

Tulare County Office of Education

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MEDIA ALERT

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**Tulare County Office of Education Announces:
18th Annual Friday Night Live Lip Synch Competition
March 16, 2007 · Visalia Convention Center · 6:00 p.m.**

The Visalia Convention Center will be the site of the annual Friday Night Live Lip Synch Competition on Friday, March 16. More than 1200 students, parents, relatives and classmates are expected to gather to watch 25 middle school teams compete for recognition in the annual competition. Students vie for first, second and third place awards in three different categories: dance, novelty and lip synch.

The Lip Synch Competition begins at 6:00 p.m. in the Exhibit Hall of the Visalia Convention Center, located in downtown Visalia. This event, which lasts until approximately 9:00 p.m., is an opportunity for students, parents, relatives and teachers to celebrate the efforts of Tulare County middle school groups in the competition. Friday Night Live creates opportunities for school-age youth to be involved in high energy, life-affirming activities promoting abstinence from alcohol, tobacco, drugs, gang participation and violence. Participation in Friday Night Live activities encourages the productive use of after-school time, develops students' talents and self-confidence and recognizes their achievements.

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Among the judges for the event are: Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak, County Supervisor Connie Conway, two San Francisco 49er Cheerleaders and Friday Night Live Mentors. Sponsors of the event include: Educational Employees Credit Union and the Visalia Breakfast Lions Club. “Lip Synch is one of our most entertaining events,” says Jim Vidak. “It’s rewarding to see the enthusiasm and self-confidence these young people develop by participating in this event.”

During intermission, the crowd will enjoy entertainment by the Creative Center Players’ Blues Brothers ensemble, the Woodlake High School Drum Line and the Friday Night Live Mentors, performing a special dance routine.

For additional information about the Tulare County Office of Education and its programs, call the public information office at (559) 733-6606 or visit our website at www.tcoe.org. For more information about the Friday Night Live Lip Synch Competition, contact Tom Byars, Program Manager for CHOICES, at (559) 651-0155 or by e-mailing tbyars@tcoe.org.

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