



**December 2022 Legislative Advocate Report**  
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**CABE 2023 Legislative Priorities**

CABE is gearing up for a successful 2023 in Sacramento and has already begun conversations to advance our priorities. I am pleased to report that CABE supporter, Assembly Member Eloise Reyes (D – San Bernardino), will be authoring CABE/Californians Together (CalTog)-sponsored legislation to revise, bring back, and fund the Bilingual Teacher Professional Development Program, which will use a “grow your own” approach to addressing the bilingual teacher shortage. This critical legislation should be introduced in January.

CABE will also be co-sponsoring legislation with Early Edge and Californians Together to expand asset-based dual language learner identification to general child care programs to help California achieve the goals of the Master Plan to support these students. This legislation will require the Department of Social Services (CDSS), in consultation with the Department of Education (CDE), to create a process with the necessary guidelines and requirements regarding information to coordinate data collection for these students.

CABE is also in discussion to potentially co-sponsor additional legislation with CalTog. Additional information may be provided in January as additional details emerge.

**CABE Leaders Meet in Sacramento**

CABE sent a delegation to Sacramento on December 5<sup>th</sup> for a series of leadership meetings to discuss CABE priorities for 2023. The delegation included CABE President Dr. Bárbara Flores, CABE Director of State/Legislative Affairs Mary Helen Ybarra, CABE Chief Executive Officer Jan Gustafson-Corea, CABE Senior Advisor Martha Zaragoza-Díaz, and CABE Legislative Advocate Jennifer Baker. The CABE team had pivotal conversations with the Governor’s office, the Association of California Superintendents and Administrators, and CDE regarding both policy and fiscal goals for 2023. These successful conversations are helping to better align CABE’s goals with the ever-evolving political and fiscal environment in Sacramento.

**New Legislative Leaders Expected**

Both the Senate and Assembly are in the process of selecting which legislators will be the Committee Chairs. While some Chairs have already been selected, the membership for those committees has yet to be decided. On the Senate side, it is not yet known who will Chair the Senate Education Committee. Both the Chair and committee members should be announced shortly. Assembly Speaker Rendon recently announced Assembly Member Al Muratsuchi (D – Torrance) will Chair the Assembly Education Committee; however, no additional Committee members have been announced. No announcements have yet been made regarding the Chair of the Assembly Higher Education Committee or its membership.