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## **SCOE Celebrates 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Solano County Spelling Bee Finalists**

**Solano County, CA-** Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) hosted the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Solano County Spelling Bee for public and private schools serving 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. The countywide round was held on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at Solano Community College in Fairfield and hosted 79 students from 41 schools.

First place went to sixth grader Kiaan Kahn from Holy Spirit Elementary School in Fairfield. Her winning word was “miscellaneous”. Second place went to fifth grade student Zara Virk from Nelda Mundy Elementary School in Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District. The two winners were awarded trophies and will represent Solano County at the California Spelling Bee Championship held in San Joaquin County on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

SCOE’s Associate Superintendent Manolo Garcia presented trophies to the finalists. He remarked, “Watching so many young students showcase their spelling prowess as well as their desire to continue learning is exciting. We are grateful for the remarkable amount of support from families, educators and our business partners which made this opportunity for students possible.”

Travis Credit Union has been a long-standing sponsor for SCOE’s countywide spelling bee event and continued their support this year as well.

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