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### Local students advance to Southeast Minnesota Final Spelling Bee

Rochester, MN – February 8, 2022

Two Regional Spelling Bees were held on Tuesday, February 8 at the Wood Lake Meeting Center in Rochester. Fifty-nine (59) students participated in the two Regional Spelling Bees. Students from twenty-nine (29) 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, March 1, 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.

Students advancing to the Southeast Minnesota Final Spelling Bee are:

District	Speller	Grade
Caledonia	Ella Hoscheit	8
Caledonia	Hayden Reed	6
Owatonna	Johanna Spielman	7
Pine Island	Austin Luckey	7
Plainview-Elgin-Millville	Addy Kobler	5
Rochester	Rayna Siwani	5
Rochester	Igor Vuckovic	7
Rochester	Eliana Lanners	8
Rochester Catholic	Lillie VanBuskirk	8
Spring Grove	Kolton Nerstad	8
St. Felix Catholic	Tommy Passe	6
Wabasha-Kellogg	Sam Passe	8