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October 19, 2022

Dear Conference Participant:

We welcome you to Orlando and the 66th Annual Fall Conference of the Council of the Great City Schools. Thank you for being here for our first in-person Fall Conference in three years. The theme of this year's conference, *Destination Success: Innovation for a New Era in Public Education*, reflects the aspirations of our Great City Schools. We have organized this meeting to highlight lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic, share best practices, and engage in dialogue focused on raising student achievement across the country.

We will spend the next several days hearing from Council staff and district leaders on how we are addressing the unfinished learning needs of our students and the mental health challenges facing our students, families, and staff. The conference will also feature district-led presentations on high-quality instruction for English learners, males and females of color, students with disabilities, and traditionally marginalized students. We will also learn from districts about effective school board governance, teacher recruitment and retention strategies, implementation of standards-based curriculum, community engagement efforts, and many other topics.

You will also hear from a diverse group of keynote speakers, including CNN Medical Correspondent Sanjay Gupta; journalist and immigration advocate Jose Antonio Vargas; and activist and educator Brittany Packnett Cunningham. With the midterm elections approaching, the annual town hall meeting will feature a discussion on "Politics and Public Education," moderated by Education Week's editor-in-chief Beth Frerking.

Finally, at our banquet on Thursday night, we will present one of our superintendents with the highest honor in urban education, the Green Garner Award. We look forward to enjoying the amenities of our host city and the in-person fellowship with our colleagues. This is the time for urban educators to come together, review our progress, and learn about innovative practices that have improved student outcomes. Thank you for your continued commitment to the nation's Great City Schools and the children we serve.

We wish you a wonderful conference.

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October 2022

Orange County Public Schools and the School Board of Orange County would like to warmly welcome you to the Council of the Great City Schools' 66th Annual Fall Conference at the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress in Orlando. We are excited to host this year's event and gather with you for the first time since the last in-person conference in 2019.

The Council brings together the largest urban public school systems, and is dedicated to improving education for children in inner cities.

With nearly 207,000 students, OCPS is the eighth-largest school district in the nation and includes students from 208 countries who speak 166 different languages and dialects.

Our conference theme, Destination Success: Innovation for a New Era in Public Education, illustrates how we can take what we've learned through the pandemic and introduce new concepts and instructional techniques to help lead our students to success.

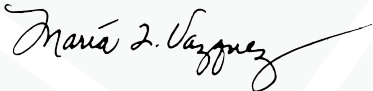
From keynote speakers to informative and innovative sessions, this event offers a variety of informative and forward-thinking topics on urban education. Please be sure to review the program and download the mobile app to help you plan and learn about all the conference's offerings.

From legendary theme parks, delicious dining, world-class shopping to a vivacious local art scene, the City Beautiful has something for everyone. We hope you enjoy the conference and your stay in Orlando.

Sincerely,



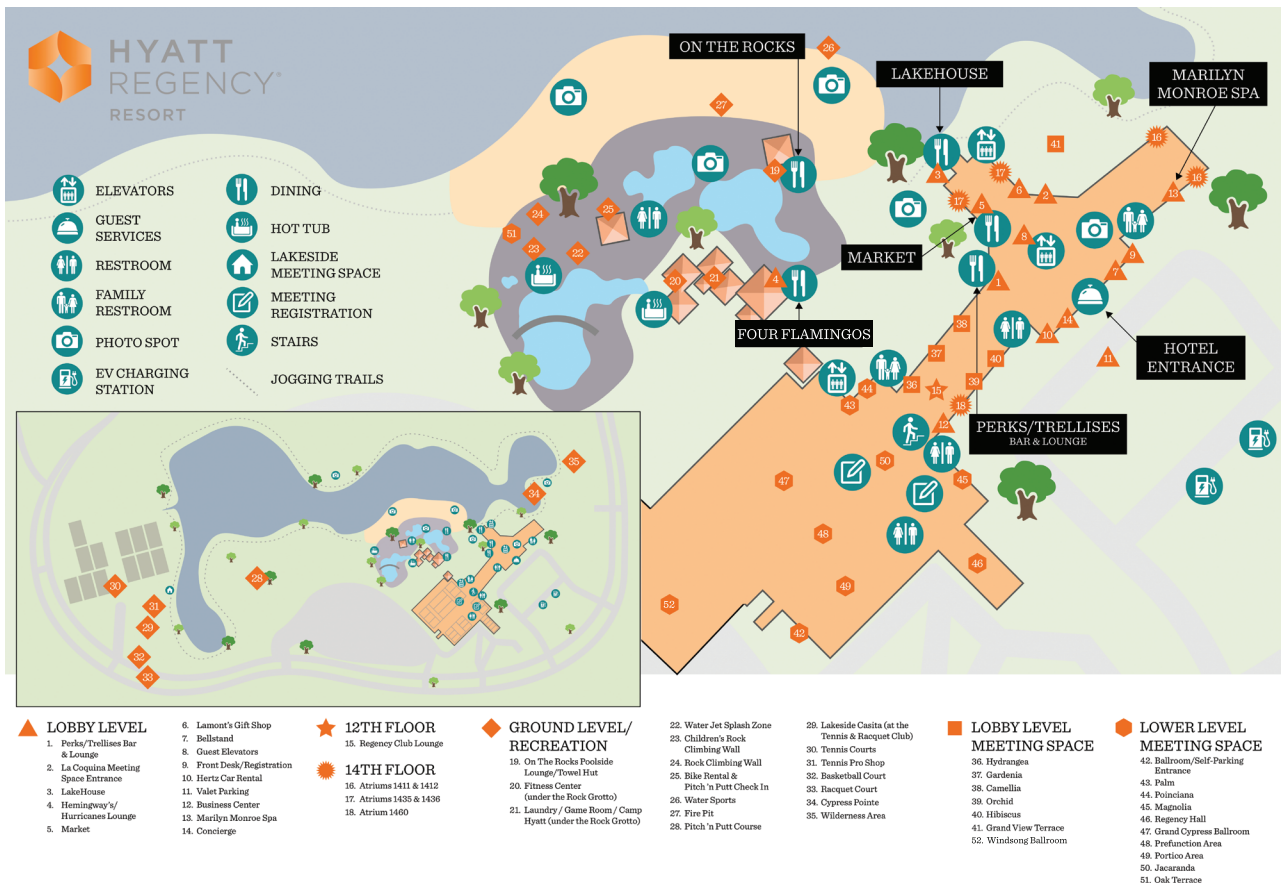
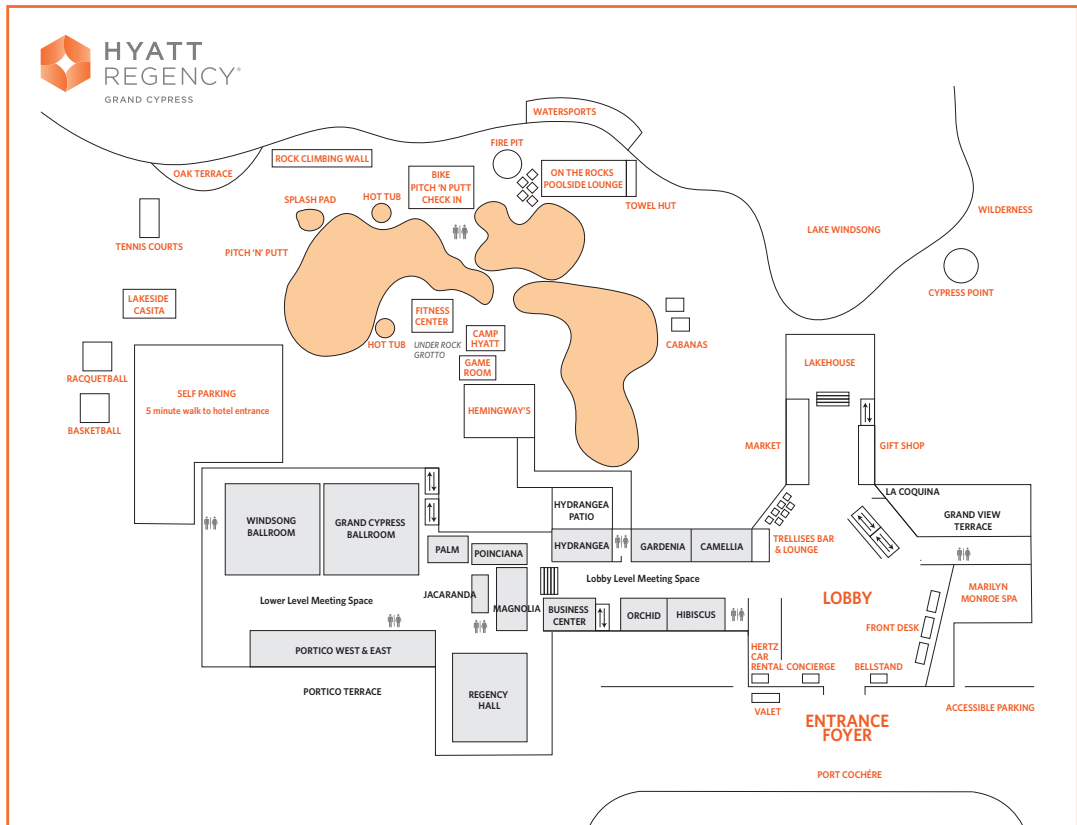
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Maria F. Vazquez, Ed.D.
Superintendent
Orange County Public Schools



MAP



REGISTRATION DATES AND TIMES

Registration for the 66th Annual Fall Conference will be open:

Wednesday, October 19
7:00 am - 5:00 pm

Thursday, October 20
7:00 am - 5:00 pm

Friday, October 21
7:00 am - 5:00 pm

The Registration Desk is located on the lower level of the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress.

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DAY 1

Wednesday
OCTOBER 19



Council of the Great City Schools
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“Destination Success: Innovation for a New Era in Public Education”

To access the full conference agenda with descriptions of all sessions, download the conference mobile app at: <https://crowd.cc/s/4sBKk>

*All meeting rooms are at the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress

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Conference Registration

7:00 am - 5:00 pm

Registration Area #3- Lower Level

Breakfast Buffet

8:00 am - 9:00 am

Portico- Lower Level

Cyber Café

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Magnolia A & B- Lower Level

Urban Schools Resource Display

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Pre-function A & D- Lower Level

New Member & Newcomer's Orientation

9:30 am - 10:30 am

Grand Cypress D- Lower Level

Meeting of the Black and Latina Young Women and Girls Task Force

10:30 am - 11:30 am

Grand Cypress G,H, & I- Lower Level

Buffet Lunch

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Portico- Lower Level

Meeting of the Black and Latino Young Men and Boys Task Force

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Grand Cypress G,H, & I- Lower Level

Wednesday, October 19 - Welcome

Meeting of the Achievement and Professional Development Task Force

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Grand Cypress G,H, & I- Lower Level

Meeting of the English Language Learners and Bilingual Education Task Force

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Grand Cypress G,H, & I- Lower Level

Meeting of the Leadership, Governance, Management and Finance Task Force

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Grand Cypress D- Lower Level

Blue Ribbon Corporate Advisory Group Meeting

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Poinciana A-D- Lower Level

6:00 pm- Bus Pickup from the lower level of the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress Hotel

Welcome Reception at Planet Hollywood

Speakers: Maria Vazquez, Superintendent, Orange County Public Schools &
Jerry Demings, Mayor of Orlando

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

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DAY 2

Thursday
OCTOBER 20



Thursday, October 20 - Concurrent Sessions

Conference Registration

7:00 am - 5:00 pm

Registration Area #3- Lower Level

Cyber Café

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Magnolia A & B- Lower Level

Urban Schools Resource Display

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Prefunction A & D- Lower Level

Breakfast and General Session A: Speakers, Kelly Gonez, Chair of the Council of the Great City Schools
Cindy Marten, Deputy Secretary of Education
Teresa Jacobs, Board Chair, Orange County Public Schools

7:30 am - 9:00 am

Grand Cypress A-I- Lower Level

CONCURRENT SESSIONS (See conference mobile app for descriptions of individual sessions)

Session I

9:15 am - 10:30 am

Session II

10:45 am - 12:15 pm

Lunch and General Session B: Speaker, Brittany Packnett Cunningham, Social Justice Activist & Educator

12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

Grand Cypress A-I- Lower Level



Brittany Packnett Cunningham
Social Justice Activist & Educator
Thursday, October 20, 2022
12:30 pm

Brittany Packnett Cunningham is a social justice activist, educator and writer. Leading at the intersection of culture and justice, she builds platforms to activate everyday people to take transformative action for justice.

She is an NBC News and MSNBC contributor and host of UNDISTRACTED, an intersectional news and social justice podcast. She is the former co-host of iHeart Radio's Best Political Podcast of 2019, Pod Save The People, and is the founder and principal of Love & Power Works, a full-service social impact and equity agency. Brittany's forthcoming book, *We Are Like Those Who Dream*, is due to hit shelves in 2021. Her TED Talk on Confidence has garnered over 5 million views worldwide, making it one of the top ten most popular TED Talks of 2019.

Brittany is a former elementary teacher, education executive, and policy advisor. In the past, Brittany held top roles at Teach For America, was a Congressional policy advisor, and a 3 time fellow at Harvard's Institute of Politics, leveraging her broad skillset on wide-ranging justice issues from public education to racial justice. Brittany was a member of President Obama's 21st Century Policing Task Force and the Ferguson Commission, helping lead the country and her community through change during times of tumult.

Brittany graced the covers of *British Vogue* and *Essence Magazine*, been listed as one of *Time's* 12 New Faces of Black Leadership, and has been honored by BET, *Politico Magazine*, *Marie Claire*, The Trayvon Martin Foundation, Higher Heights and more. She serves on the Gucci Changemakers Council and lives with her husband in Washington, DC.

Session III
2:15 pm - 3:45 pm

Session IV
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Executive Committee Meeting

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Poinciana A-D- Lower Level

Cocktail Reception

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Portico- Lower Level

33rd Annual Green-Garner Awards Banquet (Semi-Formal Attire)

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Grand Cypress A-I- Lower Level

Green-Garner Award Finalists

Addison Davis, Hillsborough County Public Schools
Joe Gothard, Saint Paul Public Schools
Diana L. Greene, Duval County Public Schools
Guadalupe Guerrero, Portland Public Schools
Millard House II, Houston Independent School District
Jesus F. Jara, Clark County School District
Sean McDaniel, Oklahoma City Public Schools
Marty Pollio, Jefferson County Public Schools
Nikolai P. Vitti, Detroit Public Schools Community District

Hospitality Suite- Karaoke Night

9:00 pm - 11:00 pm
La Coquina- Lower Level

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DAY 3

FRIDAY
OCTOBER 21



Friday, October 21 - Concurrent Sessions

Conference Registration

7:00 am - 5:00 pm

Registration Area #3- Lower Level

Cyber Café

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Magnolia A & B- Lower Level

Urban Schools Resource Display

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Prefunction A & D- Lower Level

Breakfast and General Session C: Speaker, Jose Antonio Vargas, Journalist & Immigration Advocate

7:30 am - 9:00 am

Grand Cypress A-I- Lower Level

Presentation of the Queen Smith Award

Presentation of the Dr. Shirley S. Schwartz Urban Education Impact Award

Presentation of the Dr. Michael Casserly Award



Jose Antonio Vargas

Journalist & Immigration Advocate

Friday, October 21, 2022

7:30 am

Jose Antonio Vargas is a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, Emmy-nominated filmmaker, and theatrical producer. A leading voice for the human rights of immigrants, he founded the non-profit media and culture organization **Define American**, named one of the World's Most Innovative Companies by *Fast Company*. His best-selling memoir, **Dear America: Notes of an Undocumented Citizen**, was published by HarperCollins in 2018. Most recently, he co-produced Heidi Schreck's acclaimed play *What the Constitution Means to Me*, which opened on Broadway in spring 2019.

In 2011, *The New York Times Magazine* published a groundbreaking essay he wrote in which he revealed and chronicled his life in America as an undocumented immigrant. A year later, he appeared on the cover of *TIME* magazine worldwide with fellow undocumented immigrants as part of a follow-up cover story he wrote. He then produced and directed **Documented**, an autobiographical documentary feature film that aired on CNN and received a 2015 NAACP Image Award nomination for Outstanding Documentary. Also in 2015, MTV aired *White People*, an Emmy-nominated television special he produced and directed on what it means to be young and white in a demographically-changing America.

Among accolades he has received are the Freedom to Write Award from PEN Center USA and honorary degrees from Colby College and the John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Passionate about the role of arts in society and promoting equity in education, he serves on the advisory board of TheDream.US, a scholarship fund for undocumented immigrant students.

A product of the San Francisco Bay Area, he is a proud graduate of San Francisco State University ('04), where he was named Alumnus of the Year in 2012, and Mountain View High School ('00). An elementary school named after Vargas will open in his hometown of Mountain View, California in fall 2019.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS (See conference mobile app for descriptions of individual sessions)

Session V
9:15 am - 10:30 am

Session VI
10:45 am - 12:15 pm

Lunch and General Session D: Speaker, Sanjay Gupta, CNN Chief Medical Correspondent
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm
Grand Cypress A-I- Lower Level



Sanjay Gupta
CNN Chief Medical Correspondent
Friday, October 21, 2022
12:30 pm

Dr. Sanjay Gupta is the multiple Emmy®-award winning chief medical correspondent for CNN and host of the CNN podcast Chasing Life. Gupta, a practicing neurosurgeon, plays an integral role in CNN's reporting on health and medical news for all of CNN's shows domestically and internationally, and regularly contributes to CNN.com.

Since 2001, Gupta has covered some of the most important health stories in the United States and around the world. On March 9, 2020, Gupta penned an op-ed announcing the network would refer to the novel coronavirus outbreak as a "pandemic," ahead of both the WHO and the CDC. Throughout 2020 into 2021, Gupta reaffirmed his role as a trusted guide to viewers worldwide on navigating between facts and fiction surrounding Covid-19 and the pandemic.

Over the last few years, Gupta has increasingly focused on long-form reporting. He is the host of the CNN Original Series "Chasing Life with Dr. Sanjay Gupta," which follows Gupta's travels around the world in search of the secret to living longer, healthier and happier. Gupta also stars in the HBO Original Documentary "One Nation Under Stress," which examines why life expectancy is declining in the United States. His enterprise reporting on medical marijuana has led to five documentary films, "Weed," which were awarded the Alfred I. duPont-Columbia University Award.

In addition to his work for CNN, Gupta is an associate professor of neurosurgery at Emory University Hospital and associate chief of neurosurgery at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta. He serves as a diplomate of the American Board of Neurosurgery. And in 2019, Gupta was elected to the National Academy of Medicine, considered one of the highest honors in the medical field.

General Session E: Townhall Meeting "Politics and Public Education"
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm
Windsong Ballroom 9-12- Lower Level

Moderator: Beth Frerking, Editor-in-Chief of Education Week

Panel: Eric Gordon, CEO, Cleveland Metropolitan School District
Kelvin Adams, Superintendent, St. Louis Public Schools
Guadalupe Guerrero, Superintendent, Portland Public Schools
Teresa Jacobs, School Board Chair, Orange County Public Schools
Michael Casserly, Strategic Advisor, Council of the Great City Schools
Mackenzie Riggins, 12th grade student at Evans High School, Orange County Public Schools
Joyce Wilkerson, Board President, School District of Philadelphia



Beth Frerking

Moderator of the Town Hall Meeting

Friday, October 21, 2022

2:30 pm

Beth Frerking, a veteran journalist and newsroom leader who has worked as a top editor, reporter, and journalism educator, currently serves as editor-in-chief for Education Week.

Frerking's achievements include being named a magazine innovator by the Folio: 100 Awards and two National Headliner awards for her work covering children, families, and education. While at The Dallas Times Herald, she was part of a reporting team that covered the crash of Delta Flight 191. This work was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in Public Service.

Her other accomplishments include helping to launch and oversee the Education Lab, a community-funded reporting team created to expand in-depth education coverage at The Dallas Morning News, and helping to establish The Politico Network, a content-sharing network that included more than 100 news organizations, two-thirds of which were newspapers.

Frerking's previous experience includes editor-in-chief of The National Law Journal; senior editor and assistant managing editor at Politico; news vertical editor at The Dallas Morning News; national correspondent for the former Newhouse News Service; Washington bureau chief and congressional correspondent for The Denver Post; director of the Journalism Center on Children & Families, previously part of the Philip Merrill College of Journalism at the University of Maryland, and editor of The Daily Texan.

Great City Colleges of Education Meeting

4:15 pm - 5:00 pm

Windsong Ballroom 1- Lower Level

6:00 pm- Bus Pickup from the lower level of the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress Hotel

Reception at Hard Rock Live

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

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DAY 4 & 5

*Saturday &
Sunday*

**OCTOBER 22 &
OCTOBER 23**



Saturday & Sunday October 22 & 23

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2022

Breakfast Buffet

8:00 am - 9:30 am

Grand Cypress A,B,& C- Lower Level

Shipping Center - ship your materials home at no cost

8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Fedex Office- Lobby Level

Board of Directors Meeting

8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Grand Cypress D&E- Lower Level

Legislative Directors Lunch and Meeting (Council members only)

12:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Grand Cypress A,B,& C- Lower Level

Fall Conference Planning Lunch and Meeting (invitation only)

12:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Orchid- Lower Level

6:15 pm- Bus Pickup from the lower level of the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress Hotel

Farewell Dinner Party at Ole Red

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2022

Breakfast and Closing Session

8:30 am - 10:30 am

Grand Cypress A&B- Lower Level

Adjourn

10:30 am

ABOUT ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS





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School District Snapshot

8th-largest public school district in the United States

4th-largest public school district in Florida

208,486* students from **208** countries who speak **166** languages and dialects

13.1% of students are English Language Learners

98.4% graduation rate for **20** traditional high schools (2021-22)

Race/Ethnicity (2021-22)

64% White/Caucasian

43% Hispanic

27% Black

57% Non-Hispanic

5% Asian

1% Native Hawaiian

3% Multi-Racial

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ABOUT COUNCIL of the GREAT CITY SCHOOLS





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The Council of the Great City Schools is the only national organization exclusively representing the needs of urban public schools. Composed of 77 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.

Total number of students served by Council member district schools: 7.6 million

Student enrollment characteristics:

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|------------------------------|---|
| 44% - Hispanic | 16% - English Language Learners |
| 26% - African American | 72% - Eligible for free/reduced price lunch |
| 18% - White | 16% - Students with Individualized Education Programs |
| 7% - Asian/Pacific Islander | |
| 1% - Alaskan/Native American | |

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, 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.

School districts eligible for membership must be located in cities with populations of 250,000 or more and student enrollments of 35,000 or more. School districts located in the largest city of many states are also eligible for membership, regardless of size.

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- LED THE NATION'S LARGEST SCHOOL SYSTEM AS CHANCELLOR OF NEW YORK CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
- MENTORED URBAN SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS NATIONWIDE



EDWARD J. GARNER
1942-2012

- OUTSTANDING BUSINESSMAN AND FORMER SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT, DENVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
- PLAYED KEY ROLE IN ESTABLISHING AND FUNDING THE CGCS URBAN EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD
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