



CALIFORNIANS TOGETHER

CHAMPIONING THE SUCCESS
OF ENGLISH LEARNERS

We need 1-3 minutes of your time to push critical legislation past the finish line and ensure that our education system better serves English learners, dual language learners, and newcomer students. Four bills that Californians Together supported this legislative session are one signature away from becoming law. By taking just a few simple steps, you can send a message to Governor Newsom that you support these bills too.

Take Action

Contact Governor Newsom and make your voice heard by leaving a message on the Governor's portal. Here's how:

1. Visit the [Contact the Governor](#) page.
2. On the topic dropdown, select "An Active Bill"
3. Under "What specific bill" type in the bill number, or scroll down to the bill(s) you would like to support
4. Select "Leave a Comment"
5. Click "Next"
6. Select "Pro"
7. Enter your message before submitting.

View [sample messages](#).

AB 370 (Addis) – The Biliteracy Inclusion Act

This legislation will update the criteria for earning the State Seal of Biliteracy by expanding options for students to demonstrate proficiency in English and a second language. Doing so will be crucial to ensuring that more students have access to pathways for attaining the prestigious seal. Californians Together was proud to sponsor this legislation with the California Association of Bilingual Education.

See here for a [sample message](#).

AB 393 (Rivas) – Dual Language Learners

The state does not currently have a way to identify dual language learners in the California Early Learning and Care system. It would create a process for relevant state agencies to identify dual language learners for the purposes of collecting and leveraging data to ensure that leaders and practitioners have the information they need to best serve their needs. Californians Together was proud to sponsor this legislation with Early Edge and the California Association of Bilingual Education.

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AB 714 (McCarty) – Newcomer Students

This legislation would require the California Department of Education to provide districts with guidance to best support newcomer students—students who recently arrived in the US. It also creates a definition for newcomer students and requires the collection of data to inform actions and programs for LEAs to meet newcomer student needs.

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AB 1127 (Reyes) – Bilingual Professional Development Program

AB 1127 will revise and re-establish the Bilingual Professional Development Program—a successful teacher workforce tool for addressing the bilingual teacher shortage across the state. Signing this bill into law would be a win for emerging educators, students, and families seeking bilingual education programs. Californians Together was proud to sponsor this legislation with the California Association of Bilingual Education.

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