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**County Superintendent joins in celebration on Capitol Hill recognizing
April as National Bilingual/Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month**

SAN JOSE, CA – County Superintendent of Schools Jon Gundry and Dr. Yee Wan, Director of Multilingual Educational Services, represented the Santa Clara County Office of Education on Capitol Hill this morning to celebrate April as National Bilingual/Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month.



Pictured, from left: Congressman Mike Honda, County Superintendent of Schools Jon Gundry and Dr. Yee Wan, Director of Multilingual Education Services.

A resolution was passed unanimously by the National Association for Bilingual Education (NABE) and introduced to the House of Representatives by Congressman Mike Honda. Dr. Wan is also the current president of NABE.

“The Santa Clara County Office of Education is committed to promoting success for English learners,” Gundry said. “Today’s resolution is a chance to spotlight our bilingual/multilingual learners at the national level and further our commitment to support their success.”

There are more than 4.4 million English learners in America’s public schools, including many from immigrant families. In Santa Clara County, 24 percent of students enrolled in 2014-15 were categorized as English learners and approximately 15 percent were fluent English proficient students, according to the California Department of Education.

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.

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