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Local students advance to Southeast Minnesota Final Spelling Bee

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Two Regional Spelling Bees were held on Tuesday, February 11 at the Wood Lake Meeting Center in Rochester. Seventy-six (76) students participated in the two Regional Spelling Bees. Students from thirty-six (36) districts throughout southeast Minnesota advanced to compete in the Regional competitions coordinated by the Southeast Service Cooperative.

The top twelve spellers (six from each Spelling Bee) now advance to the Final Spelling Bee on Tuesday, February 25, at 9:00 AM at the Wood Lake Meeting Center (210 Wood Lake Dr SE, Rochester, MN 55904). The event is anticipated to be done before 12:00 noon. The Grand Champion of the Final will advance to the annual Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington D.C. on May 24-May 29, 2020.

Students advancing to the Southeast Minnesota Final Spelling Bee are:

Name	School	Grade
Carly Backen	Chatfield	7
Annaka Binner	Kasson-Mantorville	8
Leo Brunelle	Northfield	8
Allie Hoffert	Northfield	8
Grace Schroeder	Pine Island	8
Eva Passe	Plainview-Elgin-Millville	6
Aubrey Ingvalson	Rushford-Peterson	8
Isaac Ahn	Schaeffer Academy	7
Ezra Hake	Schaeffer Academy	5
Samuel Passe	St. Felix	6
Ashley Goller	Stewartville	8
Hadyn Brown	Winona	6

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