Dear School Spelling Bee Champion,

Congratulations on winning your school spelling bee! As your school’s champion, you have now qualified to spell at the 2021 St. Louis Post-Dispatch Regional Semi-Final Spelling Bee sponsored by Lindenwood University.

This year, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch Semi-Final Bee will be held VIRTUALLY on SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. All divisions will test at the same time.

We have included with this letter separate information including:
• Online Waiver Instructions
• St. Louis Post-Dispatch Virtual Semi-Final Bee Process
• St. Louis Post-Dispatch Semi-Final Spelling Bee Rules 2021

As we strive to provide the safest environment for all of our spellers, their families, our judges and staff, it was necessary for us to hold the Semi-Final Bee in a virtual setting due to the large number of participants.

Please read all attachments and note that the online waiver must be completed by March 1, 2021, in order to take the Semi-Final Bee test on March 6.

In the meantime, students should study from the 2021 SpellCheck and Words of Champions, generated by Scripps National Spelling Bee. However, please note that Spellcheck and Words of Champions are only study guides. Words used in the virtual bee may not be listed in these guides.

Additional information:
• If for any reason you cannot participate in the Semi-Final Bee, contact your school immediately so the runner-up may attend.
• Winners from the virtual Semi-Final Bee will be announced on the NIE website (STLtoday.com/bee) BY 6 P.M. ON SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2021.
• Each finalist will receive an email with specific instructions on the Final Bee. ONLY finalists will compete in the finals on Saturday, March 13, 2021, location to be determined.
• A full-page ad with finalist names and schools will appear in the Post-Dispatch the week of March 8.
• For more questions about the St. Louis Post-Dispatch Regional Spelling Bee, please review the documents in this email or download the materials at STLtoday.com/bee.

Sincerely,

The NIE Staff