Walnut, California, May 24, 2023 – The California Association for Bilingual Education (CABE) Board of Directors is thrilled to announce the appointment of Dr. Edgar Lampkin as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Driven by a deep commitment to promoting biliteracy, multicultural competency, and educational equity, Dr. Lampkin is poised to lead CABE into a transformative era of inclusive and empowering education. He will assume the role on July 1, 2023; Jan Gustafson-Corea will continue in her service as CEO through June 30, and then transition to the role of Senior Consultant to support the CEO transition period and provide support to special projects.

Dr. Edgar Lampkin is a highly respected leader in the field of bilingual education, renowned for his visionary approach and tireless advocacy for equitable learning opportunities. With an extensive background in linguistics, multicultural education, and educational leadership, Dr. Lampkin brings a unique blend of expertise to his role as CEO.

"We are delighted to welcome Dr. Edgar Lampkin as the new CEO of CABE," said Dr. Barbara Flores, President of the Board of Directors. "His passion for biliteracy and educational equity aligns perfectly with CABE's mission, and we are confident that under his leadership, CABE will make significant strides in advancing bilingual education in California and beyond."

Dr. Lampkin's appointment comes at a pivotal moment when the importance of fostering bilingualism, cultural understanding, and educational equity has never been more crucial. With a diverse student population, California requires visionary leaders like Dr. Lampkin to champion the rights of linguistically and culturally diverse learners.

"I am honored to join CABE as its CEO and contribute to the organization's critical work in advancing biliteracy, multicultural competency, and educational equity," expressed Dr. Edgar Lampkin. "I firmly believe that embracing students' linguistic and cultural backgrounds is not only a social justice imperative but also an essential driver of academic success. I am excited to collaborate with the CABE Board and Staff, educators, families, partners, and stakeholders across the state to promote inclusive educational practices that empower all learners."

As CEO, Dr. Lampkin will leverage his expertise to further CABE’s vision of promoting biliteracy, multicultural competency, and educational equity for all. His strategic leadership will encompass expanding professional development opportunities for educators, advocating for policies that support bilingual education, and fostering collaboration with stakeholders to create inclusive learning environments.

Under Dr. Lampkin’s guidance, CABE is poised to embark on and expand upon an ambitious agenda, including the development of comprehensive resources and training programs for educators, engaging families and communities in the educational process, and advocating for equitable educational policies at the state and national levels.