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To: Superintendents of Public Schools

From: Pedro J. Ruiz, Ph. D. 
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Re: 2010 New York State Spanish Spelling Bee Final Competition

On behalf of the Office of Bilingual Education and Foreign Language Studies of the New York State Education Department, I invite you to encourage your district's Spanish-speaking and Spanish-learning students in Grades 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 to participate on May 28, 2010 in New York City in the:

2010 New York State Spanish Spelling Bee Final Competition

The Spanish Spelling Bee is a wonderful opportunity to promote academic excellence and high standards for the diverse populations of our public schools since students who participate in this competition will have a chance to strengthen their Spanish language skills and have an opportunity to showcase their knowledge to their peers.

To be eligible to participate in the statewide Spanish Spelling Bee, schools/districts must have submitted their intent to participate by December 4, 2009.

Schools/districts need to designate a Spanish-speaking administrator or teacher who will coordinate and promote a school wide/district-level competition. **A meeting to prepare school/district Spelling Bee Coordinators will be held on December 4, 2009 in New York City. Attendance is highly recommended.**

Students, including newcomers, willing to compete with students within their own school and/or with students from other schools in the district, should be encouraged to participate. Students from schools/districts that conduct a local Spanish Spelling Bee will advance to the statewide competition on May 28, 2010. The competition has been broadcast live on cable TV for the last few years and we look forward to the same level of media attention this year.

Thank you in advance for your support of our Spanish-speaking and Spanish-learning students and for your continued commitment to language education for all students. A copy of the *NYS Spanish Spelling Bee Official Guidelines and Rules* is attached to this letter.

If you have any questions or would like to register your district or school to participate in the Coordinators' meeting or the statewide competition, please contact Dr. Gail M. Slater at the NYS Spanish BETAC at gail.slater@nyu.edu

C: Nellie Mulkay, Director, NYS SBETAC