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Subject: New Providence High School Presents “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee”

Tickets are now on sale for New Providence High School Drama Department’s rendition of the musical comedy ***The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee***... filled with quirky characters played by equally unique high school students.

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee is a [musical comedy](#) with music and lyrics by [William Finn](#), a book by Rachel Sheinkin, conceived by Rebecca Feldman with additional material by Jay Reiss. The New Providence High School production is directed by Craig Duke (Producer/Director/Scenic Design), Leslie Ditta (Choreographer), Caitlin Alongi (Music Director), Huy Ho (Conductor) and John Russo (Technical Design and Set Construction).

The show centers on a fictional [spelling bee](#) set in a geographically ambiguous Putnam Valley Middle School. Six quirky adolescents compete in the Bee, run by three equally quirky grown-ups. What ensues is pure hilarity wrapped in pre-teen anxiety and dilemma.

In a year when things are out of the ordinary, Stage Manager Priscilla Senger explains, “Many of us were worried we wouldn’t have a show, but luckily we were able to bring back a little bit of normalcy to our lives by being allowed to do the musical.” Fellow Assistant Stage Manager Sam Kogan summarizes, “We just continued to adapt, and I believe that is essential to this year’s production. Everyone has a passion to put this show on, and I would like to believe that we are all trying our absolute best to make sure that the show goes on no matter what happens!”

Tickets are available for six performances over 2 weekends.

April 23rd at 7:30 pm

April 24th at 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm

April 30th at 7:30 pm

May 1st at 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm

General Admission: \$12.00

Only 150 seats available per performance!

Please arrive 20-30 minutes before your show to check in, get a temperature check and be seated. Please note that the audience will be seated in groups of 2 socially distanced. Once

seated please stay seated and maintain distancing. Masks will be required of the audience and staff at all times.

Please visit the [New Providence School District website](#) to purchase tickets.