Hello Local Businesses,

My name is Amy Kleiner and I represent the local public charter school spelling bee committee. I am writing to seek financial support for the Cache Valley Unified Spelling Bee sponsored by the Herald Journal.

As a spelling bee committee, we hope to increase the state of Utah's participation in the National Spelling Bee. Many of the charter schools in Cache Valley have a long tradition with school spelling bees. We believe the spelling bees have many benefits for our students, including promoting literacy, improving language and vocabulary, and giving kids a chance to work hard for something they love. Many of the children in our charter schools look forward to the annual spelling bees with great enthusiasm. We are so excited to bring all of the schools together for a charter spelling bee, and we are in great hopes that we can continue the tradition of sending our champion to the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C..

Our participating charter schools (Bear River Charter School, CCID, Edith Bowen, and Thomas Edison Schools) are already in the process of running their classroom and school bees. The Herald Journal Cache Valley Spelling Bee will be on February 25, 2019. In order to send our Cache Valley champion to the National Spelling Bee in Washington DC in May, we need to raise \$5500 from local sponsors by December 1.

We know that your business is supportive of public education, and we are seeking your financial sponsorship. Would you be willing to serve as a financial sponsor of Cache Valley Unified Spelling Bee? We are asking organizations to offer a sponsorship of \$500-1500. In the past we have received sponsorships in the range of \$500-\$3500.

I have attached a flyer that talks more about the Scripps Spelling Bee experience. I would also be happy to complete any financial request forms that that your business requires.

We greatly appreciate your consideration of this request. We feel confident that your support would help us continue a wonderful tradition in Cache Valley.

Warmly, Amy Kleiner Unified Charter Spelling Bee Chair