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Council of the Great City Schools®
66TH ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE

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ORLANDO, FLORIDA
OCT. 19-23, 2022
Featured Reception Venues

Planet Hollywood
Wednesday’s Welcome Reception

Hard Rock Live!
Friday Night’s Reception

Ole Red
Saturday Night’s Reception
WEDNESDAY, October 19, 2022

7:00 am - 5:00 pm        Fall Conference Registration
8:00 am - 9:00 am        Continental Breakfast
8:00 am - 4:00 pm        Urban Schools Resource Room/Internet Cafe
9:30 am - 10:30 am       New Member & Newcomer’s Orientation
11:30 am - 1:00 pm       Buffet Lunch
10:30 am - 11:30 pm      Task Force Meetings (All Conferees are welcome to attend)
                          ✤ Task Force on Black and Latina Young Women and Girls
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                          ✤ Achievement/Professional Development Task Force Meeting
                          ✤ School Finance/Leadership, Governance and Management Task Force Meeting
                          ✤ English Language Learners and Bilingual Education Task Force Meeting
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm       Task Force on Black and Latino Young Men and Boys
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm        Task Force on Black and Latina Young Women and Girls
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm        Task Force on Black and Latino Young Men and Boys
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm        Blue Ribbon Corporate Group Meeting (Members only)
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm        Welcome Reception at Planet Hollywood

THURSDAY, October 20, 2022

7:00 am - 5:00 pm        Conference Registration
7:30 am - 4:00 pm        Urban Schools Resource Room/Internet Cafe
7:30 am - 9:00 am        General Session A: Breakfast and Address from KELLY GONEZ, CHAIR OF BOARD
9:00 am - 12:15 pm       CONCURRENT SESSIONS ON BEST PRACTICES
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm       General Session B: Lunch and Speaker: TBD
2:15 pm - 5:30 pm        CONCURRENT SESSIONS ON BEST PRACTICES
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm        Executive Committee Meeting
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm        Cocktail Reception
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm        33rd Annual Green-Garner Banquet (Semi Formal Evening Attire)
10:00 pm - 11:00 pm      Hospitality Suite

Kelly Gonez
CGCS Chair of the Board
FRIDAY, October 21, 2022

7:00 am - 5:00 pm  Conference Registration
7:30 am - 4:00 pm  Urban Schools Resource Room/Internet Cafe
7:30 am - 9:00 am  General Session C: Breakfast and Speaker: JOSE ANTONIO VARGAS
9:00 am - 12:30 pm  CONCURRENT SESSIONS ON BEST PRACTICES
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm  General Session D: Lunch and Speaker: SANJAY GUPTA
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm  General Session E: Town Hall Meeting
4:15 pm - 5:00 pm  Great City Colleges of Education General Meeting
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm  Reception at Hard Rock Live!

Jose Antonio Vargas
Journalist & Immigration Advocate

Sanjay Gupta
CNN Chief Medical Correspondent

SATURDAY, October 22, 2022

8:00 am - 9:00 am  Buffet Breakfast
8:30 am - 12:00 pm  Board of Directors Meeting
12:00 pm - 2:30 pm  Legislative Directors Lunch and Meeting (Council Members Only)
12:30 pm - 2:30 pm  Fall Conference Debriefing and Planning Lunch Meeting with San Diego Unified School District
7:30 pm - 10:00 pm  Farewell Party at Ole Red

SUNDAY, October 23, 2022

8:30 am - 11:30 am  General Session F: Breakfast and Closing Session
11:30 am  ADJOURN
Who Should Attend?

- Urban School Superintendents
- School Board Members
- Senior School District Administrators
- Deans of Colleges of Education

The Council of the Great City Schools brings together the nation’s largest urban public school systems in a coalition dedicated to the improvement of education for children in the inner cities. The Council and its 77 member school districts work to help our schoolchildren meet the highest standards and become successful and productive members of society.

What’s Included in Your Registration?

- Participation in the nation’s premier conference on model programs and reforms that work in urban schools
- Keynote speakers
- Breakout sessions on urban school achievement, professional development, leadership and governance, finance, males of color, bilingual, immigrant & refugee issues, and others
- All scheduled meals (breakfast, lunch, coffee service, reception/dinner)
- Resource area with member-district, non profit organizations and educational companies’ material on what works in urban education
- Newly published Council reports
- Networking with the nation’s leading urban school superintendents, school board members, college of education deans, research directors, legislative directors and others
- Awards banquet
- Transportation to and from off-site evening events
- Conference bag and gift items

Council of the Great City School Member Districts

Albuquerque, Anchorage, Arlington (Texas), Atlanta, Aurora (Colorado), Austin, Baltimore, Birmingham, Boston, Bridgeport, Broward County (Ft. Lauderdale), Buffalo, Charleston, Charlotte-Mecklenburg, Chicago, Cincinnati, Clark County (Las Vegas), Cleveland, Columbus, Dallas, Dayton, Denver, Des Moines, Detroit, Duval County (Jacksonville), East Baton Rouge, El Paso, Fayette County (Lexington), Fort Worth, Fresno, Guilford County (Greensboro, N.C.), Hawaii, Hillsborough County (Tampa), Houston, Indianapolis, Jackson, Jefferson County (Louisville), Kansas City, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Manchester (New Hampshire), Miami-Dade County, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Nashville, New York City, Newark, Norfolk, Oakland, Oklahoma City, Omaha, Orange County (Orlando), Palm Beach County, Philadelphia, Phoenix Union High School District, Pinellas County, Pittsburgh, Portland, Providence, Puerto Rico, Richmond, Rochester, Sacramento, San Antonio, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Ana, Seattle, Shelby County (Memphis), St. Louis, St. Paul, Toledo, Tulsa, Washington, D.C., Washoe County (Reno), Wichita, and Winston Salem/Forsyth County.
REGISTRATION FEES
Full registration payment is due by September 26, 2022. Pre-registration Refund and Cancellation Policy: Refund requests, cancellations or substitutions must be made in writing. Submit request via email to Gregory Bacon at: gbacon@cgcs.org or Alexis Vann at: avann@cgcs.org. A full refund will be given for cancellations received on or before October 3, 2022, and a 50% refund if requested between October 3 - October 10, 2022. No refunds will be processed if requested after October 10th. Purchase orders will not be accepted for on-site registrations. An additional $250 fee will be assessed for registrations processed on-site.

Register before October 3rd to insure a name badge and conference materials are prepared for you. This will also guarantee your name is included in the conference participant’s list.

Fee is waived for Superintendents and official Council School Board Representatives only (No proxies)
The headquarters hotel for the conference is the:

**Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress**

1 Grand Cypress Blvd  
Orlando, FL 32836  
(407) 239-1234

**All attendees must make their own hotel reservations!!!**

To make reservations via telephone call (407) 239-1234. Be sure to mention that you are attending CGCS’ Fall Conference, to get our special conference rate.

Reservations can also be made using this link: [https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/VISTA/G-CGCC/CGCCGROUP](https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/VISTA/G-CGCC/CGCCGROUP)

Room rates are **$235 per night for single and double occupancy, plus 12.5% tax.**

***You may experience some difficulties booking a room for the duration of the conference. We hope to have the issue resolved shortly. Our apologies for the inconvenience.***

Space is limited so please make hotel reservations as soon as possible. Up to 2 nights + tax deposit is required at the time of reservation. The cut-off date for the group rate is Thursday, September 29, 2022.

**Cancellation Policy:** The advanced deposit of two nights & tax is fully refundable only until **August 31, 2022.** After August 31, 2022 **NO REFUNDS** will be given.