



Dear California Parents, Family Members and Educators:

CABE is committed to a vision of Biliteracy, Educational Equity and 21st Century Success for all and to especially provide support to students and families of diverse language and cultural backgrounds. We deeply value the rich and beautifully varied experiences that all our students and their families offer.

Sadly, we are experiencing an unprecedented time in our communities, state and country where immigrants and community members of diverse cultural, linguistic, racial and religious backgrounds are being targeted, harassed, bullied and intimidated solely based on their immigration status, their racial and cultural backgrounds, and the languages that they speak. This has created a state of uncertainty, fear and mistrust for families and students in our schools, and understandably, many are grappling with how to respond. However, **WE MUST RESPOND** and stand up for the rights and fair, equitable and kind treatment of all students and families in our schools and communities.

Parents are our students' first and most important teachers, and CABE is committed to supporting, empowering and engaging parents and other family and community members to have the tools, knowledge and confidence to address the unjust issues that many are facing today. Through this toolkit, generously supported by The California Endowment, CABE offers a trainer of trainer approach to provide parents, community members and educators with updated and current information regarding immigration rights and key resources and strategies that can be shared and supported in school environments.

No child should feel fear or trepidation regarding her/his safety in our schools and communities, and this resource provides the right information and strategies to support the creation and maintenance of safe and welcoming learning environments and communities.

Thank you for your commitment to our students and to making their world, *our world*, a welcoming, safe, and supportive environment for all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jan Gustafson-Corea".

Jan Gustafson-Corea
CABE, Chief Executive Officer