



Tulare County
Office of Education

Tim A. Hire, County Superintendent of Schools

Hello TCOE Theatre Company Community!

I hope you all are having a wonderful start to 2024. We have some fun announcements this spring, the first of which is the offices of Bethany, Charlotte, and McKenna have moved! We now reside with our friends and sister department at the TCOE Planetarium and Science Center (PSC) at 11535 Ave 264, Visalia, CA 93277. Many of you know we merged with the PSC to create the Stage and Space Collaborative last year, so it seemed only fitting that we all work together under the same roof. We are also excited about this space because it is more centrally located for students across the entire county to access.

This means we will be teaching our spring vocal and acting classes at the PSC. Future workshops and rehearsals will also be held at the PSC. It is important to point out that we are NOT completely leaving our Doe Avenue home. McKenna will still be teaching her spring dance classes in the Valley Oak room until we can renovate a space for her out at the PSC. Our OnStage program, with its 14 part-time staff members (we're hoping to hire even more!), will remain based at Doe Avenue. Our costumes, scene shop, and additional storage will also stay put. I will continue to travel back and forth between both of our locations.

I am pleased to say that recently I have been touring theater spaces around the valley with Mr. Hire and other administrators at TCOE. It is very clear that Mr. Hire and our current administrators are committed and excited about building Tulare County students their own theater space. We still have many years of "production" on this project, but it is a very thrilling time to be a part of the TCOE Theatre Company!

Details about auditions for our summer show, *Freaky Friday*, are now up on our website! Our spring classes are almost full, so check those out as well. All the information you need is at tcoe.org/theatreco. As always, if you have any questions or need anything, please feel free to reach out. Can't wait to start seeing you all soon!

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