



# Council of the Great City Schools

## Annual Legislative and Policy Conference

March 14 – 17, 2015

Mayflower Renaissance Hotel  
1127 Connecticut Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20036

## AGENDA

*All conference sessions take place in the Mayflower Hotel unless otherwise noted.*

### Saturday, March 14, 2015

8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Conference Registration	Outside of East Room
8:00 am – 10:00 am	Continental Breakfast	East Room
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Fall Conference Planning Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>59<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Conference in Long Beach</i></li></ul>	New York Room
10:00 am – 11:00 am	Blue Ribbon Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Blue Ribbon Corporate Advisory Group</i> (by invitation only)</li></ul>	New Jersey Room
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Policy Session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Discussion of Education Issues at the State Level</i> (school districts only)</li></ul>	Grand Ballroom
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Internal Advisory Committee Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Males of Color Achievement</i></li></ul>	New York Room
11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Buffet Lunch	East Room
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Executive Committee Lunch and Meeting (closed session)	Rhode Island Room
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	The ABCs of Federal Education Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>A “primer” on education policy in Washington</i></li></ul>	Grand Ballroom

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Legislative Liaisons Meeting (school districts only)	Grand Ballroom
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Joint Meeting of the Task Forces: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Achievement &amp; Professional Development</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assessment Survey Update</li> <li>- Instructional Materials Selection Rubrics</li> <li>- Principal Supervisor Research Site Visit Findings</li> <li>- Academic Key Performance Indicators Update</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	State Room
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Joint Meeting of the Task Forces: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Governance, Leadership, and Management &amp; School Finance</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lessons Learned from Strategic Support Team Reviews of Districts' Financial Operations</li> <li>- Enterprise-Wide Governance</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	State Room
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Task Force Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>English Language Learners and Bilingual Education</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- English Language Development (ELD) 2.0</li> <li>- Improving Instructional Materials for ELLs</li> <li>- Online/Virtual PD for Teachers</li> <li>- Scaffolding Project</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Chinese Room
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	New Members and Newcomers Orientation	Virginia Room
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Welcome Reception at the Mayflower Hotel	Promenade Ballroom

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## Sunday, March 15, 2015

7:30 am – 5:00 pm	Conference Registration	Outside of East Room
7:30 am – 9:30 am	Breakfast Buffet	East Room
8:30 am – 12:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Spring Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Great City Schools</i></li> </ul>	Grand Ballroom
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Lunch and Speaker <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Honorable Arne Duncan</i> <i>United States Secretary of Education</i></li> </ul>	East Room
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	General Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Council of the Great City Colleges of Education</i></li> </ul>	Virginia Room

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Washington Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Briefing on federal education action provided by CGCS Legislative Staff</i></li> </ul>	State Room
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	California State Legislative and Budget Policy Discussion	Virginia Room
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Reception at the Mayflower Hotel: “Taste of Long Beach”	Chinese Room

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## Monday, March 16, 2015

7:30 am – 3:00 pm	Conference Registration	Outside of East Room
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Breakfast and Speaker <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Honorable Catherine Lhamon Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights U.S. Department of Education</i></li> </ul>	East Room
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Impact of the School Meals' Community Eligibility Option <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Michael Anderson, Office of General Counsel U.S. Department of Education</i></li> <li>• <i>Heather Hopwood, Food and Nutrition Service U.S. Department of Agriculture</i></li> </ul>	State Room
10:00 am – 11:00 am	School Improvement Grants: Results and New Regulations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Honorable Scott Sargrad Deputy Assistant Secretary Office of Elementary and Secondary Education U.S. Department of Education</i></li> </ul>	State Room
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	ESEA Reauthorization on Capitol Hill <p><u>House Committee on Education and the Workforce</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Brad Thomas, Majority Staff</i></li> <li>• <i>Jacque Chevalier, Minority Staff</i></li> </ul> <p><u>Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Lindsay Fryer, Majority Staff</i></li> <li>• <i>Amanda Beaumont, Minority Staff</i></li> </ul>	State Room
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Lunch and Speaker <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Honorable Robert “Bobby” Scott (D-VA) Ranking Democratic Member Committee on Education and the Workforce U.S. House of Representatives</i></li> </ul>	East Room

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm      Congressional Office Visits  
(Make your own appointments)

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm      Reception at National Geographic Museum  
(Located directly across the street from the rear  
entrance of the Mayflower Hotel)

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## Tuesday, March 17, 2015

8:00 am – 10:00 am      Breakfast Buffet and Speaker      East Room

Getting Traction on Capitol Hill with Education Issues

- *Alex Nock, Partner*  
*Penn Hill Group*  
(Former Deputy Staff Director, House Committee on  
Education and the Workforce)

10:00 am – 12:00 pm      Debriefing with Council Staff      East Room

12:00 pm      ADJOURN