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### **Presidential Campaign Debate on Education Highlights Conference Of Nation's Urban School Leaders**

#### ***Journalist Dan Rather to Moderate Forum***

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11 – The nation's big-city school leaders will converge to exchange strategies and address issues for the next president at the Council of the Great City Schools' 60th Annual Fall Conference, Oct. 19-23, in Miami.

More than 1,000 big-city school superintendents, board members and senior administrators from around the nation will participate in some 75 discussion sessions to advance urban education in America at the Intercontinental Miami Hotel under the banner "Reinvigorating, Reimagining and Reinventing Urban Education."

The pinnacle event of the conference will be the **National Town Hall Meeting -- Urban Education and the Presidential Campaign** -- moderated by noted broadcast journalist Dan Rather. The town meeting, scheduled Oct. 21 from 2:30 to 4 p.m., will be a debate on education between surrogates of both the Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump presidential campaigns with urban school leaders weighing in.

On the evening of Oct. 20, anticipation will be in the air when the "**Urban Educator of the Year**" is named. Nine superintendents are in the running.

Hosted by Miami-Dade County Public Schools, the conference will also feature keynote speakers:

- Khan Academy Founder and CEO Sal Khan (Oct. 20 lunch);
- Political commentator Donna Brazile (Oct.21 breakfast); and
- Former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder (Oct. 21 lunch).

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