



Multilingual Educators Transforming Achievement

Possibility, Potential, & Promise for Language Learners

Leveraging AI & Other High-Leverage Practices
for Maximizing Belonging, Engagement, & Achievement

Friday, February 20, 2026 • 3:00 - 7:30

Saturday, February 21, 2026 • 8:00 - 3:30

Stanislaus County Office of Education • 1100 H Street • Modesto, CA 95354

We invite Central Valley educators to join us for a day of learning, collaborating, networking, and celebrating as we explore the critical importance of designing language friendly environments that honor and welcome every child's language and culture in ensuring success for Emergent Multilingual Learners. Join us in learning how we can transform our policies, pedagogies, and practices and leverage our emerging understanding of the power of AI and other high-impact approaches to activate and make visible the genius of our students and to fully engage their unlimited potential.

Confirmed Keynote Speakers

Isabelle C. Hau

Executive Director, Stanford Accelerator for Learning

Jim Cummins (Virtual)

Professor Emeritus

Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto

Naím Juárez Sánchez

Winner, CABE 2025 Student Essay Contest

NEW!

Special Pre-Conference Session

Friday, February 20, 2026

8:00 - 2:00

Trainer Orientation, Dual Language Education Parent Academy

KEVIN CHÁVEZ, CEO, Association of Two-way & Dual Language Education (ATDLE)

FRANCISCA SÁNCHEZ, President, Multilingual Educators Transforming Achievement (META)

This new pre-conference institute is designed for parent education staff and others who work with parent/family engagement. The focus will be on sharing the META/ATDLE Dual Language Parent Academy program/curriculum, and participants will experience components of the curriculum, learn facilitation strategies to deliver the curriculum, and receive access to the Academy scripted slide decks, parent handbooks, and other materials to equip them to convene their own Academies. Participants will also become part of a network with access to further support and mentoring. Capacity: 45

Special Featured Session **NEW!**

Saturday, February 21, 2026

Multilingualism and the California English Learner Roadmap

LAURIE OLSEN

Founding Director and Strategic Advisor to the Sobrato Early Academic Language (SEAL) PreK-3 Initiative

NEW! High School Student Leadership Institute

Saturday, February 21, 2026

8:00 - 3:30

FACILITATOR: MARCOS AGUILAR

Executive Director, Semillas Sociedad Civil-Anahuacalmecac International University Preparatory of North America

Director, American Indian Resurgence Initiative

This institute will focus on engaging high school students in building their knowledge of and leadership around the benefits of multilingualism, linguistic human rights, and advocacy. The students will participate in all the Saturday general sessions as well as in specific leadership sessions designed for the students. Students will receive a free one-year membership in CABE/META as well as a META t-shirt. CAPACITY: 45 Students.



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Confirmed Workshops & Presenters

Crosslinguistic Transfer (Silvia Dorta-Duque de Reyes)
Real: Capturing Students' Multilingual Voices (Parsec Staff)
The Power of Outdoor Learning for EML Students (Craig Strang)
Academic Language Development (Charlene Fried & José Luis Pérez)
Transformative Mathematics Pedagogy (Matt Haber)
Game-Based Early Learning (Rashi Bahri)
AI in the Multilingual Classroom (TBD)

META Champion Awards

Jim Cummins

Professor Emeritus, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education

Babatunde Ilori & Eugene Park

Parsec Education

President's Reception

Friday, February 20th • 6:00 - 7:30

Meet & Greet Our Speakers!!

Doubletree Hotel • 1150 9th Street • Modesto, CA

Prizes & Merchandise

Including FREE Registrations to
ATDLE 26 Conference!

Conference Hotel

Modesto Doubletree Hotel

1150 9th Street • Modesto, CA • 209-526-6000 • 800-222-8733 (Toll-Free)

Dedicated Booking Link: <https://group.doubletree.com/zwe32n>

Booking Group Code: 902

Discounted Rate Cutoff Date: January 30, 2026

Registration *

<https://tinyurl.com/3shdkfp2>

Early Bird Registration

Deadline: December 10, 2025

Pre-Conference + Conference

META Member \$225
Other \$245

Conference Only

META Member \$210
Other \$225

Pre-Registration

Deadline: February 13, 2026

Pre-Conference + Conference

META Member \$245
Other \$285

Conference Only

META Member \$225
Other \$245

In Site Registration

(Conference Only)

LIMITED AVAILABILITY
\$345

High School Student Leadership Institute

School Teams of 4-8
\$10/Student

Individual Student Registration
\$50

Contact Information

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For more information about the sessions and speakers, or to become a META member, visit the META website:

<https://metacabe.org>



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