



# BULLETIN

ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION FOR MULTILINGUAL MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION

## ISBE Requests \$66 Million for State Bilingual and ESL Programs, a \$2 Million Increase for Next School Year

The Illinois State Board of Education has requested \$66 million dollars for transitional bilingual education (TBE) programs and transitional programs of instruction (TPI). Last year's state TBE/TPI budget was approximately \$64 million dollars. Despite this \$2 million increase for this upcoming fiscal year, the figure still falls short of what IAMME had recommended at ISBE hearings held in January (See testimony on page 5). For example, the statewide implementation of the new ACCESS language proficiency assessment, scheduled for Fall 2005, will cost about \$3.5 million.

While the state budget will be debated during these next few months, there is a lot of movement for the state to change how it pays for education. Supporters of state education finance reform are advocating

for the raising of income taxes while at the same time lowering property taxes so as to close the gap in funding between wealthy and poor school districts. A grass roots coalition, A+ Illinois, [www.aplusillinois.org](http://www.aplusillinois.org), has been leading the charge. More information on upcoming forums and events on this important issue can be found on their website.

The IAMME Executive Board will be closely following developments in the General Assembly and State Senate in Springfield. Relevant announcements and developments will be posted through the IAMME listserv. If you are not a member of the IAMME listserv, you can join by going to [www.iamme.org](http://www.iamme.org) and clicking on IAMME Listserv.

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## Popular Alma Flor Ada Featured at IAMME Spring Event

On March 7th, over sixty teachers, administrators, and college students had the pleasure of hearing renowned children's literature author **Alma Flor Ada** speak at Elm Place School in Highland Park. The IAMME Spring Event was co-sponsored by Santillana U.S.A. which publishes Alma's early reading series, *Puertas al Sol*, co-authored by F. Isabel Campoy who was also present at the Spring event. Alma Flor Ada has been an advocate of bilingual education for over 35 years and for the

last 20 years has been a professor at the School of Education in the University of San Francisco where she directed the Doctoral Studies program in International/Multicultural Education. But she is most known and admired for the many children's books she has authored such as *I Love Saturdays y Domingos* (2004), *Gathering the Sun: An Alphabet in Spanish and English* (1997), *My Name is Maria Isabel* (1995), and her autobiography, *Under the Royal Palms* (1998), which recounts her childhood in

Cuba and eventual journey to the U.S.

Dr. Ada spoke about the central importance of language in our lives as a vehicle for human achievement and learning, an avenue for social bonding, and a way to express creativity and imagination. This



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# Supporting Bilingualism and Multicultural Education Calendar of Events

## IAMME Monthly Meetings

For more information please call (847) 803-3112 ext 357. All meetings are at 5:30 p.m.

### Upcoming Events and Conferences

#### *Presentation by Pedro Antonio Noguera on Creating Conditions that Promote Student Achievement*

May 2, 2005

The Carlisle, Lombard, Illinois

For registration information, contact the Midwest Principals' Center at 847-963-3123

#### *Bilingual/Dual Language History Fair*

May 7, 2005

Roosevelt High School, 3426 West Wilson Ave, Chicago

For more information, contact Pauline Kochanski at the Chicago Metro History Education Center at 312- 255-3661.

#### *National Association for Bilingual Education (NABE) Annual Conference*

January 18 to 21, 2006

Phoenix, Arizona

For more information, contact NABE at 202-898-1829.

#### *29th Annual Statewide Conf. for Teachers of Linguistically and Culturally Diverse Students*

January 23-26, 2006

Double Tree Hotel (formerly Hyatt Regency Oak Brook), Oak Brook, IL

For more information, contact the IRC at 847-803-3112

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**Historical Background:** Originally, the Illinois Association for Bilingual Education (IABE) was a pioneer affiliate of NABE. It was founded in the early 70's in response to the need for promoting educational services for potentially English proficient (PEP) students in the State of Illinois. In 1988, in an effort to include all educators involved with linguistically and culturally diverse students, the name was changed to the Illinois Association for Multilingual Multicultural Education (IAMME).

#### The Aim of IAMME

- To promote meaningful, effective, and efficient education for linguistically and culturally diverse students which includes the development of multilingualism and multiculturalism for all children.
- To promote quality educational practices for developing an appreciation for cultural and linguistic diversity in a global society.

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