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### **NEWS RELEASE – “ANNUAL SPELLING BEE SCHEDULED”**

The 2010 Collier County Spelling Bee will be held Monday evening. Nearly 50 school contestants from Collier County’s middle schools, who are already winners at their respective schools, will compete in the county Spelling Bee. The event is set to begin at 7:30 p.m. on Monday (March 22<sup>nd</sup>) in the School Board Meeting Room of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Administrative Center (located behind Barron Collier High School). The winner will advance to the 2010 Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C., June 2<sup>nd</sup> thru the 4<sup>th</sup> courtesy of event-sponsor *Naples Daily News*. As he has for many years, NBC-2 TV senior anchor Craig Wolf will serve as the Spelling Bee “Pronouncer” again this year.

The Collier County Spelling Bee was moved to the School Board Meeting Room from its previous home at the Collier County Fairgrounds seven years ago so it could be televised on The Education Channel, Comcast cable 99. A *LIVE* 90-minute telecast will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Monday. The local Spelling Bee telecast will also be replayed several times on cable 99.

To learn more about the Collier County Spelling Bee, call the Communications Services Department at (239) 377-0180, or send an e-mail to [info@collier.k12.fl.us](mailto:info@collier.k12.fl.us).