



**Multilingual Educators  
Transforming Achievement**

# Every School a Language Friendly School

*Creating Affirming Environments for Language Learner Success*

Friday, January 31, 2025 • 4:00 - 7:30

Saturday, February 1, 2025 • 8:00 - 4:00

Stanislaus County Office of Education • 1100 H Street • Modesto, CA 95354

We invite Central Valley educators to join us for a day of learning, collaborating, networking, and celebrating as we explore the critical importance of investing in the creation of language friendly environments that honor and welcome every child's language and culture in ensuring success for Emergent Multilingual Learners. Join us in learning how we can transform our pedagogy and practice to activate and make visible the genius of our students and to fully engage their unlimited potential.

## Confirmed Keynote Sessions

### *Multilingualism and the California English Learner Roadmap*

LAURIE OLSEN, Founding Director and Strategic Advisor to the Sobrato Early Academic Language (SEAL) PreK-3 Initiative

### *The Language Friendly Schools Movement*

ELLEN-ROSE KAMBEL, Executive Director, Rutu Foundation for Multilingual Learning  
EMMANUELLE LE PICHON-VORSTMAN, Associate Professor of Linguistics, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education

### *Promoting Multilingualism through Transformative Leadership*

ANA DEGENNA, Superintendent, Oxnard School District

## Confirmed Workshops & Presenters

AI & Diverse Language Learners (David Calvo)

Academic Language Development (Charlene Fried & José Luis Pérez)

Unsilencing Language (Liliana Sánchez)

Transforming Newcomer Programs (Sam Finn, Lindsey Bird, & Amalia Herrera)

Transformative Mathematics Pedagogy (Matt Haber)

Graduate Profiles & Emergent Multilingual Learners (Roman Stearns)



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## Additional Invited Presenters

Mahbuba Hammad  
Babatunde Ilori

A New Resource for Teaching U.S. History  
Clarity: An Innovative Accountability Platform

## Invited Special Guests

Tony Plana  
Actor  
Multilingual Education Advocate

Jim Cummins (via video)  
Professor Emeritus, OISE  
Ambassador, Language Friendly Schools

Miguel Cardona  
United States Secretary of Education

## Special Features

META CHAMPION Award  
Milton Chen  
Executive Director Emeritus  
George Lucas Education Foundation

Meet the Speakers Reception  
Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup> • 6:00 - 7:30  
Doubletree Hotel, Modesto

Gifts & Prizes  
Including  
CABE 2026 Registration!

## Registration

Pre-Registration (Deadline 1/20/25)  
META Members: \$225  
All Others: \$265  
<https://tinyurl.com/METAevent2125>

On-Site Registration  
Subject to Availability: \$325

## Contact Information

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For more information about the sessions and speakers, or to become a META member, go to:

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