Council of the Great City Schools
Annual Legislative and Policy Conference
March 16 – 19, 2024
The Mayflower Hotel
1127 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20036

AGENDA

Saturday, March 16, 2024

8:00 am – 5:00 pm  Conference Registration  East Ballroom Foyer
8:00 am – 10:00 am  Continental Breakfast  East Ballroom
9:00 am – 10:00 am  Fall Conference Planning Meeting:
  • 68th Annual Fall Conference in Dallas  South Carolina Room
10:00 am – 11:00 am  Task Force Meeting:
  • Black and Latino Young Men and Boys  Grand Ballroom
11:00 am – 12:00 pm  Task Force Meeting:
  • Black and Latina Young Women and Girls  Grand Ballroom
11:00 am – 12:00 pm  The ABCs of Federal Education Policy
  • A “primer” on education policy in Washington  State Ballroom
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm  Buffet Lunch  East Ballroom
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm  Executive Committee Lunch and Meeting  (closed session)  Rhode Island Room
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm  Education Issues at the State Level  (school districts only)  State Ballroom
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<td>• <em>English Language Learners and Bilingual Education</em></td>
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<td>5:00 pm – 6:00 pm</td>
<td><strong>New Members and Newcomers Orientation</strong></td>
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<td>6:30 pm – 8:00 pm</td>
<td><strong>Welcome Reception at the Mayflower Hotel</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Board of Directors Meeting</strong></td>
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<td>• Amy Walter, Publisher and Editor-in-Chief</td>
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<td>The Cook Political Report</td>
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<td><strong>Council of the Great City Colleges of Education</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Washington Update:</strong></td>
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<td>• <em>Briefing on federal education action provided by</em></td>
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<td><strong>Blue Ribbon Meeting:</strong></td>
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Monday, March 18, 2024

7:30 am – 3:00 pm Conference Registration
East Ballroom Foyer

8:00 am – 9:15 am Breakfast and Speaker
Grand Ballroom
- The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel
  Chairwoman
  Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

9:15 am – 10:00 am Biden Administration Priorities for Education and Children
Grand Ballroom
- Neera Tanden, Director
  Domestic Policy Council
  The White House

10:00 am – 11:00 am Update on ARP-ESSER Spending and Close-Out
State Ballroom
- Adam Schott, Acting Assistant Secretary
  Office of Elementary and Secondary Education
  U.S. Department of Education
- Laura Jimenez, Director
  Office of State and Grantee Relations
  U.S. Department of Education

11:00 am – 12:00 pm Education Priorities on Capitol Hill
State Ballroom
House Committee on Education and the Workforce
- RJ Martin, Professional Staff Member for
  Chairwoman Virginia Foxx (R-NC)
- Ilana Brunner, General Counsel for
  Ranking Member Bobby Scott (D-VA)

Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions
- Manuel Contreras, Senior Education Director for
  Chairman Bernie Sanders (I-VT)
- Hayley Sanon, Education Policy Advisor for
  Ranking Member Bill Cassidy (R-LA)
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm  Lunch and Speaker  Grand Ballroom
   •  The Honorable Miguel Cardona  
     United States Secretary of Education  
     U.S. Department of Education

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm  Congressional Office Visits  (Make your own appointments)

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm  Reception at the Mayflower Hotel  Chinese Room

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**Tuesday, March 19, 2024**

8:00 am – 9:00 am  Breakfast Buffet  Chinese Room

9:00 am – 11:00 am  Debriefing with Council Staff  Chinese Room

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