

The Coronavirus outbreak has impacted communities across the United States and around the world. People from all walks of life have been adversely affected in many ways during this extremely challenging time of uncertainty. Our multilingual and immigrant students and families are considered to be one of the most vulnerable populations affected due to the disruption of the academic and socioeconomic support they receive at school.

To help these students continue their learning, the National Association of Bilingual Education (NABE) and the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) under the direction of County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, are making three recommendations to help prioritize resources for districts and schools during this global pandemic and school closure to student attendance.

1. Create a sense of community by finding ways to connect with students and families through formal or informal means. For example, teachers can reach out to students or their families directly through email or a phone call.
2. Identify the following available resources and opportunities:
 - Meals for students and/or families
 - Multilingual resources including interpretation and translation to communicate updates in a timely manner. Parents and students provided with where and how to access resources in schools and communities.
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April is National Bilingual/Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month! NABE was proud to play an instrumental role in working with former Congressman Mike Honda and the SCCOE in initiating this landmark celebration, which honors nearly five million multilingual learners, their families and educators across our country. During this time of unprecedented changes, NABE and the SCCOE are even more committed to responding to the urgency and the concerns that are being felt for multilingual and immigrant families across school communities. We understand it may be difficult to find and access resources and have provided a list of services with important information. You can access the list of curated resources [here](#) or you can also share your resources via Twitter using #nationmla and #MultilingualAdvocacy. You are also invited to join the conversation.