



President-Elect Candidate

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Personal Statement

My vision for CABE is rooted in a future of biliteracy and innovation, informed by a career that has solidified my conviction that multicultural competency and educational equity are fundamental human rights. At a time when multilingual learners face persistent inequities in access, staffing shortages, and shifting policy landscapes, our work is more urgent than ever. If elected President, I will prioritize a call to action by amplifying the voices of those closest to the work, engaging members and chapter leaders across the state to keep CABE forward-thinking, proactive, and innovative. We must explore current realities including promoting ethical, effective uses of AI and technology to driving long-term academic success while still supporting language development and early literacy. By strengthening whole-child and family-centered approaches at every level, we will ensure true linguistic and systemic equity. This commitment is built upon a 28-year journey as a champion for English Learners that defines my leadership and my calling—a path that spans from my own time as a student to my years serving them. For the past 12 years as Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, I have led systemic efforts to advance academic excellence for diverse student populations. Prior to this, I served for seven years as a Dual Immersion Principal, where I witnessed firsthand the transformative power of biliteracy. My foundation as a classroom teacher for a decade and an Assistant Principal for three years ensures that my decisions remain grounded in the daily realities of educators, students, and families.

My leadership within CABE further reflects this deep commitment to servant leadership. As Region 5 Representative for four years and Vice President for the past three, I have worked alongside our chapters to strengthen our grassroots network and expand engagement. Furthermore, my eight-year tenure on the ACSA Region XV Board and my leadership within the local Kiwanis club demonstrate a proven ability to align high-level policy with fiscal oversight and community impact.

To advance our mission, I will foster a deep sense of belonging by ensuring our members' insights directly inform our path forward. If elected, I will establish a President's Leadership Forum, creating a dedicated space for chapter leaders, emerging educators, and family representatives to provide the diverse perspectives necessary for a transparent strategic direction. This forum will engage the multitude of talents across our membership, strengthening our CABE comunidad y familia.

I am also committed to elevating our platform to better celebrate our members' successes. By highlighting local impact stories through newsletters, digital communications, and collaborations with community partners and legislators, we will showcase the collective power of our grassroots work. These efforts will reinforce a culture where multilingualism is recognized as a powerful asset, moving us toward measurable progress and strengthened outcomes for every learner in California. I bring the grit of a career educator and the strategic vision of a seasoned leader. Together, we will lead CABE toward a multilingual future where every student, family, and educator is seen, valued, and empowered to thrive.

As a CABE Board member since 2019, I have prioritized service, relationships, and collaboration. As Region 5 Representative and Vice President, I have worked with our regions and chapters to strengthen their growth and impact. If elected, I will continue partnering with colleagues, members, and stakeholders to advance a model of shared leadership where every voice is valued. I am deeply committed to advancing equity and biliteracy for all students through our collective efforts. I am ready to lead with clarity, courage, and action, and would be honored to serve. I respectfully ask for your vote.

Testimonio personal

Como miembro de la Mesa Directiva de CABE desde 2019, he priorizado el servicio, las relaciones y la colaboración. Como representante de la Región 5 y vicepresidenta, he trabajado con nuestras regiones y capítulos para fortalecer su crecimiento e impacto. De ser elegida, continuaré colaborando con colegas, miembros y aliados para promover un modelo de liderazgo compartido donde cada voz sea valorada. Estoy profundamente comprometida con avanzar la equidad y el bilingüismo para todos los estudiantes a través de nuestros esfuerzos colectivos. Estoy lista para liderar con claridad, valentía y acción. Será un honor servirles y pido respetuosamente su voto.