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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **National Town Hall Meeting to Tackle Issues of School Testing**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17 –The Council of the Great City Schools will hold a national town hall meeting on Oct. 24 in Milwaukee to address testing issues, such as the validity, fairness, amount and practice of student testing in the nation’s public schools.

The town hall meeting follows the Oct. 15 announcement by urban school leaders and chief state school officers to work jointly in a [commitment](#) to improve the quality and quantity of student assessments.

**WHO: National Public Radio’s Claudio Sanchez, *Moderator***

District of Columbia Public Schools Chancellor Kaya Henderson  
Minnesota’s St. Paul Public Schools Superintendent Valeria Silva  
Council of Chief State School Officers Exec. Dir. Chris Minnich  
Oakland (Calif.) school board member Jumoke Hinton Hodge  
National Center on Education and the Economy CEO Marc Tucker  
Milwaukee student leader Jaxs Goldsmith of Riverside University H.S.

**WHAT: National Town Hall Meeting on School Testing**

**WHEN:** Friday, Oct. 24 (2:30-4 p.m., Central Time/3:30-5 p.m., Eastern)

**WHERE:** Hilton Milwaukee City Center, Wright Ballroom, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor

**National Town Meeting to be *streamed live*:** Access on day of the event (Oct. 24)  
[www.mptv.org](http://www.mptv.org)

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