

NABE's Message of Sympathy and Hope for these Difficult Times

Dear NABE Familia, your health and safety and that of our students is our top priority and we are very sensitive to the global and devastating impact that the Corona Virus (COVID-19) pandemic continues to have around the world and in particular right here in the United States. Information to date suggests that COVID-19 causes mild-to-moderate illness and symptoms like the flu, including fever, cough, and difficulty breathing sometimes causing death.

With this in mind, and consistent with recommendations from the President, the CDC and State and Local Governments for social distancing, staying at home and following all of the health and safety recommendations to minimize the spread of the Corona virus, the NABE Board of Directors met in an emergency session on Monday of this week and made the decision to cancel the annual face-to-face Dual Language Symposiums offered in the summer and fall of this year. However, the board and staff will continue to explore all online options, via social media, and its new learning portal (nabe.readylxp.com), to provide support and professional development for Dual Language Learners and teachers. In addition, the board has temporarily postponed any decisions for a face-to-face installation and reorganization meeting normally held in early July to install the new board.

As you are well aware, because of the severe impact of this global pandemic on the health and safety of all individuals, many of our International Affiliates, especially from China and Europe, were unable to attend NABE's 49th Annual Conference in Las Vegas. The impact of this global pandemic has also affected many of our other domestic affiliates and coalition partners who, sadly, have all had to cancel their annual conferences this year.

We urge all of our members, partners and affiliates to closely monitor the various news media for any and all appropriate medical and governmental updates and announcements so that, in an abundance of caution, you may govern yourselves and protect your families accordingly. NABE will continue to issue any appropriate alerts on this very tragic and trying situation on our website and eNews as it may become available and relevant. So we urge you to please stay in touch and to reach out to us via email or talk to us on social media forums and tell us what you want to hear and see from us as we are all going through these very tough times together.

Finally, NABE joins other voices in offering special prayers and positive thoughts for the doctors, nurses, medical personnel and first responders who are sacrificing their own health and safety in service to others as they attempt to care for and try to comfort and save those in need. NABE extends heartfelt sympathy and prayers of comforts to the families affected by this illness.

Remember that, in the words of Willie Jolley, "Our Setbacks, can be the platform from which we launch our greatest comebacks...Life often deals us a bad hand and it is up to us to control how we respond. Every time we have a setback, it's an opportunity for us to run it into a triumph." – A Setback Is a Setup for a Comeback by Willie Jolley -

"¡Sí se puede!"

Dr. Josefina Tinajero, President

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