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Paper Tigers Film to be shown at the State Theater on April 26 – Film designed to spark dialogue and offer hope to schools and struggling youth

The Stanislaus Family Justice Center, Haven Women’s Center and the Community Services Agency are collaborating to provide an informational and educational opportunity to the community during Sexual Assault Awareness and Child Abuse Awareness month in April. The film *Paper Tigers* will be shown at the State Theater on April 26 at 7:00 p.m. Doors will open at 6:00 and the cost to attend is \$8.00. The Stanislaus County Office of Education and California State University, Stanislaus are co-sponsoring the event.

Paper Tigers follows a year in the life of an alternative high school in Walla Walla, WA, that radically changed its approach to disciplining its students, and in the process became a promising model for how to break the cycles of poverty, violence and disease that can affect families. *Paper Tigers* is a film with an essential learning message for any teacher or parent who has ever felt exacerbated by troublesome behavior shown by a student or child. The film is designed to spark dialogue and offer hope to schools and youth struggling with dropout rates, truancy, violence, abuse and drug use.

A panel will be available at the conclusion of the movie to answer questions and provide information about how these issues are being addressed in Stanislaus County. “I believe Paper

Tigers will inspire teachers, principals and community members to raise the expectation for all students and especially those who are considered to be at-risk,” said Victor Serrato, Director of Student Support Services at SCOE. “This film provides a strong message of collaboration among stakeholders who wish to make a difference for our most vulnerable student population. I believe viewers will leave with an understanding of how we can all work together to create equity within our school systems.”

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