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(DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE)  
Manila

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DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM  
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1976 SPELLING BEE CONTEST

To: Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
Coordinator, State Colleges and Universities  
Schools Superintendents

1. A 1976 Spelling Bee Contest will be sponsored by the Marketing Division (Phila.) in cooperation with the Department of Education and Culture. The contest aims to:

- (a) develop spelling and related skills in communication arts.
- (b) develop proper study habits among elementary school pupils.
- (c) generate enthusiasm and interest in learning the English language.

2. Inclosed is a copy of the guidelines governing the contest at the provincial, regional and national levels.

3. All bureau directors, regional directors and schools superintendents are enjoined to coordinate with the organizer of the contest.

4. It is requested that this contest be given wide publicity all over the country. Teachers should encourage their pupils to participate in the contest.

(SGR.) JUAN L. HATULL  
Secretary of Education and Culture

Incl.: as stated

Reference:

N o n e

Allotment: 1-2-4... (D.O. 1-75)

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index  
under the following subject:

BUREAUS & OFFICES  
COMPOST  
Course of Study, ELEMENTARY  
PUPILS

4. Contest Duration:

- a. School Contests - August 30-September 7, 1976  
Site: Selected School
- b. District Contest - September 8-15, 1976  
Site: To be determined by the District Office
- c. Provincial Contest - September 15-22, 1976  
Site: To be determined by the Division Office
- d. Regional Contest - September 30-October 7, 1976  
Site: To be determined by the Regional Office
- e. National Contest - October 20, 1976  
Site: Television Station in Greater Manila

5. Contest Results:

Results of every contest level must be submitted to the Bureau of Elementary Education one week after each level contest has been completed.

6. Prize: For the national winners, the prizes are:

	<u>English Category</u>
Champion Speller	Presidential Trophy P5,000 C/P*
First Runner-Up	Gold Medal P3,000 C/P*
Second Runner-Up	Silver Medal P2,000 C/P*
Third Runner-Up	Bronze Medal P1,000 C/P*
Remaining Regional winners:	P500 C/P*

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\* C/P - Worth of Cash and Prizes

## GUIDELINES FOR THE CONTEST

1. Contestants: This contest is open to all Grades V and VI pupils currently enrolled for the school year 1976-1977 in private and public schools.

### 2. Contest Levels:

#### a. Local Competition

The contest will be carried out on the following: school, district and provincial levels. The winners of the first level will be the representatives in the next higher level.

#### b. Regional and National

Winners in the provincial or division contest will compete in the regional contest to determine the official contestants in the National Contest.

### 3. Contest Procedure:

- a. Contestants will draw lots and arranged according to numbers drawn. They will be asked to spell words following this arrangement.
- b. The knockout system will be utilized. Contestants will be asked to select a sealed envelope containing the word to be spelled. The moderator will open the envelope and read the word for the contestant. Once a contestant misspells the word, he is automatically eliminated. All contestants are given only 10 seconds with which to spell a word. The moderator will repeat the word only once.
- c. In the event that there are only two contestants left and neither is able to spell the words correctly, a tie may be declared. To break the tie both contestants will have to undergo the same procedure until one of them misspells his word and the other spells his word correctly.

Note: In the case of local competitions, school officials may adopt the above procedure or they may devise their own system of conducting the contest and choosing the contestants for the next higher level.

7. Media Support:

To encourage participation of a great number of contestants, this entire contest will be covered by print ads, posters, leaflets, streamers, souvenir programs, live radio coverage of the twelve (12) regional contests and live television coverage of the national contest.

8. Queries related to the contest may be channelled to the Bureau of Elementary Education/Marketing Direction (Phils.) 1991 M.R. Del Pilar, Malate, Manila.

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