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## **Local Students to Compete in First Round of Solano County Spelling Bee**

**SOLANO COUNTY** – The preliminary round of the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Solano County Spelling Bee will be held virtually, on Saturday, March 26, 2022. The Solano County Spelling Bee is open to all public and private schools serving 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. This year, 45 Solano schools have enrolled to participate, bringing two top spellers from each school to compete.

Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) hosts and coordinates the competition each year. Parents and teachers offer a great deal of support to students as they practice words and expand their vocabularies. Travis Credit Union has been a long-standing sponsor of the Solano County Spelling Bee, ensuring that the academic competition continues to provide enriching learning experiences for Solano students.

“The Spelling Bee is a fun and engaging way for students to challenge themselves. Students gain a rich vocabulary which fosters better reading comprehension and a strong foundation to support a successful academic career,” says Solano County Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson. “I look forward to seeing our Solano County Spelling Bee champions compete again in April.”

The preliminary round will require each competitor to spell 10 words that gradually increase in difficulty and point value. Students with the highest point total from Saturday’s event will come back and compete in the final round of the Solano County Spelling Bee on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at Journey Downtown in Vacaville. The top two spellers on April 12<sup>th</sup> will receive trophies and paid registration to the statewide final competition scheduled for Saturday, May 21, 2022.

For more information, visit <https://solanocoe.net/spellingbee> or contact SCOE’s Director of Youth Development, Ken Scarberry at 707-646-7603 or [kscarberry@solanocoe.net](mailto:kscarberry@solanocoe.net).

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