

# Tulare County Office of Education

*Jim Vidak, County Superintendent of Schools*

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## **For Immediate Release**

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**Tulare County Office of Education Announces:**

## **TCOE to host “State of Arts Education in California” workshops January 19 & 20**

An arts renaissance is happening in California and Tulare County is joining the movement.

Representatives from the state’s leading arts education and advocacy organizations – Create CA, California Alliance for Arts Education, California County Superintendents Educational Services Association (CCSESA) Arts Initiative, and California Department of Education – will be in Visalia January 19 and 20 for two very special events focused on *The State of Arts Education in California*.

On January 19, the Arts Consortium and the Fresno County Arts Council are hosting a workshop designed to showcase ways that local arts organizations and community members can support arts education. The state representatives will be on hand to discuss recent changes in education funding and how this impacts the arts. They will also share a range of new statewide initiatives, such as the *California Arts Education Data Project* and the *Arts Now Communities*. This workshop is completely free and a light dinner will be provided by Create CA. Pre-registration is requested (visit [bit.ly/ACArtsEd2017](http://bit.ly/ACArtsEd2017)). The event will be held on Thursday, January 19, from 5:00-7:30 p.m. at the Arts Consortium, 400 N. Church St., Visalia.

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An additional workshop featuring the same statewide partners will be held on Friday, January 20. This session, hosted by the Tulare County Office of Education, is aimed at school administrators and educators looking to build or grow their arts education programs. The workshop will take a deeper look at the state tools and will provide resources to create an arts education strategic plan. The session is also free and a light lunch will be provided by Create CA. Pre-registration is requested (visit: [tulare.k12oms.org/147-126281](http://tulare.k12oms.org/147-126281)). The event will be held on January 20 from 12:15-3:30 p.m. at the Tulare County Office of Education Administration Building, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia.

For more information about either of these events, contact Kate Stover at (559) 741-0809 or [kstover@tcoe.org](mailto:kstover@tcoe.org).

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