

# **Project DELIGHT**

The California Association for Bilingual Education is *delighted* to announce that it was recently awarded a National Professional Development grant, called the *Dual Language Education Leadership Initiative Guided High–Quality Training* (DELIGHT) Project.

#### **Project Goals and Outcomes**

- Develop district and site leadership teams to support improved EL instruction
- Create excellent DI programs
- Increase in-service teacher capacity to implement instruction using evidence-based strategies to increase EL outcomes
- Engage families to support their children's learning, and to become school leaders
- Increase outcomes of ELs in English and Spanish language development and their academic achievement in English Language Arts/Reading and Math.

**DELIGHT** uses professional development (PD) for educators and families to create high-quality Dual Immersion (DI) programs, from elementary to middle school, at district and site levels, in full DI schools and in schools with a DI strand (at least one DI classroom per grade level).

**CABE** is honored to collaborate with its grant partner school districts: **Fontana Unified School District** and **Rialto Unified School District**, both in San Bernardino County, California.

#### **Teacher Professional Learning**

All teachers at the six elementary schools and three middle schools in these two partner districts participate in PD modules based on CABE's successful PD programs and the *Guiding Principles of Dual Language*  *Education*. The modules are differentiated by program type for teachers, administrators, and families. **DELIGHT** will collaborate with other agencies to develop tools and models for DI and to create a DI Certification Program for teachers.

### Family Leadership

Linked to this PD and DI program development is a Family Leadership Program, based on CABE's i3-funded Project 2INSPIRE. Family members:

- move through 4 levels of family engagement
- become leaders and part of the School Leadership Team
- develop a school family engagement plan
- serve as language models and instructional support
- become partners in the DI classroom

## Scope of the Project

- > Six elementary and three middle schools across two districts
- > Each year will serve approximately:
  - 17 district and site administrators
  - 130 in-service teachers
  - 3,000 students
  - 80 parents
- > By the end of the project, DELIGHT will serve:
  - 22 administrators
  - 175 in-service teachers, including 30 who will attain their DI Certificate and/or Bilingual Authorization
  - 5,000 students
  - 360 parents, including 5 who will complete courses for a Paraprofessional Certificate, and 30 who will attain their elementary or secondary diploma.