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"Biliteracy, Multicultural Competency, & Educational Equity for All"

Dear CABE Members and Partners,

After three years of leadership, Dr. Lampkin will be concluding his tenure as CEO of the California Association for Bilingual Education.

During his time with CABE, the organization has remained steadfast in its commitment to multilingual learners and immigrant communities. Please join us in thanking Dr. Lampkin for his dedication and in wishing him continued success in his future endeavors. You will find a letter from Dr. Lampkin attached to this email.

The Board of Directors is committed to a seamless transition and has appointed former Deputy Director, Ms. Cynthia Vásquez Pettit, as Interim CEO, and former CEO, Ms. Jan Gustafson-Corea, as Senior Executive Advisor, effective April 13, 2026. Both bring deep knowledge of CABE's operations and a strong understanding of the organization's mission. We are confident that, with their leadership and support, CABE will continue to thrive in advancing high-quality services and advocacy for multilingual learners across the state.

At the same time, we are launching a formal search for our next CEO, with the goal of a July 1, 2026, start date.

We want to assure our members, partners, and stakeholders that all services, programs, and events will continue as planned. We remain fully committed to maintaining the high level of support you have come to expect over the past 50 years.

For any immediate or time-sensitive matters regarding partnerships or upcoming events, please feel free to contact Ms. Vásquez Pettit at cynthia@gocabe.org and Ms. Gustafson Corea at janicecg2@gmail.com.

With gratitude,
Karling Aguilera-Fort, Ed.D.

CABE Board President
On behalf of the CABE Board of Directors