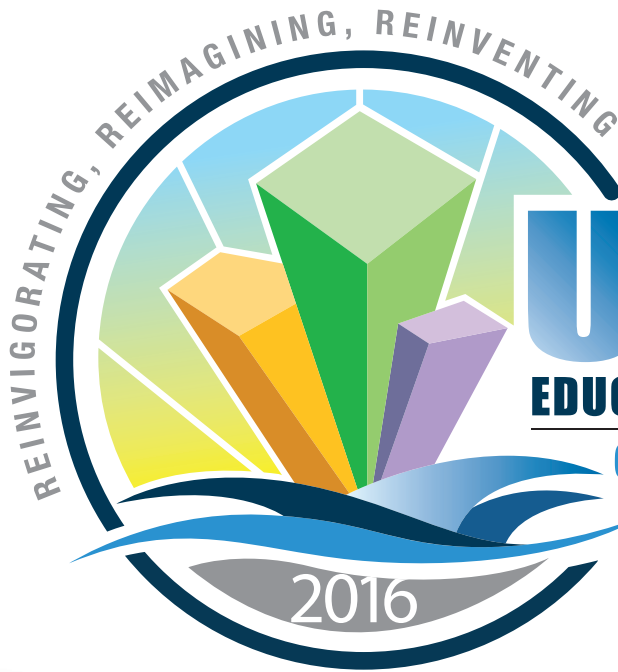


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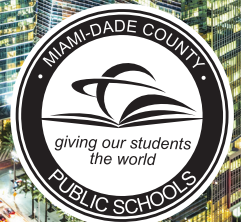
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REGISTRATION DATES AND TIMES

**Registration for the 60th Annual Fall
Conference will be open:**

**Wednesday, October 19
7:00 am - 5:00 pm**

**Thursday, October 20
7:00 am - 5:00 pm**

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7:00 am - 4:00 pm**

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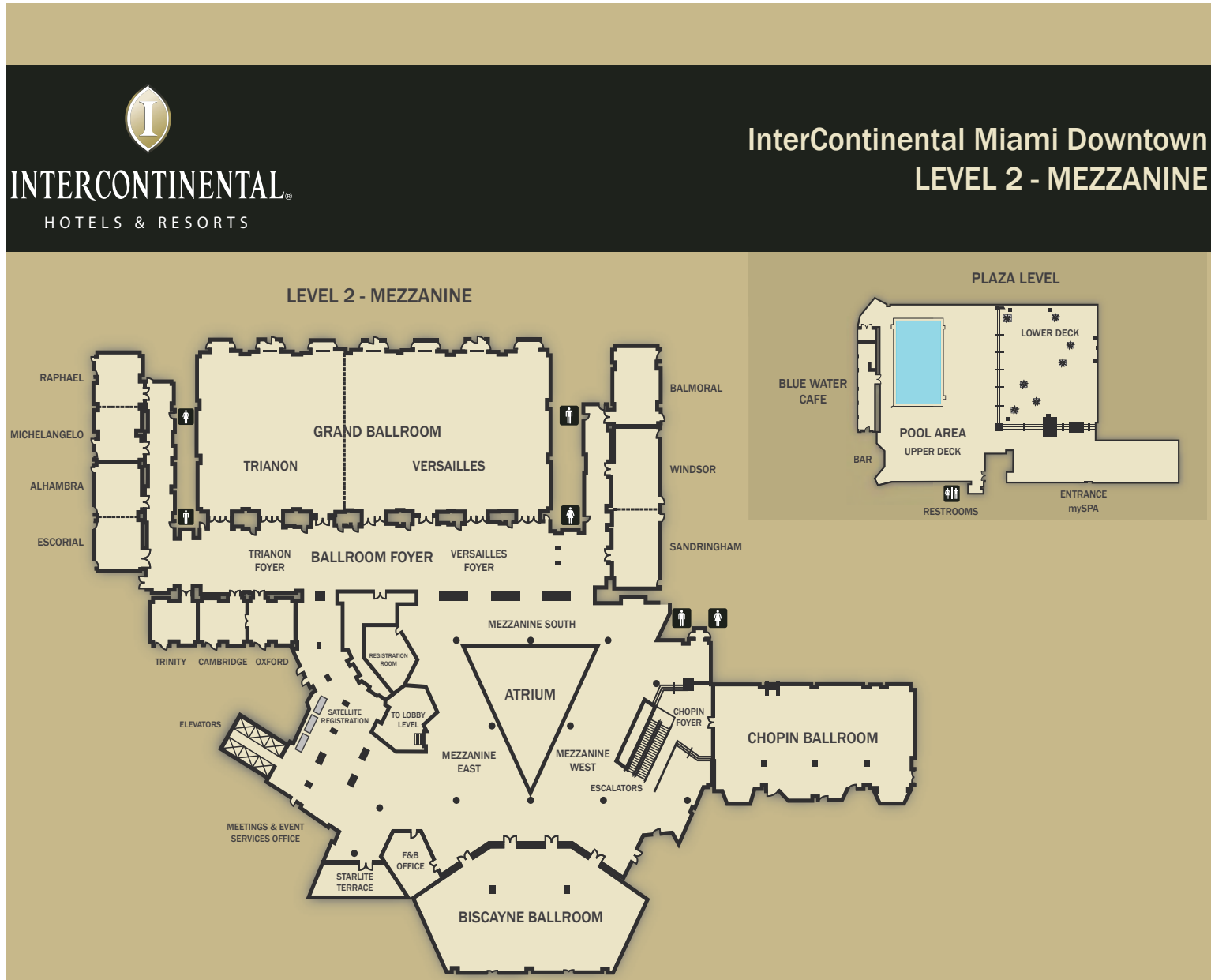
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Conference Sessions are divided into Six Topics or Strands

1. Achievement Gap



Achievement
Gap

Practices and interventions that are having a successful effect on learning in the core content areas, and practices that can close the achievement gap existing along racial, ethnic, gender, and economic lines.

2. Professional Development



Professional
Development

How different approaches to the recruitment, preparation, induction, and retention of qualified teachers, principals, and school site leaders impact student achievement.

3. School Finance and Facilities



School Finance
and Facilities

Managing finances to deal with federal, state and local budget cuts, equitable distribution of funding, cost-beneficial ways to allocate district resources to boost student achievement, and meeting special education costs.

4. Leadership, Governance and Management



Leadership,
Governance and
Management

The recruitment and preparation of personnel for leadership roles, expanding the capacity of building leadership, the role of board members, community relationships, and models of effective urban governance and management systems.

5. Bilingual, Refugee and Immigrant Education



Bilingual,
Immigrant and
Refugee

Programs that successfully improve student achievement, especially for recent immigrant and older students, comprehensive assessment strategies, and the development of curriculum that boosts student achievement among English language learners.

6. Special Education



Special
Education

Programs and practices for improving the delivery of services for students with learning and behavioral challenges and for students with disabilities.

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“Reinvigorating, Reimagining, Reinventing Urban Education”

***Name Badges Must Be Worn At All Times

Wednesday, October 19, 2016

Conference Registration

7:00 am - 5:00 pm

Level 2 - Mezzanine

Breakfast Buffet

8:00 am - 9:00 am

Chopin Ballroom - Mezzanine

Urban Schools Resource Display

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Trinity - Mezzanine

Internet Business Café

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Trinity - Mezzanine

CRSS Governance Symposium

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Brickell - Lobby Level

Dealing with Difficult People, Dealing with Difficult Decisions

Must be pre-registered

New Member & Newcomer's Orientation

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Trade Room - Lobby Level

Buffet Lunch

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Chopin Ballroom - Mezzanine

Males of Color Advisory Committee Meeting

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Gusman - Lobby Level

Task Force Meeting I

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Brickell - Lobby Level

Joint Meeting of the Achievement Task Force and the Professional Development Task Force

Wednesday, October 19

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Co-chairs: Eric Gordon, *Cleveland Chief Executive Officer*
Paula Wright, *Duval County School Board*

Felton Williams, *Long Beach School Board*
Darien Driver, *Milwaukee Superintendent*
Deborah Shanley, *Interim Dean, College of Education, Lehman College*

Task Force Meeting II

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Brickell - Lobby Level

Joint Meeting of the School Finance Task Force and the Leadership, Governance and Management Task Force

Task Force Meeting III

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Trade Room - Lobby Level

English Language Learners and Bilingual Education Task Force

Discussion of New Supreme Court Case on Special Education (Andrew F. vs. Douglas County School District)

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Flagler - Lobby Level - InterContinental Miami

Blue Ribbon Corporate Advisory Group Meeting

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Sevilla - Lobby Level

6:15 pm- Walk or bus pickup from hotel to AmericanAirlines Arena

Welcome Reception at AmericanAirlines Arena

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

AmericanAirlines Arena

601 Biscayne Blvd.

Miami, FL 33132

Greetings: Alberto Carvalho, Superintendent, Miami-Dade County Public Schools

Entertainment: 5:45 pm - 6:30 pm *Outside InterContinental*

Miami Norland High School Marching Band under the direction of Darryl Baker

6:15 pm - 6:45 pm *AmericanAirlines Arena*

John A. Ferguson High School Steel Drum Ensemble under the direction of Lowell Thomas

6:45 pm - 6:50 pm *AmericanAirlines Arena*

Hialeah High School Show Choir under the direction of Ismael Gonzalez

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Entertainment: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm American Airlines Arena
Coral Reef High School String Quartet under the direction of Lee Stone
South Miami Middle School String Octet under the direction of Besnik Hashani
Southwood Middle School Chamber Orchestra under the direction of Tinder Burris

Hospitality Suite

9:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Royal Palm Presidential Suite - 33rd Floor, Room 3304- InterContinental

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Trinity - Mezzanine

Internet Business Café

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Trinity - Mezzanine

General Session A: Breakfast and Address

7:30 am - 9:00 am

Grand Ballroom - Mezzanine

Entertainment: Robert Morgan Educational Center Varsity Chorus under the direction of Angel Marchese

Official Opening and Welcome: *“Reinvigorating, Reimagining, Reinventing Urban Education”*

Greetings: Alberto Carvalho, Superintendent, Miami-Dade County Public Schools

Introduction: Michael Casserly, Executive Director, Council of the Great City Schools

Chair’s Address: Felton Williams, Chair of the Board, Council of the Great City Schools and School Board Member, Long Beach Unified School District

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Concurrent Session I

9:15 am - 10:30 am

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Achievement Gap

THE RESULTS ARE IN: HOW PARTICIPATING IN TUDA HAS HELPED URBAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS

9:15 am – 10:30 am

Sandringham/Windsor - Mezzanine Level - InterContinental Miami

PANEL: Lessons Learned from NAEP: A Discussion with Urban School Leaders

Laura LoGerfo, Assistant Director for Reporting and Analysis, National Assessment Governing Board

Janice Jackson, Chief Education Officer, Chicago Public Schools

Jason Kamras, Chief of Human Capital, District of Columbia Public Schools

Doannie Tran, Assistant Superintendent, Professional Learning, Boston Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Alberto Carvalho, Superintendent, Miami-Dade County Public Schools

GIRL POWER: UNDERSTANDING AND IMPROVING THE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE FOR FEMALE STUDENTS IN URBAN SCHOOLS

9:15 am – 10:30 am

Chopin Ballroom - Mezzanine Level - InterContinental Miami

PANEL: Ensuring Educational Equity for Girls of Color

Neena Chaudhry, Director of Education, National Women's Law Center



Bilingual, Immigrant and Refugee



Achievement Gap

PANEL: Refugee and Immigrant Education; Health Issues in Schools

Angela Peabody, President and Founder, Global Woman P.E.A.C.E. Foundation

Gabriela Uro, Director of English Language Learner Policy and Research, Council of the Great City Schools

Ashley Ison, Research and Policy Specialist, Council of the Great City Schools

FACILITATOR: Frances Rabinowitz, Superintendent, Bridgeport Public Schools

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UNIVERSITY AND URBAN DISTRICT PARTNERSHIPS TO DEVELOP HIGH-QUALITY PRINCIPAL SUPERVISORS

9:15 am – 10:30 am

Biscayne Ballroom - Mezzanine Level - InterContinental Miami

PANEL: From Pipeline to High Performance - Developing an Effective Team of Principal Supervisors

Dolores Espinosa, Executive Superintendent Leadership Development, New York City Department of Education

Aurora Lora, Superintendent, Oklahoma City Public Schools

Max Silverman, Associate Director, University of Washington Center for Educational Leadership

Valerie Wanza, Chief School Performance and Accountability Officer, Broward County Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Romules Durant, Superintendent, Toledo Public Schools



Leadership,
Governance and
Management



Professional
Development

GETTING PERSONNEL: HIRING AND DEVELOPING URBAN TEACHERS AND LEADERS

9:15 am – 10:30 am

Brickell - Lobby Level - InterContinental Miami

PANEL: Building Pipelines to Keep “Home-grown” Diverse Talent in Boston Public Schools

Emily Kalejs Qazilbash, Assistant Superintendent of Human Capital, Boston Public Schools

Colin Rose, Assistant Superintendent of the Opportunity and Achievement Gap, Boston Public Schools

Ceronne Daly, Director of Diversity Programs, Boston Public Schools



Special
Education

PANEL: Focusing on Effectiveness: A Look at DCPS’ Teacher Selection Process

Brooke Amos, Director, Teacher Recruitment and Selection, District of Columbia Public Schools



Professional
Development

PANEL: Partnerships for Preparing Bilingual Elementary, Secondary, and Special Education Teachers

Julie Esparza-Brown, Board Member, Portland Public Schools

Randy Hitz, Dean, Graduate School of Education, Portland State University



Bilingual,
Immigrant and
Refugee

FACILITATOR: Donna Hargens, Superintendent, Jefferson County Public Schools

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INVESTMENT STRATEGIES: HOW THREE DISTRICTS ARE EVALUATING THEIR EFFORTS TO IMPROVE URBAN SCHOOLS

9:15 am – 10:30 am

Merrick I - Lobby Level - InterContinental Miami

PANEL: Program Evaluation: Sharing Accountability with Partners and Vendors

Matthew Linick, Executive Director of Research and Evaluation, Cleveland Metropolitan School District

Pamela Scott, Program Manager, Cleveland Metropolitan School District

PANEL: Unlikely Unions: Organizational Efficiency in Risk Management

Gerald J. Pace, Chief Financial Officer, Milwaukee Public Schools

Kristen D. DeCato, Director of Procurement & Risk Management, Milwaukee Public Schools



School Finance
and Facilities

PANEL: How Do You Measure Return On Investment Of Education Technology Spending Using A Research And Data Backed Approach?

John Krull, Chief Technology Officer, Oakland Unified School District

Stacey Wang, Advisor, Oakland Unified School District

FACILITATOR: Lew Blackburn, Board Member, Dallas Independent School District

LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL: CREATING SECONDARY OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL URBAN STUDENTS

9:15 am – 10:30 am

Trade - Lobby Level - InterContinental Miami

PANEL: Advancing Students toward Higher Education and Health Professions: Benefits of Community Health Projects

Diane G. Corrigan, Clinical Associate Professor, Cleveland State University

Gina Weisblat, Assistant Professor, Family and Community Medicine, Northeast Ohio Medical University

Edward Weber, Principal, Cleveland Metropolitan School District

PANEL: Implementing Authentic Work Based Learning Experiences to Prepare Urban Youth for College, Career and Life

Iris Taylor, Chief Academic Officer, Sacramento City Unified School District

Joseph Stymeist, Director of College and Career Readiness, Sacramento City Unified School District

Ann Curtis, Linked Learning Coordinator, Sacramento City Unified School District

PANEL: Transition Services to Promote Positive Post Secondary Outcomes

Patricia Toarmina, Director of Exceptional Children, Shelby County Schools

Pat Beane, Manager of Exceptional Children, Shelby County Schools



Special
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Achievement
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FACILITATOR: Mary Ronan, Superintendent, Cincinnati Public Schools

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BUILDING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE THROUGH BILINGUAL EDUCATION IN URBAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

9:15 am – 10:30 am

Sevilla - Lobby Level - InterContinental Miami

PANEL: Paired Literacy: Supporting Biliteracy and the CCSS

Jeanna Doung, Elementary Literacy Curriculum Specialist, Denver Public Schools
Sara Wortinger, Elementary Literacy Curriculum Specialist, Denver Public Schools
Dan Fleisher, Associate Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Denver Public Schools
Sarah Tilton, Elementary Literacy Partner, Denver Public Schools



Bilingual,
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Refugee



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PANEL: Starting Bilingual Programs with Your Eyes Wide Open: Lessons Learned from the Field

Christina Mei-Yue Wong, Special Assistant to the Superintendent, San Francisco Unified School District

FACILITATOR: David Percy, Board Member, Albuquerque Public Schools

STRENGTHENING INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP TEAMS IN OUR GREAT CITY SCHOOLS

9:15 am – 10:30 am

Bayfront B - Lobby Level - InterContinental Miami

PANEL: The Instructional Leadership Team (ILT) Tool: Bringing All of Your Data into One Place

Theresa Jones, Chief Achievement & Accountability Officer, Baltimore City Public Schools
Heather Nolan, Director of Knowledge Management, Baltimore City Public Schools



Professional
Development

PANEL: Instructional Leadership Teams Impacting the Core Content of Literacy

Chuck Nusinov, Executive Director of Learning and Teaching, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools

FACILITATOR: Barbara Nevergold, Board Member, Buffalo City Public Schools

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MAKING THE GRADE: TRANSITIONING TO A STANDARDS-BASED GRADING SYSTEM FOR URBAN STUDENTS

9:15 am – 10:30 am

Escorial/Alhambra - Mezzanine Level - InterContinental Miami

PANEL: Engineering Change: Bridging the Gap from Current Reality to a Standards-Based Grading System

Noelle Tichy, Executive Director of Teaching & Learning, Des Moines Public Schools

PANEL: A, B, C, D, F... What Does that REALLY Mean Anyway? Implementation of a Standards Based Report Card

Diana Fedderman, Director of K-12 Curriculum, School District of Palm Beach County

Keith Oswald, Chief Academic Officer, School District of Palm Beach County

Mickey Banek, Elementary Mathematics Program Planner, School District of Palm Beach County



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FACILITATOR: Linda Young, Board Member, Clark County School District

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STRONG START: IMPROVING EARLY CHILDHOOD OFFERINGS IN URBAN SCHOOLS

9:15 am – 10:30 am

Raphael/Michelangelo - Mezzanine Level - InterContinental Miami

PANEL: Moving The Kindergarten Readiness Needle Through Coaching and a New Approach to Recruitment and Registration for PreK

Derek Little, Early Childhood Assistant Superintendent, Dallas Independent School District

Monica Ramirez, Early Learning Director, Dallas Independent School District

Kristine Delgado, Early Learning Enrollment Director, Dallas Independent School District

Hilda Camacho, Early Childhood Manager, Dallas Independent School District



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PANEL: Addressing Equity and Access at the Start

Deanna Mathies, Early Learning, Director, Fresno Unified School District

Julie Montali, Early Learning Manager III, Fresno Unified School District

Kim Mecum, Chief Academic Officer, Fresno Unified School District

FACILITATOR: Ashley Paz, Board Member, Fort Worth Independent School District

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LEAD TO SUCCEED: PREPARING THE NEXT GENERATION OF URBAN LEADERS

9:15 am – 10:30 am

Balmoral - Mezzanine Level - InterContinental Miami

PANEL: Succession Planning for District Leadership Roles

LaTrell Edwards, Chief Financial Officer, Duval County Public Schools

Dana Kriznar, Chief of Staff, Duval County Public Schools



Leadership,
Governance and
Management



Professional
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PANEL: Fostering Visionary Leadership Through Administrator Induction

Marco A. Nava, Administrative Coordinator, Los Angeles Unified School District

Ileana M. Davalos, Director, Los Angeles Unified School District

Michelle Barker, Administrative Coordinator, Los Angeles Unified School District

FACILITATOR: Mark Evans, Superintendent, Omaha Public Schools

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS: OPENING DOORS FOR URBAN STUDENTS TO EXCEL

9:15 am – 10:30 am

Junior Ballroom - Lobby Level - InterContinental Miami

PANEL: Reaching Underrepresented Student Populations by Strengthening STEM Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities

Oswaldo Alvarenga, STEM Executive Director, Dallas Independent School District

Crystal Alexander, STEM Manager, Dallas Independent School District

PANEL: International Youth Leadership Council: Achieving a Vision of Change for English Learners

Van Truong, Executive Director of Office of Teaching and Learning, Portland Public Schools

Veronica Magallanes, Senior Director of ESL, Portland Public Schools

Kehaulani Haupu, Assistant Director of ESL, Portland Public Schools

Francisco Garcia, ESL Senior Program Manager, Portland Public Schools



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FACILITATOR: Francine Peterman, Dean, Teachers College, Western Governors University

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Concurrent Session II

10:45 am - 12:15 pm

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MEETING THE NEEDS OF MALES OF COLOR IN OUR URBAN DISTRICTS

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

Sandringham/Windsor - Mezzanine Level - InterContinental Miami



Achievement Gap

PANEL: Making A Difference for Males of Color (MADMOC)

Paul Cruz, Superintendent, Austin Independent School District
Mary L. Thomas, Project Director, Austin Independent School District

PANEL: Redefining At-Risk: The Barack Obama Male Leadership Model

Robert Edison, Director of Social Studies, Dallas Independent School District
Nakia Douglas, Principal of Barack Obama MLA, Dallas Independent School District
Kerry Shelton, Math Instructional Coach, Dallas Independent School District

PANEL: A Time For Action: A Large Urban School District's Response to Advancing the Success of our Young Men Of Color

Jacqueline Bido, Resource Teacher, Instruction Coach, Minority Achievement Office, Orange County Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Antwan Wilson, Superintendent, Oakland Unified School District

PRIORITIZING SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING TO IMPROVE URBAN STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

9:15 am – 10:30 am

Chopin Ballroom - Mezzanine Level - InterContinental Miami



Achievement Gap

PANEL: Improving Achievement & Closing Gaps through Social & Emotional Learning

Alan Mather, Chief, Office of College and Career Success, Chicago Public Schools
Amy Mart, Positive Behavior Support Manager, Office of Social & Emotional Learning, Chicago Public Schools
Cybil Ortiz, Assistant Principal, Amundsen High School, Chicago Public Schools
Valesta Cobbs, Principal, Bond Elementary School, Chicago Public Schools

PANEL: Monitoring Academic Performance and Socio-Emotional Well-Being of English Learners



Special Education

Maria Maldonado, Assistant Superintendent, Fresno Unified School District
Jorge Aguilar, Associate Superintendent for Equity and Access, Fresno Unified School District

PANEL: SEL Measures Matter

Karling Aguilera-Fort, Assistant Superintendent, San Francisco Unified School District
Jill Hoogendyk, Chief of Staff, San Francisco Unified School District
Bill Sanderson, Assistant Superintendent, San Francisco Unified School District



Bilingual, Immigrant and Refugee

FACILITATOR: Pam Knowles, Board Member, Portland Public Schools

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ARE THE SUPREMES DEADLOCKED?: AN UPDATE ON THE U.S. SUPREME COURT

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

Escorial/Alhambra - Mezzanine Level - InterContinental Miami

PANEL: Changing of the Guard: What are the Implications of the Upcoming Election for Education-Related Cases in the Supreme Court and the Enforcement Activity of the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights?

John Borkowski, Partner, Husch Blackwell

FACILITATOR: **Julie Wright Halbert**, Legislative Counsel, Council of the Great City Schools



Leadership,
Governance and
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EMPOWERING TEACHER LEADERS TO IMPACT URBAN STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

Brickell - Lobby Level - InterContinental Miami

PANEL: Using Collaborative Inquiry to Build Teacher Capacity

Mary Dillman, Director of Data Inquiry, Boston Public Schools

Christina Scarlatos, Senior Inquiry Facilitator, Boston Public Schools

Katie Fleming, Senior Inquiry Facilitator, Boston Public Schools

Trish Irving, Inquiry Facilitator, Boston Public Schools



Professional
Development

PANEL: Competency-Based Micro-Credentials: Transparency, Rigor and Equity in Teacher Leadership Pipelines

Anne Williams, Senior Director, Office of Teacher Recruitment and Quality, New York City Department of Education

Lynette Guastaferrero, Executive Director, Teaching Matters

Mary Strain, Director of National Partnerships, Teaching Matters

FACILITATOR: **Denise Walston**, Director of Mathematics, Council of the Great City Schools

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GET ON YOUR FEET: INVOLVING STAKEHOLDERS TO ACHIEVE URBAN SCHOOL SUCCESS

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

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Achievement
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PANEL: Engaging Your Community

Lisa Thurber, District Director, Office of Community Engagement, Miami-Dade County Public Schools

PANEL: Collective Impact: Best Practices in Cultivating Public-Private Partnerships to Improve Student Outcomes

Darienne Driver, Superintendent, Milwaukee Public Schools

Ashley Lee, Special Assistant to the Superintendent, Milwaukee Public Schools

Julia Taylor, President, Greater Milwaukee Committee

PANEL: From Cradle to Career: Empowering Family and Community Engagement

Tu Moua Carroz, Area Assistant Superintendent, Sacramento City Unified School District

Oswaldo Hernandez, Family Partnership Facilitators, Sacramento City Unified School District

Alma Avalos, Family Partnership Facilitators, Sacramento City Unified School District

FACILITATOR: Ed Graff, Superintendent, Minneapolis Public Schools

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GAME PLAN: INNOVATIVE STRATEGIES FOR ELIMINATING ACHIEVEMENT GAPS AND IMPROVING URBAN STUDENT PERFORMANCE

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

Trade - Lobby Level - InterContinental Miami



Achievement
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PANEL: The Opportunity Quartile: Five Factors of Success

Katherine E. Beck, Strategic Analytics Manager Accountability, Research, and Evaluation, Denver Public Schools

PANEL: Advanced Learning Academy

Matt Weber, Deputy Superintendent, San Antonio Independent School District

Lisa Riggs, Assistant Superintendent, San Antonio Independent School District

PANEL: Eliminating Opportunity Gaps - What We Can Learn From Positive Outliers

Larry Nyland, Superintendent, Seattle Public Schools

Betty Patu, Board President, Seattle Public Schools

Brent Jones, Chief Partnership Officer, Seattle Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Jeff Eakins, Superintendent, Hillsborough County Public Schools

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INFUSING NEW AND INCLUSIVE APPROACHES INTO STUDENT DISCIPLINE POLICIES IN URBAN SCHOOLS

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

Sevilla - Lobby Level - InterContinental Miami

PANEL: Promoting Positive School Climate - Restorative Justice in LAUSD

Earl R. Perkins, Associate Superintendent, District Operations, Los Angeles Unified School District

PANEL: Justice, Injustice, and Street Trauma: Student-driven Coursework and Research to Improve Academics and Mental Health in the Boston Public Schools

Kristin Murphy, Assistant Professor of Special Education, University of Massachusetts Boston

Janelle Ridley, Program Manager of Student Voice and Initiatives, Office of Social Emotional Learning and Wellness, Boston Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Jumoke Hinton Hodge, Board Member, Oakland Unified School District



HIGH MARKS: USING TEACHER EVALUATION SYSTEMS TO ACCELERATE URBAN DISTRICT PROGRESS

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

Bayfront B - Lobby Level - InterContinental Miami

PANEL: Strengthening Evaluators' Understanding of the Instructional Process

Fran Rabinowitz, Superintendent, Bridgeport Public Schools

Deborah Broccoli, Teacher Evaluation Facilitator, Bridgeport Public Schools



PANEL: Dallas ISD Pay for Performance: The Relationships between Teacher Performance and Feedback, Student Achievement, and Student Experiences

Cecilia Oakeley, Assistant Superintendent, Evaluation and Assessment, Dallas Independent School District

Nora Douglas, Evaluation Manager, Evaluation and Assessment, Dallas Independent School District

Karla Genter, Director, Office of Institutional Research, Dallas Independent School District

Mitch Barton, Evaluation Analyst, Evaluation and Assessment, Dallas Independent School District

PANEL: We the People

Jason Kamras, Chief, Office of Instructional Practice, District of Columbia Public Schools

Harry Hughes, Instructional Superintendent, District of Columbia Public Schools

Jade Brawley, Principal, Shepherd Elementary School, District of Columbia Public Schools

Michelle Hudacsko, Deputy Chief, IMPACT, District of Columbia Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Ann Clark, Superintendent, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools

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ALLOCATING DISTRICT FUNDS BASED ON URBAN STUDENT NEEDS

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

Biscayne Ballroom - Mezzanine Level - InterContinental Miami

PANEL: Budgeting and Resource Allocation in Large Urban Districts

Ron Steiger, Chief Budget Officer, Miami-Dade County Public Schools



School Finance
and Facilities

PANEL: Using Return on Investment Analysis to Leverage Decisions on the Equitable Distribution of Resources

Myong Leigh, Interim Superintendent, San Francisco Unified School District

Thu Cung, Executive Director of Budget Services, San Francisco Unified School District

Reeta Madhavan, Chief Financial Officer, San Francisco Unified School District

FACILITATOR: Michael Hanson, Superintendent, Fresno Unified School District

RESOURCE-FULL: MEETING HIGH STANDARDS WITH HIGH QUALITY INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS IN OUR GREAT CITY SCHOOLS

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

Raphael/Michelangelo - Mezzanine Level - InterContinental Miami

PANEL: Leveraging of Prepared Curriculum and Aligned Assessments to Ensure All Students Have Access to a High Quality Education

Diana Fedderman, Director of K12 Curriculum, School District of Palm Beach County

Paul Houchens, Director of Research, Evaluation, and State Assessment, School District of Palm Beach County

PANEL: Don't Throw Your Textbooks Away! Increasing Rigor with Existing Resources

Seema Tejura Ramji, Director of Reading Language Arts, Dallas Independent School District



Professional
Development

FACILITATOR: Diana Davila, Board Member, Houston Independent School District

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HERE'S TO TIERS: BUILDING SYSTEMS OF SUPPORT FOR RTI STRATEGIES IN URBAN SCHOOLS

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

Balmoral - Mezzanine Level - InterContinental Miami

PANEL: Tiered Systems of Supports for Schools Implementing Special Education Services in a Portfolio District

Jessica Baldwin, Executive Director of Intervention Services, Cleveland Metropolitan School District

PANEL: Using RtI School Level Data to Close the Loop with Central Office

Janicka Newbill, Director of Academic Intervention Services, School District of Philadelphia

Maurice West, Director of Attendance and Truancy, School District of Philadelphia



FACILITATOR: **John Allison**, Superintendent, Wichita Public Schools

TECH CENTER: REBOOTING URBAN CLASSROOMS THROUGH TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

Junior Ballroom - Lobby Level - InterContinental Miami

PANEL: Closing the Technology Gap: Computer Coding Clubs in Urban Schools

Jereme Monette, District Technology Trainer, Hillsborough County Public Schools

PANEL: Expanding Access to Computer Science

Hadi Partovi, Chief Executive Officer & Founder, Code.org



FACILITATOR: **Sajit Zachariah**, Dean, Cleveland State University

General Session B: Lunch and Speaker, Sal Khan, Founder & CEO, Khan Academy

12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

Grand Ballroom- Mezzanine

Announcement of Dr. Shirley S. Schwartz Urban Impact Award

Entertainment: Miami Art Studio 6-12 @ Zelda Glazer Dancers under the direction of Monica Villar and Dana Scotti

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Concurrent Session III

2:15 pm - 3:45 pm

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COLLABORATION, NOT COMPETITION: WORKING TOGETHER TO IMPROVE EQUITY IN URBAN SCHOOL

2:15 pm – 3:45 pm

Sandringham/Windsor - Mezzanine Level - InterContinental Miami

PANEL: Collaborating Our Way to Success with a Focus on Equity and Excellence

Carmen Fariña, Chancellor, New York City Department of Education

FACILITATOR: Michael Casserly, Executive Director, Council of the Great City Schools



Leadership,
Governance and
Management

DATA DIVE: HOW GREAT CITY SCHOOLS ARE TRACKING URBAN SCHOOL SUCCESS

2:15 pm – 3:45 pm

Chopin Ballroom - Mezzanine Level - InterContinental Miami

PANEL: Raising the Bar while Lifting Graduation Rates

Michelle King, Superintendent, Los Angeles Unified School District

Frances Gipson, Chief Academic Officer, Los Angeles Unified School District

PANEL: Keeping Students On Track Through Data

Marcelo Cavazos, Superintendent, Arlington Independent School District

Steven Wurtz, Chief Academic Officer, Arlington Independent School District

PANEL: Leveraging Internal and External Out of School Time Partner Data to Address Disparities in Opportunity and Achievement

Maren Henderson, Evaluation Specialist, Research, Evaluation, Assessment, and Accountability, Minneapolis Public Schools

Eric Moore, Executive Director, Research, Evaluation, Assessment and Accountability, Minneapolis Public Schools

Maggie Sullivan, Executive Director Human Capital, Minneapolis Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Tommy Chang, Superintendent, Boston Public Schools



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BOOTS ON THE GROUND: HOW URBAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND MILITARY FAMILIES ARE COLLABORATING AGAINST WORKFORCE SHORTAGES

2:15 pm – 3:45 pm

Biscayne Ballroom - Mezzanine Level - InterContinental Miami



PANEL: Troops to Education: A Collaborative Effort

Jose Dotres, Chief, Human Capital Management, Miami-Dade County Public Schools

Andre Long, Chief Human Resources Officer, Clark County School District

Juan Puentes, Career Ladder Specialist, Los Angeles Unified School District

George Ann Rice, Retired Associate Superintendent of Human Resources, Clark County School District

FACILITATOR: Deborah Shanley, Interim Dean, College of Education, Lehman College

A PENNY SAVED: BALANCING BUDGETS IN OUR GREAT CITY SCHOOLS

2:15 pm – 3:45 pm

Brickell - Lobby Level - InterContinental Miami

PANEL: From Bored to Board; How Dallas ISD Engaged the Community in the Budgeting Process Using Board Games

James Terry, Chief Financial Officer, Dallas, Independent School District

PANEL: Best Practices in School Budgeting

Craig A. Jones, Chief Financial Officer, Dayton City School District



PANEL: Cycle-based Budgeting and Continuous Improvement

Dena Dossett, Chief of Data Management, Planning and Program Evaluation, Jefferson County Public Schools

Bo Yan, Specialist II – Data Management & Research, Jefferson County Public Schools

Cordelia Hardin, Chief Financial Officer, Jefferson County Public Schools

John Collopy, Director Financial Planning & Management, Jefferson County Public Schools

FACILITATOR: JoAnn Brannon, Board Member, Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools

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EL FUTURO: USING CUTTING-EDGE INSTRUCTIONAL APPROACHES WITH URBAN ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

2:15 pm – 3:45 pm

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Bilingual,
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PANEL: Digital Tools For ELL's: The iPad Tray Project

Charlotte "Nadja" Trez, Executive Director of EL Services, Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools

Bill King, EL Instructional Technology Specialist, Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools

Kristen Baker, EL Instructional Technology Resource Teacher, Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools

PANEL: Lessons Learned..Next Steps: Systematizing Effective Instruction for English Learners by Engaging in the Teaching and Learning Cycle

Maria Maldonado, Assistant Superintendent of English Learner Services, Fresno Unified School District

PANEL: Using Blended Learning to Support System-wide ELL Performance Gains

Kathleen England, Chief Academic Officer, Hartford Public Schools

Monica Quinones, Executive Director of EL Services, Hartford Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Valeria Silva, Assistant to the Superintendent, St. Paul Public Schools

PLUGGING URBAN TEACHERS INTO INNOVATIVE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2:15 pm – 3:45 pm

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PANEL: Listen & Learn Podcast Series

Juany Valdespino-Gaytan, Director of Special Projects, Dallas Independent School District

Seema Ramji, Director of Reading Language Arts, Dallas Independent School District

PANEL: Improving Urban Teacher Effectiveness with Virtual Simulation

Kristin Murphy, Assistant Professor, University of Massachusetts Boston

Janna Kellinger, Associate Professor, University of Massachusetts Boston

PANEL: Success for Students via "Stream" Teaching

Hilary Buckridge, Senior Director, Advanced Studies, Orange County Public Schools

Maurice Dragon, Director, Curriculum, Instruction, and Digital Learning, Orange County Public Schools

Robin Simmons, Advanced Placement District Coordinator, Orange County Public Schools

Marjorie Ceballos, Senior Administrator, Advanced Studies, Orange County Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Kevin Woods, Board Member, Shelby County Schools

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THE INCLUSION CONCLUSION: MAKING ACHIEVEMENT A REALITY FOR URBAN STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

2:15 pm – 3:45 pm

Trade - Lobby Level - InterContinental Miami

PANEL: Forging Through Silos: Collaborative Practices to Support English Learners with Disabilities

Frances Esparza, Assistant Superintendent for the Office of English Language Learners, Boston Public Schools

PANEL: Using the UDL Framework to Improve Instruction for All Students

Sowmya Kumar, Assistant Superintendent, Office of Special Education Services, Houston Independent School District

PANEL: Implementing Support Facilitation with Fidelity

Vickie L. Cartwright, Senior Executive Director for Exceptional Student Education, Orange County Public Schools

June M. Sellers, Senior Administrator for Exceptional Student Education Curriculum and Instruction PK-12, Orange County Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Jose Banda, Superintendent, Sacramento City Unified School District



Special Education



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EXPLORING PATHS TO EXCELLENCE THROUGH THE USE OF NAEP DATA

2:15 pm – 3:45 pm

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PANEL: Building From the Ground Up: Working with National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Data

Laura LoGerfo, Assistant Director for Reporting and Analysis, National Assessment Governing Board

Samantha Burg, Research Scientist, National Center for Education Statistics

Robert Finnegan, Director of Reporting, Educational Testing Service

FACILITATOR: Raymond Hart, Director of Research, Council of the Great City Schools



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TURN THE TABLE: THREE GREAT CITY SCHOOLS APPROACHES TO TURNING AROUND LOW-PERFORMING SCHOOLS

2:15 pm – 3:45 pm

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PANEL: Quality Education for All: Transforming Duval County's Lowest Performing Schools

Iranetta R. Wright, Assistant Superintendent, Duval County Schools



Leadership,
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PANEL: Disciplinary Literacy as a Strategy for High School Turnaround

Orlando Ramos, Regional Superintendent, Milwaukee Public Schools

Keith Posley, Chief Administration Officer, Milwaukee Public Schools



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PANEL: How To Develop A Turnaround Model for School Improvement: The School District of Philadelphia Experience

Eric J. Becoats, Assistant Superintendent, School District of Philadelphia

FACILITATOR: Happy Haynes, Board Member, Denver Public Schools

THE FORCE AWAKENS: STEM EDUCATION IN URBAN MIDDLE SCHOOLS

2:15 pm – 3:45 pm

Raphael/Michelangelo - Mezzanine Level - InterContinental Miami

PANEL: Boston STEM Week: A collaborative Effort to Bring Integrated STEM to Middle Schoolers

Shantae Toole, Teacher, Boston Public Schools

Megan Bird, Executive Director, Citizen Schools

Melissa Higgins, Curriculum Director, i2 Learning, Citizen Schools



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PANEL: Moving Forward in the Acceleration of STEM Education in Middle School Science

Jenny Christian, STEM Director of Science, Dallas Independent School District

PANEL: Preparing the Next Generation of STEM Educators through an Urban Middle School Residency Program

Cheryl R. Ellerbrock, Associate Professor of Middle Grades and General Secondary Education, University of South Florida

Larry R. Plank, Director of K-12 STEM Education, Hillsborough County Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Eric Gordon, Chief Executive Officer, Cleveland Metropolitan School District

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FRIEND REQUEST: URBAN DISTRICT EFFORTS TO UPDATE AND ENGAGE THE COMMUNITY USING SOCIAL MEDIA

2:15 pm – 3:45 pm

Balmoral - Mezzanine Level - InterContinental Miami

PANEL: Engaging and Informing Through Social Media

Denise Landman, Director of Marketing Strategic Educational Marketing, Office of Communications, Miami-Dade County Public Schools

PANEL: Using Social Media to Transform Urban Schools Instructional Culture

William Blake, Principal, Prince George's County Public Schools
Carletta Marrow, Instructional Director, Prince George's County Public Schools



FACILITATOR: Marcia Andrews, Board Member, The School District of Palm Beach County

SUPPORTING OUR LEADERS: IDENTIFYING AND DEVELOPING PRINCIPAL SUPERVISORS IN URBAN SCHOOLS

2:15 pm – 3:45 pm

Junior Ballroom - Lobby Level - InterContinental Miami

PANEL: Building A Better Broward Leadership Pipeline

Ted Toomer, Director, Leadership and Non-Instructional Department, Broward County Public Schools
Veda Hudge, Director, Office of Service Quality, Broward County Public Schools
Fabian Cone, Cadre Director, Office of School Performance and Accountability, Broward County Public Schools

PANEL: Building Capacity - Identifying, Developing, and Selecting Internal Candidates

Lisa Farmer Cole, Academic Superintendent, Cleveland Metropolitan School District
Carol Lockhart, Academic Superintendent, Cleveland Metropolitan School District
Lori Riddick, Executive Director Network Leadership, Cleveland Metropolitan School District



FACILITATOR: John Davis, Chancellor, District of Columbia Public Schools

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4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

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SUPPORT BEAMS: URBAN SCHOOLS ARE MAKING GREAT STRIDES WITH WRAP-AROUND PROGRAMS

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Sandringham/Windsor - Mezzanine Level - InterContinental Miami

PANEL: Creating a System of Performance-Oriented Wrap-Around Services

Marcelo Cavazos, Superintendent, Arlington Independent School District
Steven Wurtz, Chief Academic Officer, Arlington Independent School District



PANEL: What Makes an Effective Community School: Emerging Lessons from Buffalo...

Kriner Cash, Superintendent, Buffalo Public Schools
David Mauricio, Chief of Strategic Alignment and Innovation, Buffalo Public Schools

PANEL: Wraparound School Services: Providing Opportunities for Students Beyond the Regular School Day

David B. Rosenberg, Operations Officer, Indianapolis Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Rhonda Corr, Superintendent, Dayton Public Schools

TEACHABLE MOMENT: EVALUATING AND REWARDING STRONG TEACHERS IN URBAN SCHOOLS

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Chopin Ballroom - Mezzanine Level - InterContinental Miami

PANEL: Dallas ISD Pay for Performance: Paying for Performance Not Longevity and Teacher Perceptions

Nora Douglas, Evaluation Manager, Evaluation and Assessment, Dallas Independent School District
Cecilia Oakeley, Assistant Superintendent, Evaluation and Assessment, Dallas Independent School District
Jim Terry, Chief Financial Officer, Dallas Independent School District

PANEL: The DCPS Essential Practices

Michelle Hudacsko, Deputy Chief, IMPACT, District of Columbia Public Schools
Jade Brawley, Principal, Shepherd Elementary School, District of Columbia Public Schools



FACILITATOR: Jeff Davis, Board Member, Wichita Public Schools

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STOP, COLLABORATE, AND LISTEN: BUILDING INSTRUCTIONAL CAPACITY TOGETHER IN URBAN SCHOOLS

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

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Professional Development

PANEL: Implementing LDC through a Hybrid Professional Learning Model

Suzanne Simons, Chief Academic Officer, Literacy Design Collaborative

Barb Smith, Literacy Design Collaborative

Abigail Hammer, Literacy Design Collaborative

PANEL: Aligning Systems and Structures to Build Professional Capacity in Service of Student Achievement

Tavga Bustani, Instructional Support Office, San Diego Unified School District

Jim Solo, Executive Director, Leadership & Learning, San Diego Unified School District

Maria Montgomery, Mentor Principal, San Diego Unified School District

FACILITATOR: Peggy O'Shea, Board Member, Pinellas County Schools

THE PRINCIPAL PRINCIPLE: STRATEGIES FOR ENSURING HIGH QUALITY LEADERSHIP IN OUR URBAN SCHOOLS

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

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Leadership,
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PANEL: Service Quality Systems

Veda Hudge, Director, Office of Service Quality, Broward County Public Schools

Al Alexis, Assistant Director, Office of Service Quality, Broward County Public Schools

Yaco Zaragoza, Programmer, Office of Service Quality, Broward County Public Schools

PANEL: Clark County School Franchise Principal Program

Mike Barton, Chief Student Achievement Officer, Clark County School District

PANEL: Building Capacity of Area Superintendents to Improve Principal Instructional Leadership

Kyla Johnson, Lead Network Superintendent, Oakland Unified School District

Jaime Aquino, Chief Program Officer, New Leaders

FACILITATOR: Stephen Fink, Executive Director, Center for Educational Leadership, University of Washington

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CHANGE OF PLANS: FINDING THE RIGHT SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT MODELS FOR SUPPORTING URBAN SCHOOLS

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

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PANEL: Columbus City Schools: Meeting the Requirements of our Corrective Action Plan

Kathy Leffler, Executive Director Special Education, Support Services, Columbus City Schools

Jill Lausch, Director, Columbus City Schools

Keisha Fletcher-Bates, Director, Columbus City Schools

PANEL: Miami-Dade County Public Schools Transformation Model

David K. Moore, Assistant Superintendent, Division of Academic Support, Miami-Dade County Public Schools

PANEL: Budget Shark Tank: Ensuring Resource Equity, Access and Opportunities

Shannon Sharrock Gordon, Sr. Director Financial Planning & Budget Services, Office of Finance, Milwaukee Public Schools

Gerald J. Pace, Chief Financial Officer, Milwaukee Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Michael Grego, Superintendent, Pinellas County Public Schools

HOMEROOM: CHECKING IN WITH THE GREAT CITY SCHOOLS ON ISSUES OF ATTENDANCE AND MANDATORY RETENTION

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

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PANEL: Get To School-You Can Make It! Attendance Campaign

Michele Pomerantz, Policy and Labor Liaison, Cleveland Metropolitan School District

Matthew Linick, Executive Director of Research and Evaluation, Cleveland Metropolitan School District

Lorri Hobson, Director of Attendance, Cleveland Metropolitan School District

PANEL: Orange County Public Schools ASAP Program

Carl Sousa, Director Psychological and Social Services, Orange County Public Schools

Steve Ocasio, Social Worker, Orange County Public Schools

PANEL: The Problems with Mandatory Retention

Diana Fedderman, Director of K12 Curriculum, School District of Palm Beach County

Joseph Lee, Instructional Superintendent, School District of Palm Beach County

FACILITATOR: Carol Voss, Board Member, Milwaukee Public Schools

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WORDS GET IN THE WAY: BREAKING DOWN LITERACY BARRIERS FOR URBAN SCHOOL STUDENTS

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Sevilla - Lobby Level - InterContinental Miami

PANEL: K-2 Literacy Academy: Supporting Teachers through Systematic and Explicit Professional Development based on Research, District Data, and Differentiation

Leslie Haas, K-2 Curriculum & Instruction Director, Dallas Independent School District

April Larremore, K-2 Curriculum & Instruction Manager, Dallas Independent School District

PANEL: A District-Wide Approach to Improving Early Literacy for All Students

Rodney Johnson, Director of Early Literacy, School District of Philadelphia

Gernissia Cherfrere, Research Specialist, School District of Philadelphia



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PANEL: Richmond Reading Riders

Anthony Washington, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Richmond Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Edward Garza, Board Member, San Antonio Independent School District

TAKING THE LEAD: THE IMPACT OF TEACHER LEADERS ON OUR GREAT CITY SCHOOLS

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

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PANEL: Closing Achievement Gaps: Success by Design/Opportunity Culture

Melissa Stormont, Transformation Services Specialist, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools

Ann Clark, Superintendent, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools

PANEL: Empowering Teacher Leaders to Plan and Facilitate Professional Learning - The Mentor Model Ensures High Quality Behavioral Supports

Aaron Pecho, Science Coordinator, Sacramento City Unified School District



Leadership, Governance and Management



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PANEL: Closing the Gap: Teacher Leadership Impact for School-Wide Results

Meghan O'Keefe, Vice President of Programs, Teach Plus

Carlotta Coopriider, Director of Instructional Practice, Teach Plus Indianapolis

Emily Flack, First Grade T3 Teacher Leader, Clarence Farrington #61, Indianapolis Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Larry Nyland, Superintendent, Seattle Public Schools

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CHECK YOURSELF: HOW URBAN TEACHERS ARE USING STUDENT SURVEY RESULTS FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

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PANEL: Empowering Teacher Professional Learning by Shifting from Score-Driven Indicators of Effectiveness

Anasa W. Franklin, Deputy Chief of Staff, Shelby County Schools

PANEL: Tulsa Public Schools: Using Tripod Student Surveys to Enhance Professional Learning

Brandie Berry, Executive Director of Educator Effectiveness and Professional Learning, Talent Management Department, Tulsa Public Schools

Samuel Davidson, Data Analyst, Tulsa Public Schools



Professional Development

FACILITATOR: Lacey Merica, Board Member, Omaha Public Schools

LIFELONG LEARNERS: HOW URBAN SCHOOLS ARE EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULT STUDENTS

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Raphael/Michelangelo - Mezzanine Level - InterContinental Miami

PANEL: Building Systems for Adult Learning at Every Level

Doannie Tran, Assistant Superintendent, Academics and Professional Learning, Boston Public Schools

PANEL: No More Traditional Teacher Inservice: How to Systemically Motivate Adult Learning Using A District wide Personalized PD Mindset

Angie Gaylord, Executive Director of Professional Development, Dallas Independent School District

FACILITATOR: Cal Johnson, Board Member, Fresno Unified School District



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LEADERSHIP QUALITY: DEVELOPING SCHOOL AND DISTRICT LEADERS IN URBAN SCHOOLS

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Balmoral - Mezzanine Level - InterContinental Miami

PANEL: Instructional Leadership: Shifting district culture to support instruction to meet the needs of school leaders and students

Sean Conley, Chief Academic Officer, Baltimore City Public Schools

PANEL: Collaboration, Collaboration, Collaboration: Creating a System of Network Support Teams for School Improvement

Matthew Smith, Chief of Schools, Des Moines Public Schools

Brenda Edmundson-Colby, Interim Chief of Academics, Des Moines Public Schools



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FACILITATOR: Rodney Jordan, Board Member, Norfolk Public Schools

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DIGGING DEEP: IDENTIFYING AND UPROOTING THE UNDERLYING BARRIERS TO STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Escorial/Alhambra - Mezzanine Level - InterContinental Miami

PANEL: Campus Risk Loads...A Better Definition of Poverty

Carla Stevens, Assistant Superintendent, Research & Accountability, Houston Independent School District

Dee Carney, Associate, Moak, Casey & Associates

PANEL: Focus and Collaborative Reflective Practice Increases Coherence and Student Learning

Jennifer York-Barr, Professor Emeritus, University of Minnesota

Valeria Silva, Assistant to the Superintendent, St. Paul Public Schools



FACILITATOR: Jill Wynns, Board Member, San Francisco Unified School District

Executive Committee Meeting

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Bayfront A- Lobby Level

Cocktail Reception

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Ballroom Foyer - Mezzanine

Entertainment: Miami Coral Park High School Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Aramis Gonzalez

27th Annual Green-Garner Awards Banquet (Semi-Formal Attire)

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Grand Ballroom- Mezzanine

Entertainment: Glades Middle School Concert Jazz Band under the direction of Erich Rivero

Master of Ceremonies: Darienne Driver, Superintendent, Milwaukee Public Schools

Green-Garner Finalists:

John Allison, Wichita Public Schools

Juan Cabrera, El Paso Independent School District

Alberto Carvalho, Miami-Dade County Public Schools

Eric Gordon, Cleveland Metropolitan School District

Michael Grego, Florida's Pinellas County Public Schools

Kaya Henderson, District of Columbia Public Schools

Barbara Jenkins, Florida's Orange County Public Schools

Mary Ronan, Cincinnati Public Schools

Leticia Rodriguez-Rosario, New York City Department of Education

Hospitality Suite

9:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Royal Palm Presidential Suite - 33rd Floor, Room 3304- InterContinental

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Conference Registration

7:00 am - 4:00 pm
Level 2 - Mezzanine

Urban Schools Resource Display

8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Trinity- Mezzanine

Internet Business Café

8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Trinity- Mezzanine

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General Session C: Breakfast and Speaker, Donna Brazile, Political Commentator

7:30 am - 9:00 am
Grand Ballroom- Mezzanine

Entertainment: Arvida Middle School Orchestra under the direction of Vivian Ventura

Announcement of Queen Smith Award

Concurrent Session V

9:15 am - 10:30 am

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TOOLS OF THE TRADE: URBAN SCHOOLS ARE DRILLING DOWN FOR SUCCESS WITH COMMON CORE

9:15 am – 10:30 am

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Professional Development

PANEL: Professional Learning Structures for Supporting Balanced Assessment Practice in Schools

Peter Leonard, Office of Teaching and Learning, Chicago Public Schools

PANEL: Indicators of Success

Ricki Price-Baugh, Director of Academic Achievement, Council of the Great City Schools

PANEL: The Next LEAP Forward for DCPS

Jason Kamras, Chief, Office of Instructional Practice, District of Columbia Public Schools

Harry Hughes, Instructional Superintendent, District of Columbia Public Schools

Jade Brawley, Principal, Shepherd Elementary School, District of Columbia Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Barbara Jenkins, Superintendent, Orange County Public Schools

RE-CALCULATING: DEVELOPING PLANS TO TAKE URBAN SCHOOLS IN NEW DIRECTIONS

9:15 am – 10:30 am

Chopin Ballroom - Mezzanine Level - InterContinental Miami



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PANEL: Entry Planning for a New Superintendent and Leadership Team

Tommy Chang, Superintendent, Boston Public Schools

Alex Oliver-Davila, Executive Director of Sociedad Latina & Boston School Committee Member, Boston Public Schools

Karla Estrada, Deputy Superintendent of Academics and Student Support Services, Boston Public Schools

PANEL: Setting Up For Success: How The Network Support Team Structure Is Working To Support School Leaders Increase Student Achievement And Close Gaps In The Cleveland Metropolitan School District

Michelle Pierre-Farid, Chief Academic Officer, Cleveland Metropolitan School District

Megan Traum, Director of Strategic School Design & Academic Student Budgets, Cleveland Metropolitan School District

Jennifer Janovitz, Special Projects Manager to the CAO, Cleveland Metropolitan School District

PANEL: Building a School-Focused District

Christopher N. Maher, Superintendent, Providence Public Schools

Jennifer Lepre, Chief of Human Resources, Providence Public Schools

Nora Guyer, Human Resources Manager, Providence Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Myong Leigh, Interim Superintendent, San Francisco Unified School District

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EQUITY INITIATIVES: EDUCATING LEADERS AND TEACHERS TO SERVE DIVERSE URBAN STUDENTS

9:15 am – 10:30 am

Biscayne Ballroom - Mezzanine Level - InterContinental Miami

PANEL: Promoting Equity and Excellence in Urban Districts and Schools

Carmen Fariña, Chancellor, New York City Department of Education

Phil Weinberg, Deputy Chancellor, New York City Department of Education

Yolanda Torres, Executive Superintendent for Family and Community Engagement, New York City Department of Education

Andrew Fletcher, Director of Early Literacy, New York City Department of Education



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PANEL: Equity & Leadership: A Large Urban School System's Approach to Addressing Equity

Dallas Dance, Superintendent, Baltimore County Public Schools

Marisol Johnson, Board Member, Baltimore County Public Schools

PANEL: Breaking Stereotypes that Divide: How Racial Equity Training Improves Academics and School Culture

Wanda H. Legrand, Deputy Superintendent for Academics, Indianapolis Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Jumoke Hinton Hodge, Board Member, Oakland Unified School District

FROM THE BOARD ROOM TO THE CLASSROOM: HOW HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR URBAN DISTRICTS START AT THE TOP

9:15 am – 10:30 am

Brickell - Lobby Level - InterContinental Miami

PANEL: Board-Superintendent Partnership

Eric Gordon, Chief Executive Officer, Cleveland Metropolitan School District

Denise Link, Board of Education Chair, Cleveland Metropolitan School District

PANEL: The Board/Superintendent Governance Team and Policy Process

Thomas Ahart, Superintendent, Des Moines Public Schools

Cindy Elsbernd, Board Member, Des Moines Public Schools

PANEL: Beyond the Board Room: A New Approach to Policy Governance and Constituent Relations

Jacqueline M. Mann, Board Clerk, Director, Office of Board Governance, Milwaukee Public Schools

Katherine Polace, Board Staff Assistant, Office of Board Governance, Milwaukee Public Schools

FACILITATOR: A. J. Crabill, Representative Commissioner, Texas State Department of Education



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PROPER LENS: FOCUSING ON IMPROVING THE ACHIEVEMENT OF URBAN STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

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PANEL: Redesigning Special Education in the Public Schools: Creating Unique, Programmatic Schools of Choice

Mason Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Duval County Public Schools

PANEL: Best Practices to Enhance Dispute Resolution in Exceptional Student Education

Latonia Green, Director of Procedures for Exceptional Student Education, Orange County Public Schools

Sarah Wallerstein Koren, Staff Attorney, Orange County Public Schools

PANEL: Teaching Students with Emotional Disturbances: Finding and Training the Right Professionals

Amy Allen, Transformational Leader; Toledo Public Schools

Edward Cancio, Assistant Professor; The University of Toledo

FACILITATOR: Marnell Cooper, Board Member, Baltimore City Public Schools



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THE RIGHT FIT: TAILORING TEACHER PREP AND MENTORING PROGRAMS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF ALL URBAN STUDENTS

9:15 am – 10:30 am

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PANEL: Starting Strong - Mentoring and Induction for New Teachers in M-DCPS

Cindy Caldwell, Executive Director, New Teacher Support, Miami-Dade County Public Schools

Wandarece Ruan, Administrative Director, Office of Professional Development and Evaluation, Miami-Dade County Public Schools

PANEL: How One Bronx District's Strategy for Supporting Early Career Teachers and School Leaders Impacts Teacher Retention, Practice, and Student Learning, and Transforms Cultures of Teaching and Learning in High Need Schools

Rafaela Espinal Pacheco, Superintendent District 12, New York City Department of Education

PANEL: Project CREED (Culturally Responsive Exceptional Educators for Diversity)

Cathy Kea, Professor, North Carolina A&T State University

Diane Rodriguez, Associate Professor, Fordham University

FACILITATOR: Leslie Grant, Board Member, Atlanta Public Schools



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DOUBLE DUTY: THE BENEFITS OF DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAMS FOR URBAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

9:15 am – 10:30 am

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PANEL: A 25 Year Journey: Improving the Achievement Gap through Dual Enrollment Opportunities



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Deborah Shanley, Interim Dean, School of Education, Lehman College

Joyce C. Mitchell, Shelby County Schools and Middle College National Consortium

Mattie Robertson, Vice-Chair of California Coalition of Early and Middle Colleges, Middle College National Consortium

Scott Springer, Denver Public Schools

Susan Doyle, Principal, Middle Early College, Buffalo Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Doretha Edgecomb, Board Member, Hillsborough County School District

DIVERSE STRATEGIES TO BUILD CONFIDENCE AND CREATE OPPORTUNITIES IN URBAN SCHOOLS

9:15 am – 10:30 am

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PANEL: Pursuing Socioeconomic Diversity Through Public School Choice



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Mike Koprowski, Chief of Transformation and Innovation, Dallas Independent School District

PANEL: Enrollment is our Hustle: DCPS' Student Recruitment Approach

Emerald Becker, Director, Student Enrollment Initiatives, District of Columbia Public Schools

Andrew Katz-Moses, School Planning Specialist, District of Columbia Public Schools

PANEL: Using Charter Best Practices for School Turnaround

Gavin Samms, Chief of Dissemination, Harvard University

FACILITATOR: Melanie Bates, Board Member, Cincinnati Public Schools

COLLEGE BOUND: INCREASING HIGHER EDUCATION PROSPECTS FOR GREAT CITY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

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Flagler - Lobby Level - InterContinental Miami

PANEL: Schools to Learn From for Secondary ELLs



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Maria Santos, Co-Chair, Understanding Language, Stanford University

Farah Assiraj, Lead Teacher, Boston International & Newcomer Academy, Boston Public Schools

PANEL: Expanding College Opportunities for Students



Bilingual,
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Israel Cordero, Deputy Chief of School Leadership, Dallas Independent School District

FACILITATOR: Renata Lyons, Research Manager, Council of the Great City Schools

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NOW YOU'RE SPEAKING MY LANGUAGE: DUAL LANGUAGE PROGRAMS IN OUR GREAT CITY SCHOOLS

9:15 am – 10:30 am

Escorial/Alhambra - Mezzanine Level - InterContinental Miami

PANEL: Implementing and Monitoring High Quality Dual Language Schools

Blanca M. Guerra, Curriculum Supervisor, Broward County Public Schools

Idalina Orta, Educational Specialist, Broward County Public Schools



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PANEL: Expanding Two-Way Dual Language for All Learners

Susan Hernandez, Executive Director, Language and Literacy, Dallas Independent School District

PANEL: Transformative District-Wide Dual Language Education

Juan Cabrera, Superintendent, El Paso Independent School District

Dori Fenenbock, Board President, El Paso Independent School District

Ivonne Durant, Deputy Superintendent of Academics & School Leadership, El Paso Independent School District

FACILITATOR: Marcelo Cavazos, Superintendent, Arlington Independent School District

DEEP BENCH: HOW COMMUNITY AND EXTERNAL PARTNERS CONTRIBUTE TO THE SUCCESS OF URBAN SCHOOLS

9:15 am – 10:30 am

Raphael/Michelangelo - Mezzanine Level - InterContinental Miami

PANEL: Establishing Strong Foundations to Further District Initiatives

Darienne B. Driver, Superintendent, Milwaukee Public Schools

Ann Terrell, Executive Director Milwaukee Public Schools Foundation

Judy Seal, Executive Director, Long Beach Education Foundation

Ann Stith de las Pozas, Executive Director, Foundation for New Education Initiatives, Inc., Miami-Dade County Public Schools



School Finance
and Facilities

PANEL: Leveraging Community Partnerships and Skills Based Volunteering to Improve HR Practices

Candice J. Hunter, Chief of Staff, Richmond Public Schools



Professional
Development

PANEL: Palm Beach County Collective Impact for Education

Keith Oswald, Chief Academic Officer, School District of Palm Beach County

Chris Koehn, Executive Director, The Celia Lipton Farris and Victor W. Farris Foundation, Inc.

Becky Youngman, Manager of College Readiness, School District of Palm Beach County

Nancy Reese, Instructional Specialist, School District of Palm Beach County



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FACILITATOR: Debra Hopkins, ELL Project Manager, Council of the Great City Schools

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MISSING LINK: USING ONLINE TOOLS TO ENHANCE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN URBAN SCHOOLS

9:15 am – 10:30 am

Balmoral - Mezzanine Level - InterContinental Miami

PANEL: They Are Doing What? Scenario Based Online PD

Elvira Salazar, Sr. Manager of Design, Media & Online Learning, Houston Independent School District

Alyssa Gomez, Design Specialist Team Lead, Houston Independent School District

PANEL: Leveraging Technology to Strengthen Outcomes and Achievement for Students in Special Education with Intellectual and Emotional Disabilities

Larry Greer, Interim Executive Director, Exceptional Education Services, Jackson Public Schools

Sharron Williams, Exceptional Education Services, Jackson Public Schools

Madelyn Harris, Exceptional Education Services, Jackson Public Schools

Curtis Wicker, Coordinator, Exceptional Education Services, Jackson Public Schools



PANEL: Effectively Using Videoconferencing for PD and Student Engagement

Rob Bixler, Executive Director, Curriculum, Instruction & Digital Learning, Orange County Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Aurora Lora, Superintendent, Oklahoma City Public Schools

THE FAMILY TREE: BRANCHING OUT TO ENGAGE URBAN STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

9:15 am – 10:30 am

Junior Ballroom - Lobby Level - InterContinental Miami

PANEL: Family Empowerment Program

Renny L. Neyra, District Director, Miami-Dade County Public Schools

Michele Mordica, Community Liaison Specialist, Miami-Dade County Public Schools



PANEL: Increased Engagement with Parents and Caregivers of Students with Disabilities

Vickie L. Cartwright, Senior Executive Director for Exceptional Student Education, Orange County Public Schools

John Davis, Senior Director for Exceptional Student Education, Orange County Public Schools

PANEL: Relational Home Visits: Building Cultural and Academic Capacity for Educators and Families

Tu Moua Carroz, Assistant Superintendent, Sacramento City Unified School District

FACILITATOR: Michael McQuary, Board Member, San Diego Unified School Board

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Concurrent Session VI

10:45 am - 12:15 pm

Note: All concurrent sessions are held at the InterContinental Miami

END OF DAYS: NAVIGATING THE WASHINGTON WATERS DURING A LAME DUCK SESSION

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

Sandringham/Windsor - Mezzanine Level - InterContinental Miami

PANEL: Federal Policy Update

Jeff Simering, Director of Legislative Services, Council of the Great City Schools
Manish Naik, Manager of Legislative Services, Council of the Great City Schools
Julie Wright Halbert, Legislative Counsel, Council of the Great City Schools
Gabriela Uro, Director, English Language Learner Policy and Research, Council of the Great City Schools

FACILITATOR: **Michael Hinojosa**, Superintendent, Dallas Independent School District



STRENGTH IN NUMBERS: COLLABORATING FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS IN URBAN SCHOOLS

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

Chopin Ballroom - Mezzanine Level - InterContinental Miami

PANEL: Interschool Collaborative Learning Initiatives

Carmen Fariña, Chancellor, New York City Department of Education
Phil Weinberg, Deputy Chancellor, New York City Department of Education
Susan Tyman, Senior Director of Model Teacher Support, New York City Department of Education
Chau Ngo, Executive Director of Showcase Schools, New York City Department of Education

PANEL: Addressing the Needs of Students with Disabilities as a Collaborative System

Shelly Bosovich, Executive Director, Des Moines Public Schools

PANEL: Breaking Down Silos in a Large Urban District

Jesus Jara: Deputy Superintendent, Orange County Public Schools
Brandon McKelvey, Associate Superintendent, Research Accountability and Grants, Orange County Public Schools
Diane Gullett, Executive Area Director, Professional Development Services, Orange County Public Schools
Rob Bixler, **Executive Director**, Curriculum, Instruction and Digital Learning, Orange County Public Schools

FACILITATOR: **Michael O'Neill**, Board Member, Boston Public Schools



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BACK TO SCHOOL: REDUCING OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME AND SUPPORTING RE-ENGAGEMENT FOR URBAN STUDENTS

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

Biscayne Ballroom - Mezzanine Level - InterContinental Miami

PANEL: One Stop Community and Education Solution

Luis Diaz, Administrative Director, Miami Dade County Public Schools



PANEL: Restorative Justice Practices

Nancy Charles, District Resource Coach, Orange County Public Schools

PANEL: Changes in Suspension Practices, and Short Term Effects on Academic Outcomes

Theodore Wills, Senior Research Associate, School District of Philadelphia

Tonya Wolford, Deputy Chief, Research and Evaluation, School District of Philadelphia

Rachel Holzman, Deputy Chief, Student Rights and Responsibilities, School District of Philadelphia

Jody Greenblatt, Deputy Chief, School Climate and Safety, School District of Philadelphia

FACILITATOR: Ronald Lee, Board Member, Dayton Public Schools

OVERCOMING THE CHALLENGES FACING MALES OF COLOR IN OUR GREAT CITY SCHOOLS

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

Bricknell - Lobby Level - InterContinental Miami

PANEL: Expanding Success: Improving College and Career Readiness for Black and Latino Young Men

Richard Haynes, ESI Director of School Support, New York City Department of Education



PANEL: Kingmakers of Oakland - How an Urban School District is Creating the Conditions and the Culture Through Targeted Universalism to Improve the Educational Outcomes of AAM Students

Chris Chatmon, Deputy Chief of Equity, Oakland Unified School District

PANEL: Designed Tiered Supports for African American Students

Landon Dickey, Special Assistant to the Superintendent, African American Achievement & Leadership, San Francisco Unified School District

Chris Lee, Research & Evaluation Manager, Policy & Programs, San Francisco Unified School District

FACILITATOR: Dana Bedden, Superintendent, Richmond Public Schools

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LEADING BY EXAMPLE: USING SUCCESSFUL MODELS TO DEVELOP STRONG URBAN SCHOOL LEADERS

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

Merrick I - Lobby Level - InterContinental Miami

PANEL: Aspiring Principals Program: Developing Future Turnaround Principals

Heather Grant, Director of the Aspiring Principals Program and New Principal Support, Cleveland Metropolitan School District

PANEL: Aspiring Principals Program

Ileana M. Davalos, Director, Los Angeles Unified School District

Michelle Barker, Administrative Coordinator, Los Angeles Unified School District

Marco A. Nava, Administrative Coordinator, Los Angeles Unified School District



Leadership,
Governance and
Management

PANEL: The Leadership Engine: Matchmaking in the School Leader Selection Process

Daniel Glass, Human Capital Coordinator, Strategic Projects, Minneapolis Public Schools

Betsy Symanietz, Human Capital Coordinator, School and District Leadership, Minneapolis Public Schools

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FACILITATOR: Thomas Ahart, Superintendent, Des Moines Public Schools

AMERICA'S GOT TALENT!: ADDRESSING TEACHER SHORTAGES ISSUES IN OUR NATION'S URBAN DISTRICTS

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

Trade - Lobby Level - InterContinental Miami

PANEL: Leveraging Data to Promote Earlier Hiring: A DCPS Case Study

Brooke Amos, Director, Teacher Recruitment and Selection, District of Columbia Public Schools

Joel Brown, Manager, Strategic Staffing, District of Columbia Public Schools



Professional
Development

PANEL: Building a Teacher Pipeline: Recruitment, Training, and Retaining in a Partnership Model

Teresa Morales-Young, Administrator of Teacher Development, Fresno Unified School District

PANEL: Turn Your Professional Development Courses Into a Teacher Shortage Solution

Amy Holcombe, Executive Director of Strategic Planning and Development, Guilford County Schools

FACILITATOR: Laurie Rich Levinson, Board Member, Broward County Public Schools

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THE RIGHT EQUATION: A NEW ANGLE ON PREPARING STEM TEACHERS FOR URBAN SCHOOL SUCCESS

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

Sevilla - Lobby Level - InterContinental Miami



Professional Development

PANEL: Making Science Accessible to All Learners

Jenny Christian, STEM Director of Science, Dallas Independent School District

Stacy Venson, Special Education Director, Curriculum & Instruction

PANEL: Jacksonville Teacher Residency Program: Recruit, Prepare and retain highly effective teachers

Iranetta Wright, Region Superintendent, Duval County Public Schools

PANEL: Our Students Can do Rigorous Math Too! Personalized Learning in the Mathematics Classroom

Taresa E. Wright-Fraser, Instructional Learning Officer, St. Louis Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Elisa Snelling, Board Member, Anchorage School District

ACADEMY REWARD: UNIQUE SCHOOL PROGRAMS FOCUSING ON THE TALENTS AND NEEDS OF URBAN STUDENTS

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

Bayfront B - Lobby Level - InterContinental Miami

PANEL: The Case for Project Based Learning and Inclusion: Building Self-Determination in Students with Disabilities

Barbara Mullen, Program Specialist Inclusive Services, Houston Independent School District

PANEL: iPrep Academy

Jaime G. Torrens, Chief Facilities Officer, Miami-Dade County Public Schools



Special Education



Achievement Gap

PANEL: Career Academies Bridge Student Achievement Gaps

Mark Hunt, Executive Director, Career, Technical and Adult Education; Robin McGowan, Vice President, Pinellas Education Foundation

FACILITATOR: Dori Fenenbock, Board Member, El Paso Independent School District

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OPEN DOORS: GUIDING AMERICA'S NEWEST STUDENTS TO SUCCESS IN THE GREAT CITY SCHOOLS

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

Escorial/Alhambra - Mezzanine Level - InterContinental Miami

PANEL: Embracing Best Practices to Support Undocumented Students in Boston

Frances Esparza, Assistant Superintendent, Office of English Language Learners, Boston Public Schools

PANEL: Newcomer and Refugee Support in Dallas ISD: The Margaret and Gilbert Herrera Student Intake Center

Amanda Clymer, Director ELL Compliance/Student Intake Center, Dallas Independent School District

FACILITATOR: Paula Wright, Board Member, Duval County Public Schools



WELL, WELL, WELL: THE IMPACT OF STUDENT HEALTH ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT IN URBAN SCHOOLS

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

Raphael/Michelangelo - Mezzanine Level - InterContinental Miami

PANEL: Urban School Wellness Coalition: Accountability through Collaboration

Hannah Laughlin, Senior Field Manager, Action for Healthy Kids

Eric Stern, Physical, Health and Driver Education Administrator, School District of Palm Beach County

Jacqueline Broderick-Patton, Wellness Initiative Coordinator, Columbus City Schools

Barbara Johnson, Director, Health and PE, Dallas Independent School District

FACILITATOR: Jamie Sullins, Board Member, Arlington Independent School District



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CROSS-TABS: LEVERAGING ALL DISTRICT SUPPORTS TO RAISE URBAN STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

Balmoral - Mezzanine Level - InterContinental Miami

PANEL: Implementing a Data-Driven School Portfolio Decision-Making Process: A Case Study of Cleveland Metropolitan School District

Christine Fowler-Mack, Chief Portfolio Officer, Cleveland Metropolitan School District

Melissa Skelly, Executive Director of Policy and Planning, Cleveland Metropolitan School District

PANEL: Innovation Network Schools: Taking Bold Steps in School Management to Support Student Achievement

Aleesia Johnson, Innovation Officer, Indianapolis Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Dorsey Hopson, Superintendent, Shelby County Schools



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KEEP IT POSITIVE: USING BEHAVIORAL SUPPORTS TO HELP ALL URBAN STUDENTS ACHIEVE

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

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PANEL: Better Choices, Better Decisions

Mary L. Thomas, Austin ISD Project Director, Austin Independent School District

Sterling Lands, II, Community Advocate, Austin Independent School District



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PANEL: Supporting the Whole Child and the Whole Educator – Social Emotional Learning and Trauma Informed Care

Ruth Maegli, Chief of Academics, Milwaukee Public Schools

Jennifer Mims-Howell, Senior Director of Specialized Services, Milwaukee Public Schools

Melanie Stewart, Director of Student Performance & Improvement, Milwaukee Public Schools



Special
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FACILITATOR: Jill Geary, Board Member, Seattle Public Schools

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General Session D: Lunch and Speaker, Eric Holder, Former Attorney General

12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

Grand Ballroom- Mezzanine

Entertainment: Coral Reef High School Thespians under the direction of Ana Mederos and Nicole Quintana

General Session E: Town Hall Meeting with Dan Rather

2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Bayfront A- Lobby Level

Topic: “Urban Education and the Presidential Campaign”

Moderator: Dan Rather, *Broadcast Journalist*

Panel: Carl Paladino, Trump surrogate, Buffalo Public Schools board member
Mildred Otero, Clinton surrogate, former education adviser for Clinton
Alberto Carvalho, Superintendent, Miami-Dade County Public Schools
Melanie Bates, Board Vice President, Cincinnati Public Schools
William Hite, Superintendent, School District of Philadelphia

Great City Colleges of Education Meeting

4:15 pm - 5:00 pm

Sevilla A- Lobby Level

6:15 pm - 7:00 pm - Walk or take the bus to the Biscayne Lady Dock

Reception at the Biscayne Lady Yacht Charter

6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

555 NE 15th Street, Suite 102

Miami, FL 33132

Hospitality Suite

9:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Royal Palm Presidential Suite - 33rd Floor, Room 3304- InterContinental

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Saturday, October 22, 2016

Breakfast Buffet

8:00 am - 9:00 am

Trianon- Level 2 - Mezzanine

Shipping Center - ship your materials home at no cost

8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Trinity- Level 2 - Mezzanine

Board of Directors Meeting

8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Versailles- Level 2 - Mezzanine

Legislative Directors Lunch and Meeting (Council members only)

12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Alhambra/Escorial- Level 2 - Mezzanine

2017 Fall Conference Planning Meeting & Lunch (Planners only)

12:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Michelangelo - Mezzanine

Purple Rain Farewell Reception and Party

6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Chopin Ballroom- Mezzanine

Wear Purple

Sunday, October 22, 2016

Breakfast and Closing Session

8:30 am - 10:00 am

Trade Room- Lobby Level

Adjourn

10:00 am