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Dear District 2 Coaches,

District 2's state qualifying tournament is scheduled for Saturday, February 27, 2010, at Pine-Richland High School. You can register online through [www.varsityspeech.com](http://www.varsityspeech.com) beginning next week. The password is: statequals10. Entries can be added and dropped until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 25.

We will schedule the tournament that **Thursday, Feb. 25, beginning around 3:30-4 p.m. in Room 106 at P-R High School**. All head coaches should plan to attend to help schedule the tournament. Please let me know if you cannot make it. Also, all head coaches should consider themselves Tab Room workers and not judges. Please do not include yourself as a judge. If you must judge, please let me know.

Even though we're not using them to register, registration forms for competitors can be found in January's Communicator. Fill out those state qual forms and have your principal's signature and bring them on Thursday. Also, remember students in Informative and Persuasive speaking must have a copy of the speech, a bibliography and a cover sheet signed by the student and coach declaring the speech to be original. Make sure you have these speeches to me before the tournament begins.

A change to be aware of this year is that Parliamentary Debate, a 3-on-3 debate, has been added. All other events remain the same (remember Commentary is 5 minutes). Each school also is encouraged to bring as many students as possible to compete so we can qualify as many students from District 2 as possible. **Remember you can bring two entries per event.**

**Judging quotas will be one judge for every three contestants in speech events, two for every four to six contestants, etc. For all debate events, please bring one judge for every two competitors and make sure to specify judges for Policy, L-D, Public Forum, and Parliamentary Debate.** The registration fee is \$35 per school or \$3 per student (\$6 for Duo, etc.), whichever is higher. The registration fee covers the cost of awards and online registration/scheduling. Please make checks payable to Jeff Byko. Also, we will give certificates to those not receiving plaques.

The schedule will be as follows: Registration: 7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.

Extemp and commentary draw in prep room, judges meet, announcements: 8:45

All events -- Round 1 9:10

Round 2 10:15

Round 3 11:15

Lunch 12:15

Finals posted: 1:30-1:45 in Atrium Final Round Begins: 1:45-2

Awards: 3:45 in Atrium

If you have any questions, please contact me.

