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## Secretary García Will Open NMABE's 34th Annual State Bilingual Education Conference

New Mexico's Secretary of Education, Dr. Veronica García has accepted NMABE's invitation to deliver the opening address at the New Mexico Bilingual Education Association's 34th annual state conference, being held April 6-8, 2006 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Albuquerque. This is the very first time in the history of bilingual education that the state's chief education administrator, the state Secretary of Education, will offer the keynote address.

Dr. García has long supported the concept of bilingual education for students in New Mexico. In her current position as State Secretary for the Public Education Agency, this is particularly important.

Like many adults in New Mexico, Dr. García is not happy with her Spanish literacy and fluency. Bilingual education was not available when she attended school as a child.

"The present and the future of educating bilingual students strongly depend on how much we value, appreciate and use our languages from generation through generation," she said in opening remarks for the keynote

speaker at the conference last year. She highlighted the research base and how it must guide the design and implementation of quality programs in New Mexico. In addition, she reinforced the notion of good accountability for program effectiveness and fiscal oversight.



The conference theme this year is *Expanding Our Horizons Through Languages*. Research has shown that gaining academic mastery of English plus another language advances one's cognitive capabilities and horizons. As the saying goes "La lengua y la cultura son hermanos en la educación." (Language and culture are like brother and sister in education.) Bilingualism/biliteracy fosters multicultural understandings in wide contexts — much needed in our global society of the 21st century.

NMABE looks forward to welcoming Dr. García at the opening session of the state conference. This will be on Thursday, April 6, 2006 at 10:00 am. We hope you all plan to be there!

# REGISTRATION FORM

## THE NEW MEXICO ASSOCIATION FOR BILINGUAL EDUCATION 34th Annual State Bilingual Conference

April 6-8, 2005  
Embassy Suites Hotel

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number and street

City

State

Zip

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School / District Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position / Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION PROCEDURES:** Registration form must accompany your check, money order or purchase order. Purchase order must specify names of individuals to be registered and type of registration. **Refunds will not be made after March 10, 2006 (applies to purchase orders as well as advance payments). PRE-REGISTRATION MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN March 3, 2006. Your conference payment will include NMABE membership and a subscription to Language Magazine.**

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Personal Check \_\_\_\_\_

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### PRE-REGISTRATION FEE:

*Postmarked on/or before March 3, 2006*

Full .....\$240

\*Student Full .....\$ 100

One-Day.....\$180

\*Student One-Day .....\$ 75

**\*Please include verification of full time student status**

### ONSITE REGISTRATION FEE:

*Postmarked after March 3, 2006*

Full.....\$265

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NMABE State Conference, 2006**

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