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# 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Curriculum & Research Directors' Meeting June 25-28, 2018

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All cancellations and substitution requests must be made in writing and emailed to Alexis Vann at [avann@cgcs.org](mailto:avann@cgcs.org). Registrations canceled on or before June 4, 2018 will receive a full refund. Cancellations received from June 4 - June 15 will receive a 50% refund of the registration fee. Cancellations made after **June 15 and no-shows on June 25 will not receive a refund** and will be billed the full amount. Purchase orders will not be accepted on-site. An additional \$50 late registration fee will be added for registrations received after June 15, 2018. **Companies are not allowed to attend if you are not sponsoring.**

## HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

Call the Marquette Hotel directly to book your room at 612-333-4545. Ask for the CGCS or Council of the Great City Schools meeting rate.

Room rates are \$169 per night, single or double, plus 13.15% tax. The cut-off date for the group rate is Tuesday, June 4, 2018. You may also make reservations online by clicking:

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# Council of the Great City Schools Annual Academic and Research Conference

Solutions to the student achievement issues we face today are too complex for any single department or division to address alone. Given the interrelated nature of the many systems that impact achievement, the Council of the Great City Schools invites teams of senior school district leaders in curriculum, research, school supervision, and innovation to come together at the Annual Academic and Research Conference. Participants will work collaboratively with their peers and invited speakers to learn about programs and processes that have been successful in Council member districts.

## Agenda

### Monday, June 25, 2018

1:00PM – 5:00PM

#### Literacy Pre-Conference

Stars Room

David Liben will introduce the five new high quality aligned programs that have come on the market since the standards. After a general introduction David will go into more detail on each program. Although these programs got all green from Ed Reports, they are very different from each other. The goal of this work is to get a detailed sense of each program to see which fits best with your district or school. David has also worked with all of these programs and in the last year visited schools implementing them. He will share the considerations districts should keep in mind for the selection and implementation of instructional materials.

6:00PM – 8:00PM

#### Welcome Dinner

Jacques Restaurant

### Tuesday, June 26, 2018

7:00AM – 5:00PM

#### Registration

Stars Foyer

7:00AM – 7:55AM

#### Breakfast

Stars Foyer

8:00AM – 8:30AM

#### Welcome and Conference Overview

Stars Room

8:30AM – 12:00PM

#### Joint Session

Stars Room

This session will focus on the process of aligning high expectations for learning targets, classroom instruction, and student work. Participants will engage in an interactive analysis of performance tasks, samples of students work and rubrics. We will also examine and discuss the implications for how to aggregate these data up to the district level to shape district priorities, plans of action, and monitoring processes to track how quality of instruction and level of student understanding change over time.

12:15PM – 1:15PM

**Lunch:** Presentation of the R.E.A.D. Award for Excellence in Research

Planets Room

1:30PM – 4:00PM	<b>Curriculum and Instruction Session</b>	<b>Universe A</b>
	<i>Operationalizing the Instructional Vision: Strengthening Tier 1</i> Participants will engage in discussion of ways they can improve teacher support in preparing students for complex tasks and thinking by providing clarity in curriculum guidance and strong use of professional development models. The CGCS academic team along with David Liben will facilitate this interactive session through examining samples of student work and tasks from high quality standards-aligned programs and student work from member districts.	

1:30PM – 4:00PM	<b>Research and Assessment Session</b>	<b>Universe B</b>
	<i>Survey of Current Issues: Peer Support and Collaboration</i> Participants will engage in a discussion of current issues and concerns paramount to the work of research, evaluation, and assessment in urban school districts. Suggested topics have included, but will not be limited to, presenting assessment data, evaluating and improving intervention programs, improving school improvement plans, etc.	

4:30PM	<b>Bus to Reception at Paisley Park, the Home of Prince</b>
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5:00PM – 6:30PM	<b>Reception</b>
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**Wednesday, June 27, 2018**

7:00AM – 8:15AM	<b>Breakfast</b>	<b>Galaxy Room</b>
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8:30AM – 11:45AM	<b>Concurrent Sessions</b> Individual Council districts will share successful strategies that have produced results.
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8:30AM – 9:10AM	Session #1  <b>Going Beyond the Basal</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Universe A</b></span> Guilford County Schools  <b>Not All Test Items are Created Equal</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Universe B</b></span> Arlington Independent School District
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9:20AM – 10:00AM	Session #2  <b>Using Research and Data to Inform Decision-making in Philadelphia</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Universe A</b></span> The School District of Philadelphia  <b>Co-teaching: System to Support Access and Progress in the Core Curriculum for English Learners and Students with Disabilities</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Universe B</b></span> St. Paul Public Schools
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10:15AM – 10:55AM	<p>Session #3</p> <p><b>Lifting Student Voices to Enhance Engagement &amp; Empower Literacy Learning</b> Clark County School District</p> <p><b>Connecting Across the Silos: DPS’ Organizational Model for Data, Research, and Evaluation in Service of District Departments</b> Denver Public Schools</p>	<p>Universe A</p> <p>Universe B</p>
11:05AM – 11:45AM	<p>Session #4</p> <p><b>Principal’s Landing Page: Focusing on the Critical Few</b> Milwaukee Public Schools</p> <p><b>Success from the Start</b> Fresno Unified School District</p>	<p>Universe A</p> <p>Universe B</p>
12:00PM – 1:00PM	<p><b>Lunch:</b> Presentation of Making Strides Together Curriculum Leadership Award</p>	<p><b>Galaxy Room</b></p>
1:15PM – 3:15PM	<p><b>Joint Session</b></p> <p>This session features a panel discussion on successful district strategies for turning around low performing schools, followed by roundtable discussions on additional promising practices for improving all schools, especially the lowest performing schools.</p>	<p><b>Stars Room</b></p>
3:30PM – 5:00PM	<p><b>Curriculum and Instruction Session</b></p> <p><i>Addressing Unfinished Learning during Tier 1 Instruction</i></p> <p>One of the challenges faced in every classroom is the number of students who enter the grade level with unfinished learning. This session will focus on how much of this can be addressed during Tier 1 instruction so that grade-level instruction is not compromised. Phil Daro, a former district leader and a nationally-recognized trailblazer in mathematics education, will facilitate an interactive session to address this challenge.</p>	<p><b>Universe A</b></p>
3:30PM – 5:00PM	<p><b>Research and Assessment Session</b></p> <p><i>Promising Practices from Council Member Districts</i></p> <p>District research and assessment directors will share several of their promising practices implemented in the field to improve the collection, analysis, and use of data and student achievement results in the classroom and the district.</p>	<p><b>Universe B</b></p>
5:30PM – 7:00PM	<p><b>Reception</b></p>	

Thursday, June 28, 2018

7:30AM – 8:15AM

**Breakfast**

**Galaxy Room**

8:30AM – 10:00AM

**Legislative Update**

**Galaxy Room**

10:15AM – 12:00PM

**Joint Session**

**Galaxy Room**

What works! Presentations on research and best practices for turning around the lowest performing schools in Council member districts. Collaborative discussions on possibilities for improving student achievement in America's most challenging school buildings.

12:15PM – 1:15PM

**Lunch**

1:30PM – 3:00PM

**Joint Session**

**Galaxy Room**

Discussion about the Council's plans for the use of technology to support and connect districts throughout the year. Overview of and orientation to existing online tools to support professional development.

3:00PM

**Adjourn**

