



Bilingual, Immigrant, and Refugee Education Directors Meeting

May 6-11, 2024

Registration Brochure

**The Royal Sonesta Minneapolis Downtown
Minneapolis, MN**

Council of the Great City Schools

2024 BIRE Meeting

Minneapolis, MN

The annual meeting of Bilingual, Immigrant, and Refugee Education Directors from the Council's member districts will take place in Minneapolis, MN, at the Royal Sonesta Minneapolis Downtown from Monday, May 6 through Saturday, May 11. The Council is building a rich and relevant agenda to include:

- Leadership development session led by Lauren Hodges, addressing the unique needs of particular groups of ELs (e.g., newcomers, older-age, SIFE, long-term ELs, etc.)
- Hands-on work session to address specific challenges of practice with guidance from expert thought partners
- Districtwide English learner program improvement strategies
- Approaches to expand EL access to CTE, Gifted and Talented, and other specialized programs
- Update on the Council's newest courses on teaching academic writing to English learners
- Implementing supports and monitoring to ensure the quality of dual language programs

Confirmed Speakers:

- [Lauren Hodges](#) - Author and Speaker, Performance on Purpose
- [Valeria Silva](#) - Consultant and Former Superintendent of St. Paul Public Schools
- [Okhee Lee](#) - NYU Professor and Visionary Leader in K-12 Science Teaching for English Learners
- [Ivannia Soto](#) - Whittier College Professor of Education and Child Development, Author of *EL Shadowing*

PRE-MEETING SCHOOL VISITS

school visits are for school district participants only - 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Monday, May 6 - St. Paul Public Schools
Tuesday, May 7 - Minneapolis Public Schools

BIRE MEETING

Wednesday, May 8

7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Formal meeting program

Thursday, May 9

7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Formal meeting program

Friday, May 10

7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Formal meeting program

Saturday, May 11

7:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Formal meeting program

10:00 a.m.

Adjournment



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Register online at: <https://cvent.me/N8wv7B?locale=en-US>

PRE-MEETING EVENT FEES (SCHOOL DISTRICT ATTENDEES)

St. Paul (May 6) and Minneapolis (May 7) School Visits - \$50 (per day)

BIRE MEETING REGISTRATION FEES

Council School Districts	\$300
Non-member School Districts	\$600
Additional attendee from sponsor company or organization	\$1,000

REGISTRATION REFUND AND CANCELLATION POLICY

All cancellations or name changes must be requested in writing and addressed to: Gregory Bacon at gbacon@cgcs.org.

Registrations cancelled **on or before** April 26 will receive a full refund. Cancellations from April 27 to May 5 will be billed or refunded 50% of the registration fee. Cancellations or no-shows on or after May 6 will not receive a refund and will be billed the full amount.

HOTEL INFORMATION

The Royal Sonesta Minneapolis Downtown
35 S 7th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55402

CUT-OFF DATE: FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024

Single & double room rate:

\$145.00 per night plus 14.025% tax



Call 612-339-4900 or visit <https://shorturl.at/zEFR3> for hotel reservations.

All reservations must be guaranteed with a major credit card.

Mention: *Council of the Great City Schools or CGCS 2024 Bilingual Meeting* to receive the group rate.

Hotel reservations must be cancelled at least 72 hours prior to arrival to avoid cancellation penalties. For registration, invoice, or payment questions, contact Michell Yorkman at myorkman@cgcs.org.

About the Council

The Council of the Great City Schools is the only national organization exclusively representing the needs of urban public schools. Composed of 78 large city school districts, its mission is to promote the cause of urban schools and to advocate for inner-city students through legislation, research and media relations. The organization also provides a network for school districts sharing common problems to exchange information, and to collectively address new challenges as they emerge in order to deliver the best possible education for urban youth.

Member Districts

Albuquerque, Anchorage, Arlington, Atlanta, Aurora, Austin, Baltimore, Birmingham, Boston, Bridgeport, Broward County (Ft. Lauderdale), Buffalo, Charlotte-Mecklenburg, Chicago, Cincinnati, Clark County (Las Vegas), Cleveland, Columbus, Dallas, Dayton, Denver, Des Moines, Detroit, Duval County (Jacksonville), 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, Miami-Dade County, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Nashville, New Orleans, New York City, Newark, Norfolk, Oakland, Oklahoma City, Omaha, Orange County (Orlando), Palm Beach County, Philadelphia, Pinellas County (St. Petersburg), Pittsburgh, Phoenix Union, Portland, Providence, Puerto Rico, Richmond, Rochester, Sacramento, San Antonio, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Ana, Shelby County (Memphis) Seattle, St. Louis, St. Paul, Toledo, Tulsa, Washington, D.C., Washoe County (Reno), Wichita, and Winston-Salem/Forsyth County.

