



February 5, 2024

The Honorable Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi  
State Capitol  
1021 O Street, Suite 5310  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: AB 2074 (Muratsuchi)**  
**Position: Co-Sponsor**

Dear Assembly Member Muratsuchi:

Californians Together and the California Association for Bilingual Education (CABE) are pleased to co-sponsor AB 2074 (Muratsuchi), which tasks the California Department of Education (CDE) with creating an implementation plan for the California English Learner Roadmap Policy (EL Roadmap). The bill also requires designated staff at CDE to serve as a point of reference to lead the development of the implementation plan and statewide outreach to counties and districts; these staffers will serve as a point of reference and assistance to all.

60% of the young children in California have a home language other than English, and California currently enrolls 1.1 million English learner students, grades K-12. For these students, academic gaps persist, too many never achieve English proficiency, and academic outcomes remain unacceptably low.

In 2017 the State Board of Education unanimously adopted a new, comprehensive, and research-based California English Learner Roadmap policy superseding the 1998 English Learner policy which was based upon Proposition 227. This policy explicitly focuses on English learners in the context of the state's efforts to improve the educational system, the quality of teaching and learning, and educational outcomes. It centers on standards, curriculum frameworks, assessment, accountability/school improvement, educator quality, early childhood/preschool, social and family support services, and parent/community involvement. As an **asset based, comprehensive, aspirational and principles-based policy**, the EL Roadmap differs significantly from previous EL policies – by requiring involvement of multiple roles, departments and functions within the school system, as well as alignment across initiatives and across levels of the system. Yet the road to fulfilling its promise has not yet been adequately scoped or supported.

Currently there is no state plan for building awareness, a sense of urgency, and opportunity related to implementing the EL Roadmap policy. There is no alignment and no coherence across state initiatives reflecting the EL Roadmap policy and principles – nor is there guidance for Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) to incorporate and build

alignment and coherence at the local level across programs and services. There is no monitoring of the implementation of the EL Roadmap, nor is there accountability for its implementation. Importantly, no CDE positions are state funded and designated to support the implementation of this critically important state policy for English learners. This bill will ensure the vision to adequately serve English learners truly gets to the students by having a statewide plan for implementation and staff at CDE to oversee/guide the implementation.

Californians Together and CABE thank you for your continued support and leadership to support California's English learners. Should you have any questions regarding our request, feel free to reach out to Californians Together's Legislative Advocate Cristina Salazar at [cristina@californianstogether.org](mailto:cristina@californianstogether.org) or CABE's Legislative Advocate Jennifer Baker at [jbaker@m-w-h.com](mailto:jbaker@m-w-h.com).

Sincerely,



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