UPDATE ON CABE 2020: The Annual Conference of the California Association for Bilingual Education, April 8-11, 2020, in San Francisco

As reports of COVID-19 (the novel coronavirus) increase in the U.S., we would like to take this time to assure you that CABE is monitoring the situation very closely and is in communication with officials in San Francisco regarding our upcoming annual conference, CABE 2020. We share the concerns of our community, CABE membership and partners and are making the health and safety of all our top priority.

CABE 2020 will be held April 8-11 in San Francisco at the Hilton Union Square. As of Friday, March 6, 2020, the California Department of Public Health is not recommending the cancellation of public events. As quoted from their website:

“Should public events be cancelled?
The California Department of Public Health is not recommending the cancellation of public events. The health risk from COVID-19 to the general public remains low at this time. California state and local health officials are actively working to help protect the health of Californians.

California has a limited number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 and we don’t have indication of it spreading widely in our communities at this time. California state and local health officials are actively working to help protect the health of Californians.

Communication
We understand and share the concern regarding the Coronavirus and will continue to closely monitor and communicate with all participants and partners. As we are approximately one month from the start of the conference, we encourage staying in close contact with CABE for any updates prior to considering any changes in schedules or travel.

Education and Awareness
We highly recommend that our participants, members, staff and partners follow the recommendations for COVID-19 Preparedness provided by the CDC and many agencies as the best way to reduce their risk of getting sick:

• Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds;
• Cover your cough or sneeze;
• Stay home if you are sick;
• Get your flu shot to protect against flu or symptoms similar to COVID-19;
• Try alternatives to shaking hands, like an elbow bump or wave; and
• If you have recently returned from a country with ongoing COVID-19 infections, monitor your health and follow the instructions of public health officials.
• There is no recommendation to wear masks at this time to prevent yourself from getting sick.

Further information can be found at:

• https://www.sfdph.org/dph/default.asp
• https://sf.gov/
• https://www.cdph.ca.gov/
• https://www.cdc.gov/

Please contact CABE at customerservice@gocabe.org if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support and partnership with CABE.
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Dear CABE 2020 Participants, Exhibitors, Sponsors and Partners:

CABE 2020 is scheduled to take place April 8-11, 2020 in San Francisco. The city of San Francisco recently announced a local state of emergency in preparation to address the coronavirus. San Francisco Mayor Breed stated, “There have been no confirmed coronavirus cases in San Francisco to date, but as infections continue to rise across the world, we need to allocate more resources to make sure we are prepared.”

CABE is maintaining close contact with the city of San Francisco on their decision and next steps. We understand it is a preventive step and see no changes that would impact the CABE 2020 conference. The following links provides the most current information we have received from experts at the following departments:

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are closely monitoring and taking steps to contain the coronavirus, known as COVID-19, in the U.S.
- The San Francisco Department of Public Health is providing updated information about prevention and control of the virus within the city.
- The Department of Homeland Security is providing updated information related to travel restrictions and enhanced screening procedures for travelers going between China and the U.S.
- At San Francisco International Airport, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) are conducting health screenings for eligible international arriving passengers, and providing guidance on necessary health measures.
- Office of the Mayor of San Francisco Press Release proving the latest news from the office of San Francisco Mayor London Breed.

We are dedicated to keeping our participants informed and to maintain a safe environment along with powerful professional learning in support of our English Learner and Biliteracy students. Regular updates will be posted on the CABE 2020 (www.cabe2020.org) and the CABE homepage (www.gocabe.org). Thank you.

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