

# Tulare County Office of Education

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## **Media Advisory**

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**Tulare County Office of Education Announces:**

## ***Allensworth Then & Now* event at new county museum**

**Monday, February 22, 2010 · History of Tulare County Farm Labor & Agriculture  
Museum in Mooney Grove Park · 9:00 a.m. - Noon**

To commemorate Black History Month (February), the Tulare County Office of Education has organized an event in partnership with the new History of Tulare County Farm Labor and Agriculture Museum. On Monday, February 22, 2010, students from several Tulare County schools will visit the museum and tour its exhibition on the historic Tulare County town of Allensworth, which was founded in 1909 by pioneering African Americans. Teachers have been invited to bring students in grades 3, 4, 5, and 8 from 9:00-12:00 for a tour of the museum and to participate in various learning activities around the museum.

Students will learn about Colonel Allen Allensworth and the courageous families who created the town of Allensworth in southwest Tulare County in pursuit of their own “American Dream.” Allensworth was a place where hard work, dedication and faith allowed them and their children the opportunity to control their own destiny free from discrimination. Students will also learn

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about other Tulare County African Americans including Visalia farmer Ed Wysinger, who blazed the trail for non-segregated schools in California.

A film produced by the California State Parks and narrated by actor Danny Glover, entitled *Allensworth: A Piece of the World*, will be available for students to see in the museum's Regional Learning Center theater.

“We are delighted to help Tulare County students celebrate Black History Month with this new event,” says County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. “We are also delighted to support the new History of Farm Labor and Agriculture Museum by bringing teachers to see the incredible resource that has been created in Mooney Grove Park.”

For more information about the event, please contact Marsha Ingrao, at [marshai@ers.tcoe.org](mailto:marshai@ers.tcoe.org) or by phone at (559) 651-0680.

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