



California Association for Bilingual Education

January 27, 2025

The Honorable Lena Gonzalez
State Capitol
1021 O Street, Suite 8610
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 48 (Gonzalez)
Position: Support

Dear Senator Gonzalez:

The California Association for Bilingual Education (CABE) is pleased to support SB 48 (Gonzalez), as introduced on December 16, 2024, which would prohibit school districts, county offices of education, or charter schools and their personnel from allowing Immigration and Customs Enforcement access to a school campus without a judicial warrant. To the extent possible, the measure would require local education agencies and their personnel to deny access and documentation, or to disclose or provide education records about a pupil, pupil's family, school employees, or teachers, without a judicial warrant.

CABE believes that California must lead the nation in its vigilant protection and support for the safety and well-being of California's immigrant community who are already facing objectification and are beginning to face harassment and intimidation. Many fear separation from their families, despite their status as citizens or documented residents. Approximately 45 percent of children in our state have at least one immigrant parent. Additionally, 60 percent of children under the age of five speak a language other than English at home, meaning California must create policies that are more purposeful in supporting its students.

This important legislation creates an effective state-wide protocol for handling potentially intrusive and traumatizing activities that can negatively impact all students.

CABE thanks you for your leadership and support on this issue. Should you have any questions regarding our request, feel free to reach out to CABE's Legislative Advocate Jennifer Baker at jbaker@m-w-h.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Edgar Lampkin".

Dr. Edgar Lampkin
CABE Chief Executive Officer

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jennifer Baker".

Jennifer Baker
CABE Legislative Advocate