

# Tulare County Office of Education

*Jim Vidak, County Superintendent of Schools*

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## **Media Alert**

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**Tulare County Office of Education Announces:**

**26<sup>th</sup> Annual Poetry & Prose March 9, 12, 22 & 24**  
**9:00 a.m-1:00 p.m. · TCOE Education Center · 2637 W. Burrel Ave., Visalia**

*Visalia* – The Annual **Poetry & Prose On Stage** program is scheduled for **March 9, 12, 22 and 24**, in the Tulare County Office of Education building, located at 2637 West Burrel in Visalia. This countywide oral interpretation event for students in grades K-8 provides an opportunity for participants to recite before an appreciative audience.

This year, 72 Tulare County schools are sending over 1,000 students to the four-day event. Students, who prepare poems or dramatic readings, perform in groups of 10 or less, or individually. A judge, who provides positive and instructional critiques, evaluates each student's performance.

“Poetry & Prose is an excellent event for students regardless of their experience reciting before an audience,” says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. “Participants get lots of praise and encouragement.” **Three sessions of student performances will be held each day of the event at 9:00, 10:15 and 11:30 a.m.** All students receive a Recognition of Achievement certificate for participating.

For information on Poetry & Prose, contact Robert Herman, Public Information Officer, at (559) 733-6606.

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