

# Tulare County Office of Education

*Jim Vidak, County Superintendent of Schools*

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## **Media Advisory**

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**Tulare County Office of Education Announces:**

## **37<sup>th</sup> Annual Math Super Bowl Set for March 25**

**8:45 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. · Visalia Convention Center**

The mathematics problem-solving abilities of nearly 700 middle school students representing 43 schools will be tested during the 37th Annual Tulare County Office of Education Math Super Bowl on Thursday, March 25, at the Visalia Convention Center. Five-member teams will compete for ribbons and trophies in three main events:

- **Pro Bowl** – where students from different schools form teams to work on one challenging problem.
- **Team Bowl** – where team members from a school work together to solve 20 multiple-step problems.
- **Power Bowl** – where each individual student works on 30 enhanced multiple choice problems.

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Problems used in the competition cover such topics as patterns, functions, interpreting charts and graphs, probability, number theory, discrete math, logic, statistics, algebra and geometry.

Creative problem solving and critical thinking skills will also be tested.

“Math Super Bowl is a great venue for participants to learn problem solving skills and how to work as a team,” says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. “These are valuable skills that will serve them as adults in any profession they choose.”

The competition is open to all middle and junior high schools in Tulare County and the public is invited to attend. Information about the Tulare County Office of Education is available at [www.tcoe.org](http://www.tcoe.org), or by calling the Public Information Office at (559) 733-6606. More information on the Math Super Bowl may be obtained by calling Dr. Glenn Williams at (559) 651-3031 or by visiting our website at [www.tcoe.org/mathsuperbowl](http://www.tcoe.org/mathsuperbowl).

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