



BILINGUAL, IMMIGRANT, AND REFUGEE EDUCATION DIRECTORS' MEETING
FRAMING THE CHALLENGES AND FINDING THE SOLUTIONS

Sonesta Hotel
Miami, FL

May 10-12, 2007

MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, May 10, 2007

7:00 am **Registration**

7:30-8:30 am **Breakfast**

8:30 am **Welcome**

Michael Casserly, Executive Director
Council of the Great City Schools

Lourdes Rovira, Associate Superintendent,
Miami-Dade County Public Schools

8:45 am **Meeting Goals and Outcomes**

Jason Snipes, Director of Research
Council of the Great City Schools

9:00 am **Framing the Challenges**

This session will feature a presentation framing the challenges and suggesting solutions for educating English Language Learners by a national expert. The presentation will be followed by a panel discussion.

Facilitator: Shirley Schwartz, Director of Special Projects
Council of the Great City Schools

Presenter: Kenji Hakuta, Professor, Stanford University

Panel: Lourdes Rovira, Associate Superintendent
Miami-Dade County Public Schools
Paul Garcia, Director, English Learner Services
Fresno Unified School District

10:30 am **Break**

10:45 am **Components and Principles of Effective Instruction**

This session will focus on a discussion of instructional models for English Language Learners that research and practice have shown to be effective in terms of increasing academic achievement.

Facilitator: Adriane Williams, Research Manager
Council of the Great City Schools

Presenter: Aida Walqui, Director, Teacher Professional Development Program, WestEd

Panel: Tomasita Ortiz, Director, Multilingual Student Education Services, Orange County Public Schools
Nancy Alamo, Director, English Language Learner Program, Clark County Schools

12:15-1:00 pm **Lunch**

1:15 pm **Succeeding with English Language Learners: A Case Study in the Great City Schools**

An overview of the research design for the upcoming case study of fast improving Great City School districts and discussion of a literature review on current research on English Language Learners will be the focus of this session.

Facilitator: Jason Snipes, Director of Research
Adriane Williams, Research Manager
Council of the Great City Schools

2:15 pm **Break**

2:30 pm **Assessment of English Language Learners and Evaluation of Programs for English Language Learners**

In this session the implications of the assessment of English Language Learners and the evaluation of programs for English Language Learners have for curriculum and instructional practices will be explored.

Facilitators: Kenji Hakuta, Professor, Stanford University
Jason Snipes, Director of Research
Council of the Great City Schools

Panel: Maxine Hill, Supervisor, Bilingual/Multicultural Education,
Anchorage School District
Sayra Hughes, Executive Director
Broward County Public Schools
Heidi Bernal, Interim Director, English Language Learners,
Saint Paul Public Schools

4:00 pm **Wrap Up**

6:00-7:30 pm **Reception**

Friday, May 11, 2007

7:30-8:30 am **Breakfast**

8:30 am **Legislative Report and Update**

Presenter: Jeff Simering, Director of Legislation
Council of the Great City Schools

10:00 am **Break**

10:15 am **Systems of Effective Practice**

In this problem-solving session the policies and research-based practices in the Great City Schools that have led to demonstrated and sustained academic progress for English Language Learners will be discussed.

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

Panel: Valeria Silva, Chief Academic Officer, St. Paul Public Schools
Sandra Rosario, Supervisor, Hillsborough County Schools

12:00 noon **Lunch**

1:00 pm

Adolescent Newcomers

The challenges of providing programming for adolescent newcomers will be discussed in the context of building systematic English Language Learner programs for urban schools.

Facilitator: Adriane Williams, Research Manager
Council of the Great City Schools

2:30 pm

Break

2:45 pm

Building Capacity for Teaching and Learning

This interactive working session will focus on the skills, knowledge, characteristics, and resources needed to build an effective teaching and leadership workforce for English Language Learners.

Facilitator: Shirley Schwartz, Director of Special Projects,
Council of the Great City Schools

Panel: Teresa Walter, Director, Office of Language Acquisition
San Diego Unified School District

4:15 pm

Wrap Up

****Explore Miami – Dinner on Your Own****

Saturday, May 12, 2007

8:00 -9:00 am

Continental Breakfast

9:00 am

Future Meetings

During this session the goals and objectives, issues, and venue for future meetings will be discussed.

Facilitators: Council of the Great City Schools Staff:
Ricki Price-Baugh, Director of Academic Achievement
Jason Snipes, Director of Research
Shirley Schwartz, Director of Special Projects

11:00 am

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