



# BULLETIN

ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION FOR MULTILINGUAL MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION

## State Bilingual Programs to Receive \$2 Million More This Year

The Illinois General Assembly completed its business for spring on the very last day of the legislative session. Both the Senate and House of Representatives approved the Fiscal Year 2006 State budget on partisan roll calls with Democrats supporting it and Republicans voting against it. The education budget included an additional \$2 million dollar increase statewide for transitional bilingual education programs and transitional programs of instruction

making this total appropriation to be about \$66 million dollars. State Senator Miguel del Valle (D-Chicago) and the other members of the Latino caucus were instrumental in making sure that this increase was in the budget. Senator del Valle and all of his colleagues are to be commended for all of their efforts in obtaining these additional bilingual education dollars for English language learners in our state.

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## Nancy Commins to speak on September 23, IAMME's Fall Event

Nancy Commins has worked with linguistically diverse students in a variety of capacities over the past two decades. Her roles have included classroom teacher in both ESOL and bilingual programs, university professor, program director, and school district administrator. She is co-author of *Restructuring Schools for Linguistic Diversity: Linking Decision Making to Effective Programs* and the forthcoming book from Lawrence Erlbaum Associates *Linguistic Diversity and Teaching*. Currently she works as an independent consultant assisting schools and districts in their efforts to improve instruction for linguistically diverse populations. Nancy has been a presenter at our statewide conferences and was featured earlier this year as a keynote

speaker. She is also affiliated with the Bilingual ESL Network at the University of Colorado at Denver.

### **IAMME FALL EVENT**

**When:** Friday, September 23, 2005

**Time:** 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

**Where:** Chicago O'Hare Hotel (formerly the Club Hotel by Doubletree)  
1450 E. Touhy Avenue  
Des Plaines, Illinois  
(corner of Touhy Avenue and Mannheim Road)  
*Parking Available*

**What:** Linguistic Diversity and Teaching

Participants will receive certificates of

attendance for professional development and recertification purposes.

**Registration Deadline is September 20, 2005**

Hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks

Current IAMME Members: \$5.00

Non-IAMME members/renewals: \$35.00 (includes 1 year IAMME membership)

For further information, please call (847) 803-3112, ext 357 or visit our web site - [www.iamme.org/events](http://www.iamme.org/events).

Online registration for this event is available.



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# Supporting Bilingualism and Multicultural Education Calendar of Events

## IAMME Monthly Meetings

Next IAMME Board Meeting: Sunday, September 11, 2005

1:00 pm, 3134 S. Kedvale Avenue, Chicago, IL 60623

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

## Upcoming Events and Conferences

### 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

### Tenth Annual La Cosecha Dual Language Conference

November 9 to 12, 2005

Sheraton Old Town Inn, Albuquerque, New Mexico

For more information, contact Dual Language of New Mexico at 505-243-0648

<http://www.lacosecha2005.org>

### NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND Annual Statewide Conference

February 15 - 17, 2006

Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers, Chicago, Illinois

For more information, contact the Illinois Resource Center at 847-803-3112

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IAMME is a professional organization that promotes high quality educational policies and practices for linguistically and culturally diverse students including English language learners. We believe in the benefits of multilingualism and multiculturalism.

**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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