



## Vice President Candidate

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### Personal Statement

I am honored to submit my candidacy for Vice President of CABE. I am confident that I am well-qualified to serve on the Board of Directors based on my extensive and diverse experiences in education, as well as my longstanding commitment to CABE's mission. My passion has always been to serve ALL students, educators, families, and communities by advancing CABE's vision of biliteracy, multicultural competency, and educational equity. I am deeply committed to continuing this work and making meaningful, influential contributions that strengthen our organization and the communities we serve.

For over 25 years, I have been an active member of CABE, contributing as a conference presenter and serving nine years on the Board of Directors as a Region III Representative, Director of Community Affairs, and President. These roles have provided me with a comprehensive understanding of CABE's structure, goals, and impact. Through my involvement in advocacy-focused initiatives such as the PROMISE Initiative, I have collaborated with educators and leaders across the state to promote equitable outcomes for multilingual learners. These experiences have strengthened my ability to motivate, organize, and support others as we work collectively toward a shared vision.

With more than 35 years in education, I have served in a wide range of roles, including teacher in bilingual and Dual Immersion programs, site coordinator, bilingual resource teacher, staff developer, curriculum writer, consultant, county coordinator, and Executive Director. Each of these roles has deepened my expertise and reinforced my commitment to student success. As a classroom teacher, I developed strong skills in differentiating instruction to meet the needs of students. As a coordinator and leader, I have supported teachers and administrators in implementing research-based practices and developing effective programs for multilingual learners. My work with the Orange County Department of Education allowed me to collaborate regionally with multiple counties to promote biliteracy and

multicultural education. Through training in Adaptive Schools and Cognitive Coaching, I have been able to effectively support districts and school teams in building capacity and improving instructional practices. Additionally, my experience in curriculum development and teacher training has enabled me to guide educators in delivering high-quality, standards-based instruction.

In leadership roles I have supervised both classified and certificated staff, supported district and site leaders, and worked closely with families and community partners. I have contributed to the development of district-wide English Language Development programs, LCAP, and DLI pathways in Spanish and Vietnamese. My oversight of grants, state and federal reporting, and compliance processes has strengthened my organizational and collaborative skills while reinforcing the importance of accountability and relationship-building at all levels.

Beyond my professional work, I remain committed to service in my community. I volunteer weekly at my church, assisting in administrative roles and providing Spanish interpretation during services, as well as supporting community events. These experiences reflect my dedication to serving others and fostering inclusive environments. As Vice President, I will continue to support CABE's vision and mission and I am eager to bring my experience, leadership, and passion to this role.

With over 35 years in education and 30 years of active involvement in CABE, as your Vice President I will bring extensive leadership experience and a deep commitment to advancing biliteracy, multicultural competency, and educational equity. I have served in multiple roles, including Board President, and have supported initiatives that promote success for multilingual learners. My experience as an educator, leader, and advocate has prepared me to effectively support CABE's mission. I am dedicated to collaboration, accountability, and service, and I look forward to contributing to the continued growth and impact of our organization and communities.

## Testimonio personal

Con más de 35 años en la educación y 30 de participación en CABE, como Vicepresidenta contribuiré una amplia experiencia en liderazgo y el avance de la bilingüidad, la competencia multicultural y la equidad educativa. He servido en múltiples funciones, incluyendo la de Presidenta de la Mesa Directiva, y he apoyado iniciativas que promueven el éxito de los estudiantes multilingües. Mi experiencia como educadora, líder y defensora me ha preparado para apoyar la misión de CABE. Estoy comprometida con la colaboración, la rendición de cuentas y el servicio, y contribuiré al crecimiento continuo y al impacto de nuestra organización.