated that over 9,000 students from these schools will be displaced as a result. The Tulare County Office of Education, working closely with the California County Superintendents Education Services Association, can provide students and their parents with the information for enrollment, so there is minimal disruption to students' education.

"We are committed to supporting the dozens of Tulare County students affected by these school closures. My office has information on other charter schools and traditional public schools available to serve these students." Superintendent Vidak urges parents or students affected by the closure to contact Robert Herman at 733-6606 for more information about school registration in their area. School district information can also be found online at: <http://www.tcoe.org/Districts/index.shtm>.

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California Charter Academy (CCA) operated four charter schools in Orange and San Bernardino Counties, with satellite campuses located in 20 counties statewide. State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell called for a joint investigation of CCA by the California Department of Education and the Orange County and San Bernardino County Offices of Education last March. State and county officials cannot comment on details of the investigation while it is underway. In the interests of students and teachers, O'Connell has asked County Superintendents of Schools (in all counties where the charter had satellite campuses) to ensure that all CCA students are made aware of school alternatives.

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