



ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD



ADRIANA RUIZ

*Principal, Jefferson Elementary
Corona-Norco Unified School District*

Adriana Ruiz is the **CABE 2026 Administrator of the Year**, recognized for more than 34 years of exemplary service advancing bilingual education, equity, and culturally responsive leadership. Her career—as a bilingual classroom teacher, instructional leader, assistant principal, and principal—reflects a steadfast belief that bilingualism and biliteracy are powerful pathways to opportunity.

As Principal of **Jefferson Elementary** in the **Corona-Norco Unified School District**, Ms. Ruiz launched a Spanish Dual Language Immersion program that redefined the school's academic vision and positioned it as a regional model for inclusive bilingual education. Under her leadership, multilingual programming has expanded, English learner reclassification has increased, and family engagement systems have flourished.

A servant leader and mentor, Ms. Ruiz empowers educators through PLCs, coaching, and professional learning in GLAD, SIOP, and structured literacy, while championing access to CABE and La Cosecha. Beyond her site, she leads as President of CABE Riverside Chapter #6, advancing scholarships and advocacy for multilingual learners. Her visionary leadership centers language, culture, belonging, and achievement, making her a truly deserving recipient of the **CABE 2026 Administrator of the Year Award**.

CABE congratulates Adriana Ruiz on receiving the CABE 2026 Administrator of the Year Award!