



# REGISTRATION INFORMATION

**Bilingual, Immigrant, and Refugee Education  
Director's Meeting**

**May 13-16, 2015 | The Westin Charlotte | Charlotte, NC**

# 2015 BIRE Meeting Charlotte, NC

The annual meeting of the directors of Bilingual, Immigrant, and Refugee Education programs of the Council's member districts will take place in Charlotte, NC at the Westin Hotel from Wednesday, May 13 through Saturday, May 16. The English Language Learners Department is inviting participants to visit Charlotte-Mecklenburg Public Schools on May 13<sup>th</sup>. The Council is building an agenda that is responsive to the most critical issues that have been raised throughout the year, including:

- *A Framework for Raising Expectations and Instruction Rigor for English Language Learners—Working Session*
- OCR Guidance for ELLs—Discussion with the U.S. Department of Education
- Refugee & Unaccompanied Minors—Education Initiatives
- ELLs with Special Needs—Updates and Working Session
- Legislative Update—Including ESEA Reauthorization
- Effective SEA/LEA relations on behalf of ELLS
- CGCS ELL Project Updates
- Celebration of the *Award for Outstanding Contributions to ELL Achievement*, sponsored by McGraw-Hill Education

## School Visits (Only for school districts)

### WEDNESDAY, May 13, 2015

9:00am - 2:00pm	Charlotte-Mecklenburg School Visits
5:00pm – 6:30pm	Debriefing from school visit Light refreshments

## Preliminary Meeting Agenda

### THURSDAY, May 14, 2015

7:00am – 5:00pm	Formal meeting program
6:00pm – 9:00pm	Tour/Reception Dinner at <a href="#">The Levine Museum of the New South</a>

### FRIDAY, May 15, 2015

7:00am – 5:00pm	Formal meeting program
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### SATURDAY, May 16, 2015

8:00am – 10:00am	Breakfast and Debriefing
10:00am	Adjourn



# Council of the Great City Schools

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Register online today at: <http://cvent.com>

### **REGISTRATION and SPONSORSHIP FEES**

**WAIVED** two per sponsor company (**Must Complete the Sponsorship Form**)

**\$200** Council member School District

**\$350** Non-member School District

**\$500** Additional attendee from sponsor company

### **REGISTRATION REFUND AND CANCELLATION POLICY:**

**All cancellations or name changes must be in writing and faxed to (202) 393-2400 or emailed to [abarrera@cgcs.org](mailto:abarrera@cgcs.org).**

Registration cancelled **on or before** April 21, will receive a full refund. Cancellations from April 22 to April 30 will be billed or refunded 50% of the registration fee. Cancellations after April 30 or no-shows on May 13th will not receive a refund and will be billed the full amount. Purchase orders will not be accepted on site.

### **HOTEL INFORMATION**

#### **The Westin**

601 South College St.

Charlotte, NC 28202

(704) 375-2600

#### **CUT-OFF DATE: APRIL 21, 2015**

Single & Double room rate: \$219.00 per night plus tax

**Mention: CGCS Bilingual Meeting or Council of the Great City Schools to receive group rate.**

**Call directly to make your Hotel reservations at (704) 375-2600.** All reservations must be guaranteed & accompanied by a first night room deposit or guaranteed with a major credit card.

Reservations should be canceled 48 hours prior to arrival to avoid cancellation penalties. Reservations canceled within 48 hours to arrival will be charged a no-show fee of one night room & tax.

For registration, invoice or payment questions contact Anna Barrera at (202) 393-2427, or at [abarrera@cgcs.org](mailto:abarrera@cgcs.org).



## About the Council

The Council of the Great City Schools is the only national organization exclusively representing the needs of urban public schools. Composed of 67 large city school districts, its mission is to promote the cause of urban schools and to advocate for inner-city students through legislation, research and media relations. The organization also provides a network for school districts sharing common problems to exchange information, and to collectively address new challenges as they emerge in order to deliver the best possible education for urban youth.

## Member Districts

Albuquerque, Anchorage, Atlanta, Austin, Baltimore, Birmingham, Boston, Bridgeport, Broward County (Ft. Lauderdale), Buffalo, Charleston County, Charlotte-Mecklenburg, Chicago, Cincinnati, Clark County (Las Vegas), Cleveland, Columbus, Dallas, Dayton, Denver, Des Moines, Detroit, Duval County (Jacksonville), East Baton Rouge, El Paso, Fort Worth, Fresno, Guilford County (Greensboro, N.C.), Hillsborough County (Tampa), Houston, Indianapolis, Jackson, Jefferson County (Louisville), Kansas City, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Miami-Dade County, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Nashville, Newark, New Orleans, New York City, Norfolk, Oakland, Oklahoma City, Omaha, Orange County (Orlando), Palm Beach County, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Portland, Providence, Richmond, Rochester, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Ana, Seattle, Shelby County, St. Louis, St. Paul, Toledo, Washington, D.C., and Wichita

