

June 26, 2024

Dr. Edgar Lampkin
CEO
California Association of Bilingual Education
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Dear Dr. Lampkin,

It's renewal time for Californians Together coalition members and I write today to thank you for your support and to provide an update on all that we have accomplished together in the last year. We have enjoyed tremendous success in effecting state policy and raising critical issues to improve schooling for English learners. It is because of the commitment of California Association of Bilingual Education and its fellow members that we have been an effective, informed, and clear voice for parents/caregivers, students, teachers, administrators, board members, civil rights advocates and community members.

A few shared accomplishments from the past year include:

- The release of our inaugural report, The State of English Learners in California Public Schools.
- Co-sponsored and passed AB 370 (Addis), increasing options for the State Seal of Biliteracy. Preliminary data shows a 21.9% increase in awards for 2023-24.
- Co-sponsored and passed AB 1124 (Reyes), reinstating the Bilingual Teacher Professional Development program. Awarded \$20 million in grants to increase the number of bilingual teachers.
- Co-sponsored and passed AB 393 (Rivas), expanding asset-based DLL identification to general child care programs.
- Sponsored and passed AB 714 (McCarty), creating a state definition for Newcomer students and requiring instructional guidance for school districts. The current state budget includes the addition of a Newcomer position at the CDE.
- Co-sponsored and passed AB 2268 (Muratsuchi), exempting TK students from the ELPAC assessment.
- Advanced AB 2074 (Muratsuchi and Alvarez) and AB 2071 (Carrillo), calling for an EL Roadmap implementation plan and district grants.

- Addressed EL accountability in the 2023-24 State Budget Trailer bills, including the recognition of Long Term English Learners as a significant subgroup requiring specific metrics and reports.

The strength of Californians Together lies in our diverse coalition's shared values and commitment to English learners. We are grateful for California Association of Bilingual Education's shared passion. Enclosed is your renewal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to review and return with payment by October 1, 2024. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thank you for your efforts. I look forward to our continued collaboration on behalf of California's English learners.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martha Hernandez". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the letter "z".

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Organization and Californians Together
2024-2025

California Association of Bilingual Education agrees to be a member organization of Californians Together. We fully support the mission and vision of Californians Together and find it compatible with the vision and work of our organization.

As a member organization, **California Association of Bilingual Education** agrees to the following:

- We have appointed _____ as an official designee to be actively present in the work of the coalition and who will have responsibility for communication between the coalition and **California Association of Bilingual Education**.
- **California Association of Bilingual Education** agrees (when appropriate) to use our website, mailing list and publications capacity to produce and distribute action alerts, post reports, and to engage in the coalition campaigns and activities.
- **California Association of Bilingual Education**'s name will appear on the Californians Together letterhead as a member organization and will appear likewise on materials produced by the coalition.
- We understand that our officially designated representative will have the right to vote for members of the Board of Directors.
- **California Association of Bilingual Education** agrees to contribute _____ for 2024-2025. The membership year runs from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Signature

Date

Printed Name and Title

