Featured Reception Venues

The Prado
Wednesday’s Welcome Reception

USS Midway Museum
Friday Night’s Reception

Vin de Syrah
Saturday Night’s Reception
**WEDNESDAY, October 25, 2023**

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 am
Task Force Meetings (All Conferees are welcome to attend)
  ❖ Task Force on Black and Latina Young Women and Girls
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12:30 pm - 1:30 pm
Achievement/Professional Development Task Force Meeting
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
School Finance/Leadership, Governance and Management Task Force Meeting
3:45 pm - 5:45 pm
English Language Learners and Bilingual Education Task Force Meeting
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Blue Ribbon Corporate Advisory Group Meeting (Members only)
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Welcome Reception at The Prado

**THURSDAY, October 26, 2023**

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 **GUADALUPE GUERRERO, 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: **LIZ CHENEY**
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
34th Annual Green-Garner Banquet (*Semi Formal Evening Attire*)
9:30 pm - 11:00 pm
Karaoke Night

**Guadalupe Guerrero**
CGCS Chair of the Board

**Liz Cheney**
U.S. Representative for Wyoming’s At-Large Congressional District (2017 – 2023)
FRIDAY, October 27, 2023

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: **JEMELE HILL**
9:00 am - 12:30 pm CONCURRENT SESSIONS ON BEST PRACTICES
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm  General Session D: Lunch and Speaker: **JOHN LEGUIZAMO**
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 - 8:00 pm  Reception at USS Midway Museum

SATURDAY, October 28, 2023

8:00 am - 9:30 am  General Session F: Breakfast
9:30 am          ADJOURN
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 Dallas Independent School District
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm  Farewell Party at Vin de Syrah

SUNDAY, October 29, 2023

8:00 am - 9:30 am  General Session F: Breakfast and Closing Session
9:30 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 78 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, Miami-Dade County, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Nashville, New Orleans, New York City, Newark, Norfolk, Oakland, Arkansas, 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.
CLICK HERE to register online
or access at
https://event.me/24ROyq

MEMBERS
WAIVED Superintendent/Board Representative (no proxies)
$425 for Council School District member (see list of members)
$425 for Council College of Education member
$150 additional late fee (registering after October 9, 2023)

COMPANIES
WAIVED Pre-designated Sponsor(s) (See sponsorship form)
$1,000 for Additional Attendee from Sponsor
$2,500 for company not sponsoring
$150 additional late fee (for registrations received after October 9, 2023)

OTHERS
$525 for Non-member school districts/colleges of education or nonprofit associations
$525 for Non-member Superintendents
$200 for Spouse to attend Evening Events only
$150 additional late fee (registering after October 9, 2023)

PAYMENT METHOD
You may pay using a purchase order #, check or American Express, Discover, Mastercard or Visa.
Make check payable to:
Council of the Great City Schools
1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 1100N
Washington, DC 20004

REGISTRATION FEES
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 9, 2023, and a 50% refund if requested between October 9 - October 16, 2023. No refunds will be processed if requested after October 16th. 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:

**Hilton San Diego Bayfront**
1 Park Boulevard
San Diego, CA 92101
(619) 564-3333

All attendees must make their own hotel reservations!!!

To make reservations via telephone call (619) 564-3333. 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://book.passkey.com/go/CGCS23](https://book.passkey.com/go/CGCS23)

Room rates are **$259 per night for single and double occupancy, plus 12.7% tax.**

**Cancellation Policy:** The advanced deposit of two nights & tax is fully refundable only until **August 26, 2023.** After August 26, 2023 **NO REFUNDS** will be given. Check-in time is 4:00 p.m. and Check-out time is 11:00 a.m.

Some of the conference dates at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront have now sold out. Please find information [here](https://book.passkey.com/go/CGCS23) for our three overflow hotel options. They are within walking distance of the host hotel.