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Dear Principal,

Superintendent's Office

For more than 80 years the North Jersey Spelling Bee has offered students a chance to excel at the nation's largest educational competition. And for those students who may not make it the entire way to the National Spelling Bee, this program continues to help students of all skill levels to improve spelling, increase vocabulary, develop proper English usage and develop public speaking skills.

The Bergen County Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs will be sponsoring one student to represent Northern New Jersey at the 2019 Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. in late May 2019.

**The 2019 North Jersey Bee is open to 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in Bergen and Passaic counties.** The winner will be sent to Washington D.C. Your school can register by visiting [www.spellingbee.com](http://www.spellingbee.com) and clicking on the registration link. The registration fees and deadlines are as followed:

- Early Bird Enrollment Period is August 22, 2018 - October 15, 2018. The per-school fee is \$160 during this period.
- Regular Enrollment Period runs October 16, 2018 - December 14, 2018. The per-school fee is \$235.

Only those schools that register before October 15<sup>th</sup> will receive the discount. Schools that register after October 16<sup>th</sup> must pay the full \$235 registration fee.

Enrollment fees are payable by check (with additional \$7.50 check handling fee) or credit card to the national Scripps organization. **Scripps does not accept purchase orders.**

Your registration automatically makes your school part of the North Jersey competition. It also provides:

- Exclusive online access to the **teachers-only section of spellingbee.com**, which helps you to plan your school competition,
- **Official word lists** for your students, organized by grade level,
- **Official pronouncer guides** for classroom and school spelling bees,
- **Supplemental vocabulary materials** and Great American SpellCheck materials.

**The 2019 North Jersey Spelling Bee will be held on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019.** If you have any questions, please contact Bee Coordinator Gavin Godbolt at [ggodbolt@co.bergen.nj.us](mailto:ggodbolt@co.bergen.nj.us) or (201) 336-7252.

Thank You,  
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