

The Council of the Great City Schools &  
McGraw-Hill Education Announce the  
**2019 Valeria Silva Award  
for Outstanding Contributions  
to ELL Achievement**



**BIRE Meeting | Ft. Lauderdale, FL  
May 14-18, 2019**



# 2019 Valeria Silva Award for Outstanding Contributions to English Language Learner Achievement

The Council of the Great City Schools and McGraw-Hill Education are proud to present an award to an outstanding district administrator or school principal who has made significant and lasting contributions to improve the academic achievement for English Language Learners (ELLs) in a Council-member school district. The award and special recognition will be presented at the Council's 2019 Bilingual, Immigrant, and Refugee Education (BIRE) meeting in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

## **Prize:**

- \$1,000 award from McGraw-Hill Education
- Three-night stay at the B Ocean Resort during the 2019 BIRE meeting
- Reimbursement for round trip coach air travel to the 2019 BIRE meeting
- Free registration to the 2019 BIRE meeting

## **Eligibility and guidelines:**

- The nominee must be from an active member district of the Council of the Great City Schools
- The nominee must attend the 2019 BIRE meeting. (**Nominations must include confirmation of BIRE meeting registration.**)
- A nominee may nominate himself/herself for the award
- The nominee must be employed as a central office administrator or principal by a member school district on the date of the award presentation and must be working with ELLs for at least three years
  - The exact title of education administrators responsible for ELL instructional programs greatly varies across school districts—executive directors, directors, coordinators, program supervisors, assistant or associate superintendents, etc.
- The nomination materials must include letters of recommendation from no more than three stakeholders
- **Nomination forms and supporting materials must be submitted online by 11:59 PM on Sunday, March 31, 2019**

## **Strong nomination packages would include:**

- Quantitative evidence of increased ELL achievement related to the program improvements and initiatives implemented by the nominee
- Examples of collaborative efforts within the district to institutionalize improvements to ELL programs and improve cross-departmental work on behalf of ELLs
- Descriptions of effective implementation of innovative programs to address critical needs of the ELL community in Council-member school districts

**[Click here to submit  
your nomination!](#)**

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## **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 74 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**

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