Dear CABE 2020 Participants:

On behalf of the CABE Board of Directors, it is my honor and pleasure to welcome you to San Francisco, one of the most richly diverse cities in the world. This city is the perfect venue for the theme of our 45th annual conference, CABE 2020: A Perfect Vision for Multiculturalism and Multiliteracy. There is no place more appropriate for honoring and celebrating the many varied cultures and languages of our students, families and communities.

Language and culture are fundamentally essential to and dependent on each other. I am living proof of how critical the understanding and integration of language and culture are to becoming a fully proficient and well-rounded multi-lingual and multicultural individual. As the daughter of monolingual English-speaking parents of Scottish and French descent, I moved with my family to Guaymas, Sonora, Mexico when my father was transferred by NASA to work at the Guaymas Tracking Station. Suddenly, my entire family found itself completely immersed in the Spanish language and Mexican culture. This experience fomented the love I have for different cultures and languages and has been instrumental, not only to my own bilingual/bicultural upbringing, but to that of my children. Without that experience, I would not be the person I have become today.

Over three years ago, Proposition 58 passed. Since then, we’ve been assisting and supporting school districts in the development, expansion or implementation of well-rounded Dual Language and Biliteracy programs, including the EL Roadmap as a guide. And now in 2020 it’s time to put our Perfect Vision for Multiculturalism and Multiliteracy into practice. During the conference this week, I challenge you to be intentional in gathering information and getting inspired to be strategic in moving this vision into action at your school or district.

Collectively, as a CABE familia, I call on us to stand stronger than ever as an educational organization, a cross-border community of friends, and a committed collective of colleagues and advocates that exemplify the value and richness we see in each student’s life. I call on us to stand firm in support of our families and community members with compassion and kindness that celebrates languages and cultures, not only in our schools, but in our homes and in our communities in order for us to implement the Perfect Vision for Multiculturalism and Multiliteracy.

Join me, the CABE Board of Directors, our amazing CABE team, and all of our participants at CABE 2020 in putting into action the Perfect Vision for Multiculturalism and Multiliteracy.

Welcome to San Francisco!

Olivia Yahya
CABE Board President
Dear CABE Familia:

What an honor to welcome you to CABE 2020—our 45th anniversary as an organization that is dedicated to a vision of *Biliteracy, Multicultural Competency and Educational Equity for All!* Since 1975 we have come together as educators, parents, leaders, students, and community members to celebrate and work towards the success of our biliteracy and English Learner programs. CABE 2020 has so much to offer, and we are so glad you are here in beautiful San Francisco!

The theme for this year’s conference is CABE 2020: A Perfect Vision for Multiculturalism and Multiliteracy! After 45 years, that vision is razor sharp. CABE is committed more than ever to supporting and building strong, sustainable and successful language rich and culturally responsive school communities and programs. With the support and the vision of the English Learner Roadmap, Global California 2030, and the implementation of Prop 58, our opportunity is **NOW** to bring a clear “20/20 vision” to the power of multilingual programs in our schools.

We come together at CABE 2020 with a continued sense of growth and movement in our state towards expanding dual language immersion and other multiliteracy programs from early education to the university level, the continued growth of the State Seal of Biliteracy, the powerful engagement of parents, families and community members, and the systemic support of educational leaders at the state, regional and local levels. Are there still challenges? Of course, there are—and that continues to motivate us! With intentionality and focus, we unite together to strategize, ideate, and act together to continue moving forward!

CABE 2020 offers the opportunity to refuel your instructional tool bag, to be inspired and build a sense of renewal, and to stand together with fellow educators and community members in support of our students and families of richly diverse cultural, racial and linguistic backgrounds.

CABE 2020 is a safe and secure place to celebrate our diversities and to come together to learn, share our stories, and to stand together to uplift, support and defend the uniquely diverse student and community populations we serve in our schools each and every day.

There are a few things I would like to ask you as you embark on these powerful four days:
- **Become a CABE member** and join an amazing network of educators;
- **Stop by the CABE booth in the Exhibit Hall** to learn about our vast offerings and resources for parents and educators;
- **Connect to CABE through Facebook, Instagram and Twitter**—you will see photos and updates from this week’s conference and can keep up-to-date with the latest news and resources;
- **Visit the Exhibit Hall each day** and show our sponsors and exhibitors that we appreciate their commitment towards providing linguistically and culturally appropriate materials;
- **Be attuned at how you can make your voice heard through Legislative Action**—what happens in Sacramento and Washington DC impacts you in the classroom and in your community;
- **Stay connected**—with each other and with CABE—we are a powerful and supportive familia!

I invite you to participate in CABE 2020 as a space to feel connected and supported, to be embraced by powerful learning, and to have an opportunity to reflect and be mindful of your professional needs as well as those of your students.

**On behalf of Team CABE, welcome to CABE 2020! I look forward, as always, to spending this week with you!**

Jan Gustafson-Corea
CABE CEO