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Multilingual Education Services team receives 2015 Vision and Action award from NABE

SAN JOSE, CA – The Santa Clara County Office of Education’s (SCCOE) Multilingual Education Services department has been chosen as the recipient of the National Association for Bilingual Education’s (NABE) prestigious *Vision and Action: Promoting Biliteracy for All Award* for 2015.

This award recognizes organizations that have made significant contributions to advancing NABE’s vision for promoting biliteracy for all students. According to NABE, the SCCOE was chosen as this year’s recipient because of its history as a trailblazer and advocate on behalf of English learners and its commitment to promoting biliteracy as an essential 21st century skill.

“I am extremely proud of our Multilingual Education Services staff and director Dr. Yee Wan, whose work has supported our schools and districts in providing multiple opportunities for the study of world languages,” said Jon R. Gundy, County Superintendent of Schools. “Resources and materials developed by our staff, including the *Educating for Global Competence: The Value of Multilingualism* communications toolkit, have been made available to schools, districts and educational agencies at the local, state and national level.”

In addition to the creation of a communications toolkit, the SCCOE’s Multilingual Education Services department has promoted bilingual education through the [Seal of Biliteracy and Pathway Award](#) program. This program was the recipient of the [2014 Golden Bell Award](#) given by the California School Boards Association.

NABE is a national organization committed to excellence in bilingual and biliteracy education for students through enrichment programs, professional development and advocacy. NABE currently represents more than 3,500 bilingual education teachers, administrators, school board members, researchers and parents,

The SCCOE’s Multilingual Education Services team will receive their award at a recognition ceremony to be held in March at the NABE Annual Conference.

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