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**HMS Student Wins System Spelling Bee**



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Nicholas Narsing, eighth-grader at Huntington Middle School, won the Houston County Board of Education 2010 Spelling Bee today. He was the top speller out of 28 contestants, winning the Bee after about two hours with the correct spelling of the final word “residue.” Richard Thaxton, seventh-grader at Northside Middle School, won runner-up.

Nicholas (pictured on the left) and Richard will both next compete at the District 6 Spelling Bee at Fort Valley State University in the C.W. Pettigrew Center on Feb. 27, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. Twenty-three system-level winners will participate in this district Bee.

The local Bee has been sponsored by the Georgia Association of Educators (GAE) through the local Houston Association of Educators for 49 years. GAE also sponsors the District and State Bees. The winner and runner up of the District Bee will advance to the GAE State Spelling Bee, which will be held at Georgia State University on Mar. 19, 2010, beginning at 11:00 a.m.

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Rhonda Moulder, assistant principal for instruction at David A. Perdue Elementary, served as the system event organizer. She followed the State Spelling Bee Procedures, Rules and Regulations. Amy Myers, speech and language pathologist at Eagle Springs Elementary, was the caller. For more information, contact Nancy Richardson, Coordinator of Reading and Language Arts, at (478) 988-6200, extension 10236, or Moulder at (478) 988-6350, extension 35398.

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