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## **PLANO ISD STUDENT ADVANCES TO THIRD STRAIGHT NATIONAL SCRIPPS SPELLING BEE**

**Plano, TX** —Plano ISD Student Faizan Zaki was one of two students to win the 66th Annual Dallas Regional Spelling Bee held on March 9 at Booker T. Washington High School in Dallas.

The sixth grader from Rice Middle School competed against dozens of other students and was flawless throughout the competition. He has earned an all-expenses paid trip to Washington D.C. where he will represent Rice and Plano ISD at the National Scripps Spelling Bee from May 28-30, 2024.

This will be Faizan’s third consecutive appearance at the National Bee. Last year, he was one of only 56 students who advanced to the national semifinals out of 229 spellers. Faizan debuted at the National Bee in 2019 when he was 7 years old.

Although only the top two finishers advance, Plano ISD student Adhiraj Misra, a seventh grader from Renner Middle School, achieved an admirable third place finish. Plano ISD is proud of these students and our recent national spelling bee competition success.

### **About Plano Independent School District**

The Plano Independent School District (Plano ISD) ([www.pisd.edu](http://www.pisd.edu)) endeavors to foster the highest level of student learning. Plano ISD is located 20 miles north of Dallas, Texas and serves the residents of approximately 100 square miles in southwest Collin County, including 66 square miles in the city of Plano, northern portions of the cities of Dallas and Richardson and parts of the cities of Allen, Parker and Murphy. Plano ISD employs 6,500 staff members who serve nearly 48,000 students in 73 schools and 11 service facilities. Mission: Our Plano ISD learning community will educate, inspire and empower every student to activate their unique potential in a dynamic world.

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