COUNCIL OF THE GREAT CITY SCHOOLS
61st Annual Fall Conference
Oct. 18 – 22, 2017 | Cleveland, Ohio
CRSS PRE-CONFERENCE SYMPOSIUM
The Center for Reform of School Systems (CRSS) will offer a half-day symposium, *Is The American Education System Really Broken?* on Wednesday, October 18.

Governance team members (board members, superintendents, and executive-level administrators) are often faced with questions about how their schools districts stack up against the competition. In this interactive symposium participants will review data and take part in discussions about how competitive America's traditional public schools are against each other as well as against other countries, private schools, and charter systems. With all new curriculum and activities, the symposium, led by CRSS President and CEO Cathy Mincberg, will delve deeply into this complex discussion and more.

Individual board members, district administrators, and district teams are encouraged to participate. Registration is $95. Visit [www.crss.org](http://www.crss.org) or for more information call Faith Edwards at 713-682-9888 ext. 11 or edwards@crss.org.

**Wednesday, October 18, 2017**
8:30 am General Session
12:30 pm Adjourn

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**WEDNESDAY, October 18, 2017**

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FRIDAY, October 20, 2017

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: Rosario Dawson
9:00 am - 12:30 pm  CONCURRENT SESSIONS ON BEST PRACTICES
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm  General Session D: Lunch and Speaker: Van Jones
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm  General Session E: Town Hall Meeting
                   Moderated by: Van Jones
4:15 pm - 5:00 pm  Great City Colleges of Education General Meeting
6:30 pm - 10:00 pm  Dinner and Entertainment at Pickwick & Frolic Restaurant & Club

SATURDAY, October 21, 2017

8:00 am - 9:00 am  Buffet Breakfast
8:30 am - 12:00 pm  Urban Schools Resource Room/Internet Cafe
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
                   Cleveland Metropolitan School District and Baltimore City Public Schools
7:30 pm - 10:00 pm  Farewell Party at the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame

SUNDAY, October 22, 2017

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
• Deans of Colleges of Education
• Senior School District Administrators

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 68 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, 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
• Gift items from sponsor companies

Council of the Great City School Member Districts

Albuquerque, Anchorage, Arlington (Texas), Atlanta, 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, 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, Oklahoma City, Omaha, Orange County (Orlando), Palm Beach County, Philadelphia, Pinellas County, Pittsburgh, Portland, Providence, Richmond, Rochester, Sacramento, San Antonio, San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle, Shelby County (Memphis), St. Louis, St. Paul, Toledo, Tulsa, Washington, D.C., and Wichita.
We are only accepting registrations online. To register for the Fall Conference go to:  
http://www.cvent.com/d/y5q4k6

MEMBERS
WAIVED Superintendent/Board Representative (see list of Superintendent/Board Representative)
$175 for Council School District member (see list of members)
$175 for Council College of Education member
$95 to attend CRSS Pre-conference Symposium only
$270 to attend CRSS Pre-conference Symposium and Fall Conference ($175 plus $95)
$150 additional late fee (registering after October 3, 2017)

COMPANIES
WAIVED Pre-designated Sponsor(s) (See sponsor’s form)
$775 for Additional Attendee from Sponsor
$1,500 if company not sponsoring (PER PERSON)
$150 additional late fee (registering after October 3, 2017)

OTHERS
$375 for Non-member school districts/colleges of education or nonprofit associations
$200 for Spouse to attend Evening Events only
$150 additional late fee (registering after October 3, 2017)

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

REGISTRATION FEES
Full registration payment is due by September 27, 2017. A late registration fee of $150.00 will be charged for registrations received after October 3, 2017. Pre-registration Refund and Cancellation Policy: Refund requests, cancellations or substitutions must be made in writing. Send an email to Angel Gooch at: agooch@cgcs.org or Terry Tabor at: ttabor@cgcs.org. A full refund will be given for cancellations received on or before October 3, 2017, and a 50% refund if received from October 4th - October 11, 2017. No refund given after October 11th. Purchase orders will not be accepted for those registering on-site. Additional $250 fee for on-site registration will be charged.
Cancellations or No Show after October 11, 2017 will NOT RECEIVE A REFUND and will be billed the full amount.

Register before October 3rd to confirm name badge, conference materials and name included on participant’s list.
The headquarters hotel for the conference is the:

**Hilton Cleveland Downtown**

100 Lakeside Avenue East  
Cleveland, OH 44114  
216-413-5000 ext. 1

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

To make reservation via telephone call 216-413-5000 ext. 1, and use group code CGC. Reservations can also be made using this link: [https://aws.passkey.com/e/48960557](https://aws.passkey.com/e/48960557)

**2017 CGCS Annual Fall Conference**

Room rates are **$179 per night for single and double occupancy, plus 16.5% tax.** An additional person is $30. Space is limited so please make hotel reservations as soon as possible. Deposit of up to 2 nights + tax is required at the time of reservation. The cut-off date for the group rate is September 27, 2017.

**Hotel Cancellation Policy:** The advanced deposit of two nights & tax is fully refundable only until **August 29, 2017.** After August 29, 2017 **NO REFUNDS** will be given. Check-in time is 4:00 p.m. and Check-out time is 12:00 noon.

The overflow hotel is the: **Drury Plaza Hotel Cleveland**

1380 East Sixth Street  
Cleveland, OH 44114

To make room reservation via telephone call 1-800-325-0720 and refer to group code: **2306753** Reservations can also be made using this link: [https://www.druryhotels.com/Reservations.aspx?groupno=2306753](https://www.druryhotels.com/Reservations.aspx?groupno=2306753)

Room rates are **$169 per night for single and double occupancy, plus 16.5% tax.** Please make your reservations by **Friday, September 29, 2017** to receive your group rate. All reservations must be accompanied by a two-night room and tax deposit, which will be charged to your stay and charged at the time the reservation is made. Check-in time is 3:00 p.m. and Check-out time is 11:00 a.m.
Here is a list of other hotels in downtown Cleveland. The Council does not have a contract with these hotels and they are not listed in any preference order.

1. Hampton Inn
1460 E 9th St.
Cleveland, OH 44114
(216) 241-6600

2. Residence Inn
527 Prospect Ave E
Cleveland, OH 44114
(216) 443-9043

3. Hyatt Regency
420 Superior Ave E
Cleveland, OH 44114
(216) 575-1234
(216) 377-9000

4. Radisson Hotel
651 Huron Rd E
Cleveland, OH 44114
(216) 377-9000

5. Renaissance
24 Public Square
Cleveland, OH 44114
(216) 696-5600

6. Metropolitan
2017 E 9th St.
Cleveland, OH 44114
(216) 239-1200

7. Holiday Inn Express
629 Euclid Ave
Cleveland, OH 44114
(216) 443-1000

8. The Kimpton Schofield Hotel
2000 E 9th St,
Cleveland, OH 44114
(216) 357-3250
Council of the Great City Schools
Wednesday, October 18

CLEVELAND SCHOOL SITE VISITS

Campus International K-8 is in a new school building that opened this fall. Situated on the campus of Cleveland State University (not far from the Hilton), it is one of our innovative schools with programs that prepare students to be global citizens by emphasizing student inquiry and a global perspective in partnership with CSU.

Lincoln-West School of Science & Health is the first high school in the country based in a hospital. This school immerses students in the fascinating world of modern science, health and medicine through a rigorous project-based curriculum thanks to our strong partnership with the MetroHealth System.

SITE VISIT ITINERARY:

9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Board shuttle at Hilton
10:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. Tour Campus International K-8 School and visit classrooms
10:40 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Q & A with the Head of School, teacher leader and CSU Partner (enjoy a boxed lunch)

11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Shuttle back to the Hilton to drop off and/or pick up additional guests for the high school site visit. Remain on the shuttle to visit Lincoln-West High School. Additional visitors may join the tour now.
11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Board shuttle at Hilton (enjoy a boxed lunch)
11:45 a.m. – 12:05 p.m. Travel time
12:05 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. Tour Lincoln-West Science & Health on the MetroHealth campus
12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Q & A Panel with School and MetroHealth partners
1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Travel time and drop off at Hilton

Visitors/guests should RSVP to Angee Shaker at Angela.Shaker@ClevelandMetroSchools.org or call 216.838.4963 for more information.