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State Bilingual Conference to Focus on Methods, Issues and Challenges of Helping Students Learn English

Feb. 25-28 Event in Long Beach to Draw Up to 5,000 Attendees; Yearly Gathering Also Features Special Teacher and Parent Awards

WHAT: The California Association for Bilingual Education's 34th Annual Conference — a 4-day event geared for K-12 educators who serve English Learners and students learning other languages. As many as 5,000 are expected to attend, including school administrators, teachers, language specialists, parents and others. The state conference is the largest of its kind in the nation.

WHY: To provide research-based, standards-aligned workshops — including special institutes — that will enhance the teaching skills and classroom practices of attendees, and to study the issues and challenges of culturally & linguistically appropriate learning programs for students.

WHEN: **Feb. 25 - 28, 2009** Select key events and times listed below:

Wed/25th — CABE District of the Year Awards (4:00 – 4:30 p.m.)
— Opening Keynote: CTA President David Sanchez (4:30 – 5:30 p.m.)

Thur/26th — Keynote Address: Author/Spoken Word Poet Bryonn Bain (8:30 – 9:30 a.m.)
— CABE Educator and Parent of the Year Awards (12:30 – 2:00 p.m.)
— General Membership Meeting (6:00 – 7:00 p.m.)

Fri/27th — Keynote Address: Harvard Professor Karen Mapp (8:30 – 9:30 a.m.)
— Administrative Leadership Symposium (10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.)
— CABE Seal of Excellence Awards/Student Essay Winners (7:00 – 9:00 p.m.)

Sat/28th — Closing Keynote: Simon Silva, noted author and artist (9:00 – 10:30 a.m.)

WHERE: Long Beach Convention Center, 300 East Ocean Blvd., Long Beach 90802

WHO: CABE is a Covina-based nonprofit organization that promotes educational excellence and equity for English language learners, and represents the professional educators who serve them. CABE members are teachers, administrators, college instructors, researchers, publishers, parents, students and other advocates of language-minority children.

INFO: A Media Room will be available. For more conference details: www.bilingualeducation.org

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