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## NEWS RELEASE

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## Two Kimberly Students Will Represent our Region at the State Spelling Bee

**Kimberly, Wis. – March 1, 2019** – In late February, 36 fifth through eighth graders from our region who had previously won their school-wide spelling bees competed at the CESA 6 Regional Spelling Bee.

The Kimberly School District was represented by 5th graders Jackson Matz (Mapleview) and Emery Van Abel (Woodland) and 6th graders Colton Pozniak (Mapleview) and Tyler Van Gompel (Woodland).



Kimberly students Colton Pozniak and Tyler Van Gompel advanced from the regional competition to the state level of the National Spelling Bee.

After 12 rounds, most of the contestants were eliminated (each one knew how to spell much better than most of the adults in the audience). Tyler and Colton continued to spell each and every word correctly for more than 40 rounds. It was an intense back and forth. The audience was in awe. At the end, Colton came in first and Tyler came in second place!

Both Colton and Tyler will compete at the state level of the National Spelling Bee on March 16, 2019, in Madison. Best of luck at State to these phenomenal spellers!

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Jackson Matz



Colton Pozniak



Emery Van Abel



Tyler Van Gompel

### **About the Kimberly Area School District**

The Kimberly Area School District is a progressive public school district committed to providing the best possible education available to students. Its responsibility is to help lead the way in developing well-rounded students and future citizens. The District wants every student to be given the opportunity to reach their potential through academics, the arts and co-curricular activities. It encompasses approximately 17 square miles and serves over 5,100 students in one 4K center, four elementary schools (5K-4), two intermediate schools (5-6), one middle school (7-8) and one high school (9-12). To learn more about the Kimberly Area School District, call (920)788-7900 or visit [www.kimberly.k12.wi.us](http://www.kimberly.k12.wi.us).