



Director of Parent Relations Candidate

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Personal Statement

My name is Bibiana, and I am honored to be a candidate for Director of Parent Relations with the CABE. As a migrant mother of three bilingual children, CABE has been more than an organization to me, it has been a place where I found community, and purpose.

My vision for CABE is to continue strengthening parent engagement by creating more accessible and flexible opportunities for families to learn how to guide and advocate for their children. At a time when education systems and community programs are facing budget cuts, we must think outside the box and design innovative ways to keep parent leadership, training, and engagement strong and reachable for all families. This vision is aligned with CABE's mission of biliteracy, multicultural competency, and educational equity for all. I believe that when parents are informed, empowered, and connected, students thrive.

For over 15 years, I have served as a dedicated parent volunteer and leader in my children's schools and community. My experience includes serving as President of DELAC and ELAC, School Site Council, and holding various leadership roles that support family engagement and student success. I also served as President of CABE Chapter 76 (Woodland/Yolo), and I currently serve as a Board Member. In 2022, I was deeply honored to be recognized as CABE Parent of the Year.

My educational and professional journey has also shaped my leadership. I studied Business Management in Mexico, and worked as a high school teacher, supporting students develop academic and vocational skills. In the United States, I served as a paraprofessional supporting newcomers and English learners at the middle school level. I am also a local business owner, and previously worked as a Promotora de Salud in my community, supporting families with health education and access to resources.

These experiences strengthened my ability to serve families from different perspectives, education, health, and community development and have deepened my commitment to equity and access.

My leadership is rooted in service, collaboration, and lived experience. I understand the challenges families face because I have lived them. I also understand the power of collective voice and the importance of building strong bridges between schools and communities. I am committed to expanding CABA's reach so more families can access the tools, knowledge, and confidence they need to support their children's academic journey.

I strongly believe that being bilingual and biliterate opens doors that can never be taken away. Education, language, and culture remain part of who we are, even as migrants building new lives in another country. Preserving our culture is essential to identity and belonging, and it builds empathy toward other cultures. In today's global world, multilingualism is not optional it is essential for opportunity, understanding, and success.

Serving as Director of Parent Relations would allow me to continue elevating parent voices, strengthening partnerships, and advancing CABA's mission. I am ready to continue this work with passion, dedication, innovation, and a deep commitment to the families we serve.

I would greatly appreciate your vote.

Sincerely,
Bibiana

I lead with heart and lived experience as a migrant mother of three bilingual children. With over 15 years of leadership and recognition as CABA Parent of the Year (2022), I have lived the struggles, sacrifices, and strength that education brings. I believe multilingualism and multiculturalism aren't optional, they are essential to identity, opportunity, and belonging. I have seen how informed and supported parents can transform their children's future. Families must be heard and included as partners in education. I am committed to strengthening parent engagement and building bridges between CABA and families through inclusive and innovative approaches, with passion.

Testimonio personal

Lidero con el corazón y con mi experiencia como madre migrante de tres hijos bilingües. Con más de 15 años de liderazgo y reconocida como Madre del Año de CABA (2022), he vivido los sacrificios/beneficios que la educación implica. Creo que el multilingüismo y la multiculturalidad no son opcionales, son esenciales para la identidad, la oportunidad y el sentido de pertenencia. He visto cómo padres informados y guiados pueden transformar el futuro de sus hijos. Las familias deben ser escuchadas e incluidas como verdaderos socios en la educación. Me comprometo a fortalecer la participación familiar con enfoques inclusivos e innovadores.