

October 1, 2017



Dear Spelling Bee Coach,

Berrien RESA is proud to once again bring to your students the opportunity to participate in the Scripps National Spelling Bee program.

The Annual Cloverleaf Spelling Bee will take place Tuesday, February 27 (snow date - March 13). The champion will receive a paid trip to Washington, D.C., to compete in the 2018 Scripps National Spelling Bee in late May. The official prize list for the top spellers will be announced later.

In addition to improving students' spelling skills and increasing their vocabularies, spelling bee participation provides valuable experience in developing poise—a necessary skill for success in public speaking, performing arts, and athletics.

For your students to participate in the Cloverleaf Spelling Bee program, you should do these two things:

1. Enroll with the Scripps National Spelling Bee by the October 16 deadline: A

benefactor or representative of your school should go to www.spellingbee.com to pay the materials and enrollment fee of \$151. When you enroll at spellingbee.com and pay the materials and enrollment fee of \$151, you will receive exclusive online access to the *2018 Classroom Pronouncer Guides, Spell It!* and the *2018 School Pronouncer Guide*, award certificates, and local spelling bee program information. (registering after the October 16 deadline will incur a \$75 late fee).

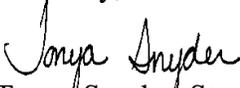
If there are concerns about payment of the \$151 materials and enrollment fee, you may consider recouping the fee by asking parents of student participants to pay a nominal entry fee of \$2-5 or asking your PTA/PTO organization to sponsor your school. Alternatively, a business, community organization, or concerned parent may sponsor your school.

2. Register with Berrien RESA by the December 1 deadline: Mail the enclosed Cloverleaf Spelling Bee registration form along with your \$85 check made out to Cloverleaf Spelling Bee to Berrien RESA, attn: Tonya Snyder, PO Box 364, Berrien Springs, MI 49103.

Enclosed you will find the Cloverleaf Spelling Bee registration form along with a copy of the rules and 2017 prize list (2018 prizes will be announced in January). Each school will be in charge of running their own spelling bee for their students and their top 3 spellers will be invited to participate in the Cloverleaf Spelling Bee on Tuesday, February 27 (snow date of March 13). The bee will start at roughly 8:30 AM. Select your school's spellers by February 6, and then contact me via email at tonya.snyder@berrienresa.org with their names.

I look forward to providing this opportunity to your students. If you have any questions or concerns about the competition, please feel free to contact me at: tonya.snyder@berrienresa.org.

Sincerely,


Tonya Snyder, Student Activities Coordinator