



58th Annual Fall Conference

October 22–26, 2014



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**Council of the Great City Schools
& Milwaukee Public Schools**

Conference Agenda

Council of the Great City Schools
58th Annual Fall Conference, Milwaukee, WI
October 22 - October 26, 2014
Hilton Milwaukee City Center

"Fresh Water. Fresh Thinking in Urban Education"

***Name Badges Must Be Worn At All Times

Wednesday, October 22, 2014

Conference Registration

7:00 am - 5:00 pm

102 Foyer - Street Level - Wisconsin Center

Breakfast Buffet

8:00 am - 9:00 am

102 ABC - Street Level - Wisconsin Center

Urban Schools Resource Display

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

102 Foyer - Street Level - Wisconsin Center

Internet Business Café

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

102 D - Street Level - Wisconsin Center

CRSS Governance Symposium

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

101 B - Street Level - Wisconsin Center

Know What is Happening on Your Watch: Using Data to Increase Student Achievement and Operational Efficiency

Must be pre-registered

New Member & Newcomer's Orientation

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

101 A - Street Level - Wisconsin Center

Buffet Lunch

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

102 ABC - Street Level - Wisconsin Center

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Task Force Meeting I

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

103 C - Street Level - Wisconsin Center

Joint Meeting of the Achievement Task Force and the Professional Development Task Force

Co-chairs: Eric Gordon, *Cleveland Superintendent*
Cecelia Adams, *Toledo School Board*
Craig Witherspoon, *Birmingham Superintendent*
Felton Williams, *Long Beach School Board*
Deborah Shanley, *Brooklyn College Dean*

Task Force Meeting II

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

103 C - Street Level - Wisconsin Center

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

Co-chairs: José Banda, *Sacramento Superintendent*
William Isler, *Pittsburgh School Board*
Thomas Ahart, *Des Moines Superintendent*
Lawrence Feldman, *Miami-Dade School Board*

Task Force Meeting III

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

103 AB - Street Level - Wisconsin Center

English Language Learners and Bilingual Education Task Force

Co-chairs: Valeria Silva, *Saint Paul Superintendent*
Keith Oliveira, *Providence School Board*

Blue Ribbon Corporate Advisory Group Meeting

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

103 D - Street Level - Wisconsin Center

6:15 pm- Bus pick up is from the Hilton Milwaukee Hotel's east side of 6th Street. Buses will depart every 15 minutes from the Hilton Hotel and proceed to the Milwaukee Art Museum.

Welcome Reception at Milwaukee Art Museum

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

700 North Art Museum Drive
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Greetings: Darienne B. Driver, Superintendent, Milwaukee Public Schools

Entertainment: Kevin Hayden Band

Hospitality Suite

9:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Oak Room - 5th Floor-Hilton Milwaukee

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General Session A: Breakfast and Address

7:30 am - 9:00 am

Ballroom ABC - Street Level - Wisconsin Center

Entertainment: King International Baccalaureate High School String Orchestra under the direction of Benjamin C. Zabor

Presentation of Colors: Hamilton High School Color Guard under the command of Stephen Randall

Official Opening and Welcome: “Fresh Water. Fresh Thinking in Urban Education”

Greetings: **Darienne B. Driver**, Superintendent, Milwaukee Public Schools

Introduction: **Michael Casserly**, Executive Director, Council of the Great City Schools

Chair’s Address: **Jumoke Hinton Hodge**, Chair of the Board, Council of the Great City Schools and Board Member, Oakland Unified School District

Announcement of Dr. Shirley S. Schwartz Urban Impact Award

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Concurrent Session I

9:15 am - 10:30 am

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PUBLIC EDUCATION IN CHINA: HOW IT INFORMS OUR GREAT CITY SCHOOLS (DOUBLE SESSION)

9:15 am – 12:15 am

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Leadership,
Governance and
Management

PANEL: Understanding Chinese Education and Chinese Curriculum Reform

Zhenguo Yuan, Professor, School of Education, China East Normal University, Shanghai

Houqing Yin, President, Shanghai Municipal Educational Society

Yanlin Mu, Deputy Director General, Chongqing Municipal Educational Commission

FACILITATOR: Michael Casserly, Executive Director, Council of the Great City Schools

INCREASING THE RIGOR OF STEM EDUCATION IN URBAN SCHOOLS

9:15 am – 10:30 am

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PANEL: Urban School Success in Rigorous Math & Science

Jaclyn Castma, Project Manager AP/IB, Pittsburgh Public Schools

Linda K. Johnson, Executive Director, College and Career Readiness, Dallas Independent School District

Scott Mendelsberg, Deputy Executive Director, Office of College and Career Readiness, Denver Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Eric Gordon, Chief Executive Officer, Cleveland Metropolitan School District

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ENGAGING AND EMPOWERING URBAN STUDENTS OF COLOR

9:15 am – 10:30 am

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PANEL: A Systemwide Approach to Engaging, Encouraging and Empowering African American Male Students from PreK Through 12th Grade

Christopher P. Chatmon, Executive Director, African American Male Achievement, Oakland Unified School District

PANEL: EMERGE--Helping Low Income, High Potential Urban Students Gain Admissions & Graduate From Ivy League/Tier I Schools

Terry Grier, Superintendent, Houston Independent School District

Rick Cruz, Assistant Superintendent, Houston Independent School District

FACILITATOR: Gregory E. Thornton, Chief Executive Officer, Baltimore City Public Schools

LESS EXPULSION, MORE INSTRUCTION: REVISITING SCHOOL DISCIPLINE IN OUR GREAT CITY SCHOOLS

9:15 am – 10:30 am

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PANEL: Changing the Script: Reducing Suspensions and Expulsions in CPS

Aarti Dhupelia, Chief Officer for College and Career Success, Chicago Public Schools

Karen Van Ausdal, Director of Social and Emotional Learning, Chicago Public Schools

PANEL: Restorative Justice in Los Angeles Unified School District: A Strategy to Build Community, Increase Learning & Reduce Suspension, Expulsion & Dropouts

Earl Perkins, Assistant Superintendent, Los Angeles Unified School District

Deborah Brandy, Coordinator, Los Angeles Unified School District

Jasmin Malinao, Project Manager Administrator, Los Angeles Unified School District

PANEL: Reducing Disproportionality Through Data-wise Decision-making

Jessica Quindel, Assistant Principal, Milwaukee Public Schools

Jon Jagemann, PBIS/Rtl Supervisor, Milwaukee Public Schools

Jennifer Mims Howell, Director of Specialized Services, Milwaukee Public Schools

Christina Flood, Chief Academic Officer, Milwaukee Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Paula Wright, Board Member, Duval County Public Schools

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INVESTING IN INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE BY SPENDING SMARTLY IN URBAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS

9:15 am – 10:30 am

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PANEL: Smarter School Spending for Student Success: New Processes and Tools That Help Districts Best Use Their Resources to Improve Student Achievement

Tim Schmandt, Senior Director of Management Efficiencies, Rochester City School District
Mike Mucha, Acting Director of Research & Consulting, Government Finance Officers Association
Matthew Joseph, Senior Program Officer, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation



School Finance
and Facilities

PANEL: Academic Key Performance Indicators in America's Urban Public Schools

Fred Schmitt, Chief Financial Officer (Retired), Norfolk Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Jesse Register, Superintendent, Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools

CREATING AN ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURE OF RACIAL EQUITY IN THE GREAT CITY SCHOOLS

9:15 am – 10:30 am

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PANEL: Racial Equity Development: Enacting Districtwide Policy

Valeria S. Silva, Superintendent, Saint Paul Public Schools
Michelle Walker, Chief Executive Officer, Saint Paul Public Schools
Michelle Bierman, Director Office of Equity, Saint Paul Public Schools



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PANEL: Courageous Leadership for Racial Equity

Bernardo Ruiz, Director of Equity and Race, Family Engagement and Native Education, Seattle Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Happy Haynes, Board Member, Denver Public Schools

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BROADENING HORIZONS: HOW TWO DISTRICTS ARE IMPROVING THE LANGUAGE AND ACADEMIC SKILLS OF URBAN STUDENTS

9:15 am – 10:30 am

202 AB – Mezzanine Level - Wisconsin Center



PANEL: A Collaborative Model for Design and Implementation of Dual Language and ESL Programs in Austin ISD

Pauline Dow, Chief Academic Officer, Austin Independent School District

PANEL: Language Immersion Programs that Succeed in Urban Settings: A Showcase of the Multilingual Language Immersion K-12 Program in MPS

Christina Flood, Chief Academic Officer, Milwaukee Public Schools

Kari Prosper, School Support Teacher, Milwaukee Public Schools

Lekynik Meyer, K5 Immersion Teacher, Milwaukee Public Schools

Gina Bianchi, Administrator French Immersion School, Milwaukee Public Schools

Robin Rivas, Interim Director of Bilingual and Multicultural Education, Milwaukee Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Analee Maestas, Board Member, Albuquerque Public Schools

THE FOUNDATIONS OF STRONG INSTRUCTION FOR ALL URBAN STUDENTS

9:15 am – 10:30 am

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PANEL: Accelerating Minority Student Achievement: Pre-teaching Key Concepts

Julie Adams, Resource Teacher, Orange County Public Schools

Jerry Daniels, Resource Teacher, Orange County Public Schools

PANEL: Creating a CARE-ing Model Around Common Core State Standards Instruction: Using the Successful Schools Framework to Accelerate Learning for Emergent Bilingual, Special Education and General Education Students

Van Truong, Director of the Office of Teaching and Learning, Portland Public Schools

Debbie Armendariz, Director of Dual Language Immersion Program, Portland Public Schools

Kehaulani Haupu, Assistant Director of ESL, Portland Public Schools

Michelle Markel, Special Education Program Administrator, Portland Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Gary L Baker, Board Member, Columbus City Schools

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MOTIVATION AND INSPIRATION: DEVELOPING THE SKILL SET OF URBAN SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

9:15 am – 10:30 am

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Leadership,
Governance and
Management

PANEL: Building a Better Broward Leadership Pipeline

Veda Hudge, Director of Service Quality, Broward County Public Schools

Fabian Cone, Instructional Cadre Director, Broward County Public Schools

Elisa Calabrese, Chief Talent Development Officer, Broward County Public Schools

PANEL: Creating a Pipeline of Effective Principals for Urban Schools

Rosemary Herpel, Executive Director of Leadership Development, Chicago Public Schools

PANEL: Milwaukee Public Schools Leadership Pipeline

Keith Posley, Chief of School Administration, Milwaukee Public Schools

Vickie Brown-Gurley, Director of Leadership Performance and Development, Milwaukee Public Schools

Marybeth Sandvig, Executive Director of Organizational Development, Milwaukee Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Robert Neu, Superintendent, Oklahoma City Public Schools

EVALUATING URBAN TEACHER EFFECTIVENESS: USING DATA ANALYSIS TO DRIVE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

9:15 am – 10:30 am

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Professional
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PANEL: Harnessing the Power of Predictive Analytics to Inform Hiring and Increase Student Achievement

Rakeda Leaks, Executive Director, Sourcing & Onboarding, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools

Liz Fadil, Chief Executive Vice President of Sales & Marketing, TeacherMatch Research Consortium

PANEL: Real Schools, Real Data – Real Results: Teacher Effectiveness, Common Core and Finding the Professional Development That Matters

Evan O'Donnell, Director of Technology, CFN 57, New York City Department of Education

Mary Strain, National Partnerships, Teaching Matters

FACILITATOR: Cindy Marten, Superintendent, San Diego Unified School District

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DEVELOPING THE SKILLS OF URBAN TEACHERS TO SPUR STUDENT GROWTH

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PANEL: Innovative Professional Learning (iPL)

Jennifer Carr, Administrator iPL, Fresno Unified School District

Julie Severns, Assistant Superintendent, Professional Learning, Fresno Unified School District

PANEL: Creating a Culture of Teacher Collaboration & Growing Student Achievement Through PLCs

R. Stephen Green, Superintendent/CEO, Kansas City Public Schools

Trinity M. Davis, Director of Curriculum, Kansas City Public Schools

PANEL: The Impact an Instructional Coach Can Have on Student Achievement

Tovah Koplow, Director, Instructional Coaching Program, Office of Teaching and Learning,
District of Columbia Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Carla Bates, Board Member, Minneapolis Public Schools

ONE FOR ALL: IMPLEMENTING A SUCCESSFUL 1:1 COMPUTER INITIATIVE IN URBAN SCHOOLS

9:15 am – 10:30 am

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PANEL: Secrets to a Successful 1:1 Implementation

Lenny Schad, Chief Technology Officer, Houston Independent School District

Sarah Greer Osborne, General Manager of Communications, Houston Independent School District

PANEL: Building School Instructional Readiness at Scale for 1:1 Common Core Technology Integration

Gerardo Loera, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Los Angeles Unified School District

Bernadette Lucas, Director of the Common Core Technology Project, Los Angeles Unified School District

FACILITATOR: Rebecca Gagnon, Board Member, Minneapolis Public Schools

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THAT'S A WRAP: ENGAGING FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF URBAN SCHOOL STUDENTS

9:15 am – 10:30 am

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PANEL: A Wraparound Intervention to Close the Achievement Gap: Starting Right, Now



Candy Olson, Board Member, Hillsborough County Public Schools

Omega Russell, Doctoral Student, University of South Florida

Vicki Sokolik, Founder and Executive Director, Starting Right, Now

Susan Guttentag, Vice President, Starting Right, Now

PANEL: Home Visits & Academic Parent Teacher Teams - Two Effective Strategies That Work to Engage Families Around Common Core

Lisa Levasseur, Project Director, Parent Teacher Home Visit Project, Sacramento City Unified School District

Cory Jones, Assistant Principal, Sacramento City Unified School District

Tarik McFall, Assistant Principal, Sacramento City Unified School District

FACILITATOR: Lori Ward, Superintendent, Dayton Public Schools

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Leadership,
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ROAD TO THE BROAD: STORIES OF SUCCESS FROM THE 2014 BROAD PRIZE WINNER

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

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PANEL: The Broad Prize: Orange County's Story

Barbara Jenkins, Superintendent, Orange County Public Schools

Dylan Thomas, Director, Public Relations, Orange County Public Schools

Jesus Jara, Deputy Superintendent, Orange County Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Terry Grier, Superintendent, Houston Independent School District



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ALIGNING TEACHER SUPPORTS WITH STUDENT NEEDS IN URBAN SCHOOLS

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Professional
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PANEL: Focus: Professional Development with a Clear and Narrow Vision

Brian Pick, Chief of Teaching and Learning, District of Columbia Public Schools

Corie Colgan, Deputy Chief of Literacy and Humanities, District of Columbia Public Schools

Jennifer Jump, Director of Elementary Literacy, District of Columbia Public Schools

PANEL: Improving Personalized Professional Growth by Aligning Observations with Professional Development

Jennifer Bartels, Training Specialist, Minneapolis Public Schools

PANEL: Maximizing Professional Learning Through Assessment, Differentiation and Evaluation

Michael Tolley, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, Seattle Public Schools

Shauna Heath, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Seattle Public Schools

Kathleen Vasquez, Literacy and Social Studies Program Manager, Seattle Public Schools

Carri Campbell, Director of School and Community Partnerships, Seattle Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Felton Williams, Board Member, Long Beach Unified School District

A GROUNDBREAKING FRAMEWORK FOR TEACHING ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS AND IMPROVING THEIR INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

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Bilingual,
Immigrant and
Refugee

PANEL: Framework for Raising Expectations and Instructional Rigor for ELLs

Gabriela Uro, Director, ELL Policy and Research, Council of the Great City Schools

Debra Hopkins, Project Coordinator, ELL Policy and Research, Council of the Great City Schools

Terry Walter, Director, Special Projects- Instructional, San Diego Unified School District

FACILITATOR: Valeria Silva, Superintendent, Saint Paul Public Schools

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PARCC AND EDUCATION: PREPARING URBAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR ONLINE ASSESSMENTS

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PANEL: Baltimore City Schools' Implementation of the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC)

Nell Etheredge, Special Assistant, Achievement and Accountability Officer, Baltimore City Public Schools

PANEL: A Walk in the PARCC: Using Online Professional Development to Prepare ALL Teachers for Common Core Assessment Readiness

Jesse B. Register, Superintendent, Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools

Kecia Ray, Executive Director of Learning Technology and Library Services, Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Darienne B. Driver, Superintendent, Milwaukee Public Schools

CLOSING SCHOOLS & NAVIGATING STUDENT ASSIGNMENT CHALLENGES FOR URBAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

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PANEL: Making History: Details Behind the Nation's Largest School Closure Effort

Barbara Byrd-Bennett, Chief Executive Officer, Chicago Public Schools

Adam Anderson, Deputy Chief of Staff, Chicago Public Schools



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PANEL: Creating an Enrollment System That Engages School Leaders, Students, Parents and Community in School Choice

Jesus Angulo, Director, Zones of Choice, Los Angeles Unified School District

Jodie Newbery, Program and Policy Development Advisor, Los Angeles Unified School District

FACILITATOR: William Hite, Superintendent, The School District of Philadelphia

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TEXT MESSAGES: LESSONS ON BUILDING LITERACY SKILLS IN URBAN SCHOOLS

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

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PANEL: Balanced Literacy as a Foundation for Close Reading and Writing

Jennifer Doss, Secondary RLA Instructional Specialist, Dallas Independent School District

PANEL: Expository Reading and Writing: A Literacy Framework for College and Career Readiness

Katie McWalters, Manger 6-12 ELA/Literacy/HSS, Fresno Unified School District

Val Hogwood, Director, Curriculum and Instruction, Fresno Unified School District

PANEL: SPARKing Literacy in the Early Reader

Christine Flood, Chief Academic Officer, Milwaukee Public Schools

Nuntiata Portis-Buck, Curriculum Specialist Literacy, Milwaukee Public Schools

Debbie Kuether, Director of Literacy, Milwaukee Public Schools

Curtis Jones, Senior Scientist, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee School of Education

Patricia Marcus, Director of Program Development, Early Childhood Education,
Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee

FACILITATOR: Pat Skorkowsky, Superintendent, Clark County School District

SYSTEMATIC CHANGES TO ADVANCE URBAN STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

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PANEL: Growing Our Talent: Developing Innovative Practices for CCSS Implementation in LAUSD

Tommy Chang, Instructional Superintendent, Los Angeles Unified School District

Shawn Bird, Instructional Director, Los Angeles Unified School District

Dina Sim, Common Core State Standards Director, Los Angeles Unified School District

Karla Estrada, Special Education Administrative Coordinator, Los Angeles Unified School District

PANEL: Building, Accelerating, and Sustaining Achievement in Urban High Schools

Pablo G. Ortiz, Associate Superintendent, Education Transformation Office, Miami-Dade County Public Schools

PANEL: The New York City Middle School Quality Initiative - A Bridge to High School Success

Jenna Shumsky, Senior Director of Middle Schools, New York City Department of Education

FACILITATOR: R. Stephen Green, Superintendent/CEO, Kansas City Public Schools

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HIRING AND EMPOWERING A SKILLED TEACHER WORKFORCE IN OUR GREAT CITY SCHOOLS

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PANEL: Boston Public Schools Improving Student Achievement Through Human Capital Strategy

Ross Wilson, Assistant Superintendent for Human Capital, Boston Public Schools

Jared Joiner, Director of Strategy & Communications, Office of Human Capital, Boston Public Schools

Emily K. Qazilbash, Executive Director, Office of Human Capital, Boston Public Schools

PANEL: Empowering Teachers to Improve Teaching Practices

Nkolika Onye, Executive Director of Performance Management, Providence Public School District

FACILITATOR: MaryEllen Elia, Superintendent, Hillsborough County Public Schools

WIRED FOR SUCCESS: THE LAUNCH OF BLENDED LEARNING IN TWO URBAN DISTRICTS

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

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PANEL: What it Takes to Offer Innovation in Every School for Every Student: Computer Science in Broward County

Christine Flynn-Semisich, Director of School Performance & Accountability, Broward County Public Schools

Pat Yongpradit, Director of Education, Code.org

PANEL: Blended Learning: Evolution and Strategy in DC Public Schools

David Rose, Deputy Chief of Educational Technology & Library Programs, District of Columbia Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Lacey Merica, Board Member, Omaha Public Schools

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KEEPING OUR STUDENTS SAFE: STRATEGIES FROM THE GREAT CITY SCHOOLS

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

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PANEL: Common Core for K-12 Security

Jason Matlock, Director of Emergency Management, Minneapolis Public Schools

Michael Eaton, Chief of Safety & Security, Denver Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Jeff Spence, Board Member, Milwaukee Public Schools



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SYSTEMS OF SUPPORT: IMPROVING SCHOOL CULTURE AND SOCIAL EMOTIONAL NEEDS OF DIVERSE URBAN STUDENTS

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PANEL: Support from Practice to Policy: Social and Emotional Learning System in Austin ISD

Pauline Dow, Chief Academic Officer, Austin Independent School District

Suzanne Burke, Associate Superintendent for Academics, Austin Independent School District

Sherrie Raven, Director of Social Emotional Learning, Austin Independent School District

Tracy Lunoff, Assistant Director of Comprehensive Health Services, Austin Independent School District

PANEL: "It's all Connected!" Social/Emotional Learning Competencies and Leadership Practices That Support the Needs of Students

Denine A. Goolsby, Executive Director of Humanware/SEL, Cleveland Metropolitan School District

Trent Mosley, Executive Director of Investment Schools, Cleveland Metropolitan School District

Luther Johnson, Academic Superintendent, Cleveland Metropolitan School District

Jeffrey Keruski, Principal, Luiz Munoz Marin School, Cleveland Metropolitan School District

Kathleen Merk, Teacher, Luiz Munoz Marin School, Cleveland Metropolitan School District

Ronnie Neal, Assistant Principal, Memorial School, Cleveland Metropolitan School District

Jillian Ahrens, Third Vice President, K-8, Cleveland Teachers Union

PANEL: Creating the Conditions for Learning: Transforming School Climate & Culture

Jody London, Director, Board of Education, Oakland Unified School District

Curtiss Sarikey, Deputy Chief, Family, Schools, and Community Partnerships, Oakland Unified School District

FACILITATOR: Pam Knowles, Board Member, Portland Public Schools



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RISING TO THE TOP: RESEARCHING PRINCIPAL EFFECTIVENESS IN URBAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS

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Leadership,
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PANEL: The Role of Principal Supervisors in Developing Principals as Instructional Leaders

Reggie Jackson, Instructional Leadership Director, Shelby County Public Schools

Greg Middleton, West Region Executive Director of Schools, Atlanta Public Schools

June Rimmer, Associate Director, Center for Educational Leadership, University of Washington

Max Silverman, Associate Director, Center for Educational Leadership, University of Washington

FACILITATOR: Linda Young, Board Member, Clark County School District

General Session B: Lunch and Speaker, David Coleman, College Board President

12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

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Entertainment: Milwaukee High School of the Arts Vocal Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Raymond Roberts

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DOING MORE WITH LESS: BUDGETARY RESOURCEFULNESS IN URBAN SCHOOLS

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PANEL: Balancing the Educational Dollar

Stephanie Elizalde, Assistant Superintendent, Dallas Independent School District

PANEL: Staying Ahead of SEA Fiscal Oversight

Matt Cleland, Treasurer, Toledo Public Schools

PANEL: Aligning Limited Resources for Greater Impact Through Service Based Budgeting

Charles Wright, Jr., Deputy Superintendent, Seattle Public Schools

Ken Gotsch, Chief Financial Officer, Seattle Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Lawrence Feldman, Board Member, Miami-Dade County Public Schools



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TOOLS OF THE TRADE: ENABLING EFFECTIVE PRINCIPALS IN URBAN SCHOOLS

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PANEL: Creating District Conditions to Scale Effective Leadership

Jacquelyn Davis, Education Reform Fellow, George W. Bush Institute

Gina Ikemoto, Executive Director of Research & Policy Development, New Leaders

Lori Taliaferro, Executive Director, Policy & Practice Services, New Leaders

Mike Miles, Superintendent, Dallas Independent School District

J. Alvin Wilbanks, CEO/Superintendent, Gwinnett County Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Stephen Fink, Executive Director, Center for Educational Leadership, University of Washington



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THE UPS AND DOWNS OF MANAGING URBAN SCHOOL FACILITIES

2:15 pm – 3:45 pm

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PANEL: Transforming Baltimore City Schools Building Portfolio: Making the Academic Connection

Jennifer Dull, Manager, 21st Century Buildings, Baltimore City Public Schools

Jessica Clark, Office of New Initiatives, Baltimore City Public Schools

Alison Perkins-Cohen, Office of New Initiatives, Baltimore City Public Schools



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PANEL: Reversing the Cycle of Deterioration in the Nation's Public Schools

Fred Schmitt, Chief Financial Officer (Retired), Norfolk Public Schools

Bruce Husson, Superintendent (Retired), Sweetwater Union High School District

FACILITATOR: Robert Carlson, Director of Management Services, Council of the Great City Schools

STEADY PROGRESS IN URBAN SCHOOLS: LIFTING THE ACHIEVEMENT OF LONG TERM ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

2:15 pm – 3:45 pm

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PANEL: Developing and Implementing Courses for Long Term English Learners to Improve Academic Literacy & Language

Hilda Maldonado, Director, Multilingual and Multicultural Education Department, Los Angeles Unified School District

Terri Bourg, Coordinator, Secondary EL Instruction, Los Angeles Unified School District



Bilingual,
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Refugee

PANEL: Cowell Long Term English Learner Initiative (LTEL) Phase II: Development of Promising Practices

Angienette Estonina, Elementary Supervisor, Multilingual Pathways Department, San Francisco Unified School District

Jen Fong, Supervisor, Multilingual Pathways Department, San Francisco Unified School District

FACILITATOR: José Banda, Superintendent, Sacramento City Unified School District

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STANDARDS FOR SUCCESS IN URBAN SCHOOLS: STRATEGIC CHANGES TO IMPROVE CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION

2:15 pm – 3:45 pm

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PANEL: Shrinking the Achievement Gap Through High Quality Curriculum

Corinne Colgan, Deputy Chief of Teaching and Learning, District of Columbia Public Schools



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PANEL: Jumpstarting Writing Instruction Across 147 K-12 Schools

Robert Bravo, Instructional Area Superintendent, Los Angeles Unified School District

Christine Cassidy, Director for Common Core Implementation, Los Angeles Unified School District

FACILITATOR: Hardin Coleman, Dean, School of Education, Boston University

EFFECTING CHANGE: NEW APPROACHES TO TEACHER EVALUATION IN URBAN SCHOOLS

2:15 pm – 3:45 pm

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PANEL: Teacher Evaluation the Chicago Way: REACH Students

Alicia Winckler, Chief Talent Officer, Chicago Public Schools

Paulette Poncelet, Executive Director for Educator Effectiveness, Chicago Public Schools



Professional
Development

PANEL: Teacher Excellence Initiative: Defining, Supporting and Rewarding Excellence

Ann Smisko, Deputy Superintendent, Dallas Independent School District

PANEL: Utilizing Teacher Evaluation to Support Effective Instruction and Drive Strategic Human Capital Decision-Making

Daniel Glass, Coordinator, Human Capital, Minneapolis Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Ronn Nozoe, Deputy Superintendent, Hawaii State Department of Education

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DEVELOPING FOUNDATIONS FOR SUCCESS: BRINGING NEW URBAN TEACHERS TO A HIGHER STANDARD

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PANEL: Impacting Student Achievement Through High Quality Teacher Induction

Jordan Brophy-Hilton, Vice President, Program Engagement, New Teacher Center
Cynthia Brunswick, Senior Vice President, Induction Programs, New Teacher Center

PANEL: Finding Movers Among Shakers: Renewing and Redesigning PreK -16 Partnerships

Deborah Shanley, Professor & Co-Director of the Urban Community Teachers Project, Brooklyn College
Haroon Kharem, Professor & Co-Director of the Urban Community Teachers Project, Brooklyn College
Stephanie Hill, Senior Director of Teacher Recruitment, New York City Department of Education

FACILITATOR: Doretha Edgecomb, Board Member, Hillsborough County Public Schools

INVESTING IN HUMAN CAPITAL IN URBAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2:15 pm – 3:45 pm

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PANEL: OCPS HR – Total Improvement Model

Carol A. Kindt, Senior Executive Director, Human Resources, Orange County Public Schools

PANEL: Systems and Structures That Lead to Highly Effective Professional Development

Jim Solo, Executive Director, Leadership & Learning, San Diego Unified School District
Jennifer White, Director, Leadership Development, San Diego Unified School District
Tavga Bustani, Mentor Principal, Elementary, San Diego Unified School District
Chris Hargrave, Mentor Principal, Secondary, San Diego Unified School District

FACILITATOR: Carole Smith, Superintendent, Portland Public Schools

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DRIVEN TO TIERS: USING RTI TO RAISE THE ACHIEVEMENT OF ALL URBAN STUDENTS

2:15 pm – 3:45 pm

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PANEL: Implementing Tier 3 Interventions for Students with Disabilities District-Wide

Thomas Flanagan, Deputy Chief of Inclusive Programming, District of Columbia Public Schools

Jennifer Parker, Director of Specialized Instruction, Interventions & Inclusion, District of Columbia Public Schools

Kerri A. Larkin, Director of Academic Programs, District of Columbia Public Schools

PANEL: Identifying and Meeting the Needs of Gifted Students

Melanie R. Stewart, Director of Assessment, Milwaukee Public Schools

Elizabeth K. Mallegni, Program Coordinator of Gifted/Talented, Milwaukee Public Schools

Christina A. Flood, Chief Academic Officer, Milwaukee Public Schools

PANEL: Wichita's System-wide Reform Through MTSS: Maintenance & Sustainability

John Allison, Superintendent, Wichita Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Cedrick Gray, Superintendent, Jackson Public Schools

PLAN OF ACTION: REDUCING OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME FOR URBAN STUDENTS

2:15 pm – 3:45 pm

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PANEL: Albuquerque Public Schools Truancy Intervention Project

Kris Meurer, Executive Director, Student, Family and Community Supports, Albuquerque Public Schools

PANEL: The ABC's + Diagnostics for Student Intervention and Support

Paul Verstraete, School and Student Services Facilitator, Johns Hopkins University

PANEL: Behavior Leaders: Teaching Positive Behavior Expectations in Secondary Schools

Karena Chunoo, District Resource Teacher, Orange County Public Schools

Belinda Reyes, Executive Area Director, Orange County Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Cindy Elsbernd, Board Member, Des Moines Public Schools

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WELCOME A-BOARD: EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE MODELS IN GREAT CITY SCHOOLS

2:15 pm – 3:45 pm

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Leadership,
Governance and
Management

PANEL: Board Support and Oversight of a School District Transformation Plan

Denise Link, Board Member, Cleveland Metropolitan School District

PANEL: Monitoring & Growing Achievement with Policy Governance

R. Stephen Green, Superintendent/CEO, Kansas City Public Schools

Airick Leonard West, Board Member, Kansas City Public Schools

PANEL: Leadership and Governance in Autonomous Schools

Ada Snethen Stevens, Lead Instructional Director, Los Angeles Unified School District

Georgia Ann Lazo, Administrator Pilot Autonomies and Accountabilities, Los Angeles Unified School District

FACILITATOR: Michael Bonds, Board Member, Milwaukee Public Schools

DOLLARS AND SENSE: RECOGNIZING FINANCIAL EXCELLENCE IN URBAN DISTRICTS

2:15 pm – 3:45 pm

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School Finance
and Facilities

PANEL: Recognizing Financial Excellence in Urban Schools

Judith M. Marte, Chief Financial Officer, Miami-Dade County Public Schools

FACILITATOR: William Isler, Board Member, Pittsburgh Public Schools

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KEEPING URBAN SCHOOL SYSTEMS AND INFORMATION SAFE IN THE DIGITAL AGE

2:15 pm – 3:45 pm

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PANEL: Privacy, Security and Cyber Liability – What’s the Risk and What You Can Do?

Sharyn Guhman, Chief Information Officer, Denver Public Schools

Lenny Schad, Chief Information Technology Officer, Houston Independent School District

Thomas Ryan, President, eLearn Institute

FACILITATOR: Adele Bovard, Deputy Superintendent, Rochester City School District

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4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

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THE ABC'S OF TWO CBA'S: NEW TEACHER AGREEMENTS IN URBAN SCHOOLS

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

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Leadership,
Governance and
Management

PANEL: Public Sector Collective Bargaining in Wisconsin: A Shifting Paradigm

Karen R. Jackson, Chief Human Capital Officer, Milwaukee Public Schools

Adria D. Maddaleni, Director, Employment Relations, Milwaukee Public Schools

PANEL: Coming to Agreement: Negotiating a New Teacher's Contract

Jennifer Bell-Ellwanger, Chief Achievement and Accountability Officer, Baltimore City Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Cami Anderson, Superintendent, Newark Public Schools

BIG PLAN ON CAMPUS: DISTRICT AND UNIVERSITY COLLABORATION FOR URBAN TEACHER DEVELOPMENT

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

102 C – Street Level - Wisconsin Center

PANEL: Building Teacher Capacity for Improving Student Learning Through an Urban Teacher Residency Program

Danielle V. Dennis, Associate Professor, University of South Florida

Debbie Mills, Elementary Generalist, Area 3, Hillsborough County Public Schools



Professional
Development

PANEL: Wichita Teacher Quality Partnership: The Five Year Impact of Teacher Preparation Changes on New Teachers and PreK-12 Students

Sharon Hartin Iorio, Professor and Principal Investigator, Wichita Teacher Quality Partnership, College of Education, Wichita State University

Janice Ewing, Associate Professor, College of Education, Wichita State University

Tiffnie Irving, Executive Director, Office of Instruction Support, Wichita State University

FACILITATOR: Debra Robinson, Board Member, The School District of Palm Beach County

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BLUEPRINT FOR THE FUTURE: STRATEGIC PLAN FOR CHANGING URBAN STUDENT OUTCOMES

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

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PANEL: A Foundation for the Future: The Five Pillars of the CPS Action Plan

Barbara Byrd-Bennett, Chief Executive Officer, Chicago Public Schools
Annette Gurley, Chief Teaching and Learning Officer, Chicago Public Schools
Denise Little, Chief of Schools, Chicago Public Schools



Leadership,
Governance and
Management

PANEL: Managing Key Performance Measures by Using Quarterly Reviews of Progress Districtwide

Jerry Moore, Acting Executive Director, Fort Worth Independent School District

PANEL: Incubators for Innovation: An Evaluation of the Minneapolis Public School Short Term Strategy Initiative

Eric Moore, Director of Research, Evaluation and Assessment, Minneapolis Public Schools
Michael Goar, Chief Executive Officer, Minneapolis Public Schools
Kelly Stewart, Accountability Analyst, Minneapolis Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Charles Wright, Jr., Deputy Superintendent, Seattle Public Schools

LEADING URBAN SCHOOLS TO IMPROVED INSTRUCTION AND HIGHER PERFORMANCE

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

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Professional
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PANEL: Instructional Cadres: Transforming Principal Learning Through Professional Learning Communities

Desmond Blackburn, Chief School Performance and Accountability Officer, Broward County Public Schools
Michael Ramirez, Instructional Cadre Director, Broward County Public Schools
Mark Strauss, Instructional Cadre Director, Broward County Public Schools

PANEL: Beyond Aspirations, Beyond Buzzwords: Instructional Leadership in an Urban Environment

Beverly Ffolkes-Bryant, District 28 Superintendent, New York City Department of Education

PANEL: Developing Principals' Ability to Analyze Instruction and Lead for Instructional Improvement

Stephen Fink, Executive Director, Center for Educational Leadership, University of Washington
Cindy Marten, Superintendent, San Diego Unified School District
Stacy Monreal, Chief of Staff, San Diego Unified School District

FACILITATOR: Brad Winter, Interim Superintendent, Albuquerque Public Schools

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RAISING THE BAR: PREPARING AN URBAN SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE COMMON CORE

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

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PANEL: Implementing the Common Core State Standards in a GE Foundation Grant District

Ruth Maegli, Acting Chief of Innovation, Milwaukee Public Schools

Tim Truitt, Math Specialist, Grades 6-12, Jefferson County Public Schools

Denise Carrell, ELA Specialist, Grades 6-8, Jefferson County Public Schools

Dudley Williams, GEF Program Manager, Stamford Public Schools

Carrie Chiappetta, Director, School, Improvement and Professional Development, Stamford Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Jack Elsey, Chief of Innovation and Incubation, Chicago Public Schools

MEETING THE NEEDS OF ALL ENGLISH LEARNERS IN OUR GREAT CITY SCHOOLS

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

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Bilingual,
Immigrant and
Refugee

PANEL: Differentiating Instruction for ELLs

Victoria B. Saldala, ESOL Director, Broward County Public Schools

Melinda Jones, Educational Specialist, Broward County Public Schools

PANEL: San Francisco Unified School District Improving Reclassification of Middle & High School English Learners Through Appropriate Course Placement

Jen Fong, Supervisor, Multilingual Pathways Department, San Francisco Unified School District

FACILITATOR: Cal Johnson, Board Member, Fresno Unified School District

REALITY BYTES: PREPARING URBAN STUDENTS FOR A TECHNOLOGICAL FUTURE

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

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PANEL: Visions of a Student's Life in the 21st Century

Sharyn Guhman, Chief Information Officer, Denver Public Schools

Annamarie Lehner, Information Technology Officer, Rochester City School District

PANEL: A Tale of Two Pilots

Jesus Jara, Deputy Superintendent, Orange County Public Schools

Michael Eugene, Chief Operations Officer, Orange County Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Leslie Grant, Board Member, Atlanta Public Schools

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ENSURING THAT URBAN SCHOOL GRADUATES ARE COLLEGE AND CAREER-READY

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

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PANEL: College Readiness Indicators: Identifying Students in Need of Support Early

David Blumenthal, Research Associate, American Institutes for Research

PANEL: Cohort Data Visualization for High Schools: Providing Insight and Graduation Rate Improvement

Leslie Arnold, Assistant Superintendent for Assessment, Accountability, Research, and School Improvement, Clark County School District

Justin White, Coordinator IV, Clark County School District

Nathan Trenholm, Director of Accountability & Research, Clark County School District

PANEL: On-Track To Graduation: Shifting to a Career and College Readiness Culture

Karen Thompson, Deputy Chief Curriculum & Instruction, Cleveland Metropolitan School District

Michelle Pierre-Farid, Chief Academic Officer, Cleveland Metropolitan School District

Yoland Eiland, Assistant Principal, James F. Rhodes High School, Cleveland Metropolitan School District

FACILITATOR: Mike Miles, Superintendent, Dallas Independent School District

MAKING THE GRADE IN URBAN SCHOOLS: CONNECTING TEACHING AND LEARNING TO THE COMMON CORE

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

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PANEL: Raising Rigor for All Students Via Standards-Referenced Grading

Noelle Tichy, Director of Teaching and Learning, Des Moines Public Schools

Thomas Ahart, Superintendent, Des Moines Public Schools

Holly Crandell, Chief Academic Officer, Des Moines Public Schools



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Professional Development

PANEL: Transforming Teaching and Learning Through CCSS

Michelle Rodriguez, Assistant Superintendent, Santa Ana Unified School District

FACILITATOR: Bernard Taylor, Superintendent, East Baton Rouge Parish School System

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WHO'S THE BOSS?: THE PROS AND CONS OF SITE-BASED DECISION MAKING IN URBAN SCHOOLS

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

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PANEL: Budget Building at the Site Level

Laura Anderson, Associate Director, Ednomics Lab, Georgetown University



PANEL: Financial Strategies: Recentralizing School Funding

Shannon Sharrock Gordon, Director, Financial Planning & Budget Services, Milwaukee Public Schools

Gerald Pace, Chief Financial Officer, Milwaukee Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Harium Martin Morris, Board Member, Seattle Public Schools

VISION QUEST: STAYING TRUE TO DISTRICTWIDE URBAN SCHOOL REFORM

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

203 C – Mezzanine Level - Wisconsin Center

PANEL: District Level Problem Solving to Support Student Achievement

Holly Saia, Director of Student Services, Hillsborough County Public Schools

Deborah Cook, Director of Reform Title 1 Schools, Hillsborough County Public Schools

Shaylia McRae, Administrator of Student Success, Hillsborough County Public Schools

Nakeba Finlayson, Supervisor of MTSS-Rtl, Hillsborough County Public Schools



PANEL: Instructional and Systemic Frameworks and Their Role in School Improvement: An Analysis of the Role of Central Office in Promoting and Supporting Clear Instructional Guidance at the School Level

Karling Aguilera-Fort, Assistant Superintendent, Superintendent's Zone Mission District K-12, San Francisco Unified School District

Regina Piper, Director, Superintendent's Zone Mission District K-12, San Francisco Unified School District

Ritu Khanna, Assistant Superintendent of Research, Planning & Accountability, San Francisco Unified School District

FACILITATOR: Tichi Pinkney Eppes, Board Member, Richmond Public Schools

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FORMULA FOR SUCCESS: IMPROVING MATH AND SCIENCE INSTRUCTION IN URBAN SCHOOLS

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

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PANEL: Closing Gaps Through STEM

Kim Cherry, Deputy Chief, STEM, District of Columbia Public Schools

PANEL: Assessing the Impact of CCSS Mathematics Professional Learning and Refining Instructional Practice

Iris Taylor, Assistant Superintendent, Sacramento City Unified School District

Sara Goytia, Math Training Specialists, Sacramento City Unified School District

Jennifer Graser, Middle School Math Teacher, Sacramento City Unified School District

FACILITATOR: Denise Walston, Director of Mathematics, Council of the Great City Schools

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INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO ENGAGE EARLY LEARNERS IN THE GREAT CITY SCHOOLS

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

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PANEL: Montessori in the Age of Accountability

Andrea Corona, Principal, MacDowell Montessori, Milwaukee Public Schools

Joseph Dicarlo, Principal, Maryland Ave. Montessori, Milwaukee Public Schools

Catherine Loss, Principal, Lloyd Barbee Montessori, Milwaukee Public Schools

Katrice Cotton, Regional Superintendent, Milwaukee Public Schools

John Sanchez, Principal, Fernwood Montessori, Milwaukee Public Schools

PANEL: Arts Integration Successes in a High Poverty Urban District

William Chandler, Project Director, Rochester City School District

Andy MacGowan, Project Evaluator, Rochester City School District

FACILITATOR: Virginia L. Keil, Associate Dean, College of Education, University of Toledo

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Executive Committee Meeting

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Wright Ballroom - 4th Floor-Hilton Milwaukee

Cocktail Reception

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Ballroom Foyer - Street Level-Wisconsin Center

25th Annual Green-Garner Awards Banquet (Semi-Formal Attire)

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Ballroom AB, Street Level-Wisconsin Center

Master of Ceremonies: William Isler, Board Member, Pittsburgh Public Schools

Green-Garner Award Nominees:

Alberto Carvalho, Miami-Dade County Public Schools

Eric Gordon, Cleveland Metropolitan School District

R. Stephen Green, Kansas City Public Schools

Terry Grier, Houston Independent School District

Valeria Silva, Saint Paul Public Schools

9:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Dance to the sounds of the [Ain't Misbehavin' Band](#)

Cash Bar will be available

Ain't Misbehavin' Band is an eclectic, energetic five piece variety band that can cover all styles from the 1920s up through the current pop charts. The group has played extensively for the last 25 years throughout Wisconsin and Illinois.

Hospitality Suite

9:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Oak Room - 5th Floor-Hilton Milwaukee

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Conference Registration

7:00 am - 4:00 pm

102 Foyer - Street Level - Wisconsin Center

Urban Schools Resource Display

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

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Internet Business Café

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

102 D - Street Level - Wisconsin Center

General Session C: Breakfast and Speaker, Anna Maria Chávez, CEO, Girl Scouts of the USA

7:30 am - 9:00 am

Ballroom ABC - Street Level - Wisconsin Center

Entertainment: Lincoln Middle School for the Arts Ambassador Choir under the direction of Jody Ferguson

Announcement of Queen Smith Award

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9:15 am - 10:30 am

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STATE OF THE DISTRICTS: MULTIPLE DISTRICT REFORM EFFORTS TO BOOST URBAN STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

9:15 am – 10:30 am

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PANEL: Why Alignment Matters: Getting The Results You Want

Heath E. Morrison, Superintendent, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools



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Leadership,
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PANEL: Pledge of Achievement: How the Clark County School District is Aligning the Work of the District and the Support of the Community to Improve Student Achievement

Pat Skorkowsky, Superintendent, Clark County School District

Kim Wooden, Deputy Superintendent, Clark County School District

PANEL: Newark Public Schools – On the Move!

Cami Anderson, Superintendent, Newark Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Richard Carranza, Superintendent, San Francisco Unified School District

WASHINGTON UPDATE: INACTION AMONG THE FACTIONS

9:15 am – 10:30 am

102 C – Street Level – Wisconsin Center

PANEL: What Did and Didn't Happen in Our Nation's Capital this Year

Jeff Simering, Director of Legislative Services, Council of the Great City Schools

Gabriela Uro, Director of ELL Policy and Research, Council of the Great City Schools

Manish Naik, Manager of Legislative Services, Council of the Great City Schools

Julie Wright Halbert, Legislative Counsel, Council of the Great City Schools

FACILITATOR: Ronald Lee, Board Member, Dayton Public Schools



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SPECIAL DELIVERY: HOW URBAN DISTRICTS USE ONLINE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TO HELP ELLS PREPARE FOR THE COMMON CORE

9:15 am – 10:30 am

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Bilingual,
Immigrant and
Refugee



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PANEL: Collaborating Through MOOCs to Amplify Student Academic Uses of Language

Kenji Hakuta, Professor, Stanford University

Lisette Averhoff, Learning Curriculum and Instruction, Oakland Unified School District

Nicole Knight, English Learner Executive Director, Oakland Unified School District

Geetha Lakshminarayanan, Learning Curriculum and Instruction, Oakland Unified School District

Barbara Shreve, Learning Curriculum and Instruction, Oakland Unified School District

Angienette Estonina, Elementary Supervisor, Multilingual Pathways Department,
San Francisco Unified School District

Veronica Gallardo, Director, Department of ELL & International Programs, Seattle Public Schools

Norma Zavala, Principal, Concord International School, Seattle Public Schools

Lupe Gomez, Coordinator of Professional Learning, Santa Ana Unified School District

Michelle Rodriguez, Assistant Superintendent, Santa Ana Unified School District

Hilda Maldonado, Director, Multilingual and Multicultural Education Department,
Los Angeles Unified School District

Maricela Sanchez, Administrative Coordinator, Multilingual and Multicultural Education Department,
Los Angeles Unified School District

FACILITATOR: Debra Hopkins, Project Coordinator, ELL Policy and Research, Council of the Great City Schools

THE TEXT-SET PROJECT: GETTING URBAN DISTRICTS INVOLVED IN THE ELA SHIFT TO NON-FICTION

9:15 am – 10:30 am

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PANEL: Addressing the Performance Gap Through the Text Set Project: The Importance of Building Knowledge for College and Career Readiness

Meredith Liben, Director, Student Achievement Partners

David Liben, Senior Content Specialist, Student Achievement Partners



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FACILITATOR: Robin Hall, Director of Language Arts and Literacy, Council of the Great City Schools

EXCELLENCE FOR ALL: ENSURING EQUITY FOR URBAN STUDENTS

9:15 am – 10:30 am

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PANEL: Mapping Opportunity

Jody London, Director, Board of Education, Oakland Unified School District

Susan Radke, Mapping Analytics Specialist, Oakland Unified School District



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PANEL: Mobilizing a Community to Close the Achievement Gap

Valeria S. Silva, Superintendent, Saint Paul Public Schools

Michelle Bierman, Director, Racial Equity, Saint Paul Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Airick Leonard West, Board Member, Kansas City Public Schools

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COMMENTS WELCOME: APPROACHES TO TEACHER EVALUATION SYSTEMS IN URBAN DISTRICTS

9:15 am – 10:30 am

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PANEL: Baltimore City Schools' Student Survey Development

Theresa D. Jones, Manager, Teacher & Principal Evaluation, Baltimore City Public Schools

PANEL: What's Working in the District to Improve Academic Achievement: Educator Effectiveness

Jan Haven, Educator Effectiveness Coordinator, Milwaukee Public Schools

Marybeth Sandvig, Executive Director, Organizational Development, Milwaukee Public Schools

Amy Mizialko, Teaching/Learning Coordinator, Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association

FACILITATOR: Denise Link, Board Member, Cleveland Metropolitan School District

ANOTHER WAY FORWARD: ALTERNATIVE TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAMS FOR URBAN SCHOOLS

9:15 am – 10:30 am

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PANEL: Becoming Mindful Consumers of Teacher Preparation

Julia Peyton, Director of Partnerships, National Council on Teacher Quality

Carmen Darville, Chief of Human Capital Management, Dallas Independent School District

FACILITATOR: Deborah Shanley, Professor & Co-Director of the Urban Community Teachers Project, Brooklyn College

RUN THE NUMBERS: KEY WAYS TO USE RESEARCH IN URBAN DISTRICT DECISION-MAKING

9:15 am – 10:30 am

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PANEL: A Common Way for CPS: The New School Quality Rating Policy (SQRP)

John R. Barker, Chief Accountability Officer, Chicago Public Schools

Jack Elsey, Chief Officer for Innovation and Incubation, Chicago Public Schools

PANEL: Got Research? A Structure for Considering Research in District-level Decisions

Ritu Khanna, Assistant Superintendent of Research, Planning & Accountability, San Francisco Unified School District

Laura Wentworth, Director of Stanford/SFUSD Partnership, San Francisco Unified School District

FACILITATOR: Thomas Ahart, Superintendent, Des Moines Independent School District

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URBAN SCHOOL STRATEGIES FOR MEETING THE NEEDS OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

9:15 am – 10:30 am

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PANEL: Using Instructional Rounds to Improve Special Education Programming

Thomas Flanagan, Deputy Chief of Inclusive Programming, District of Columbia Public Schools
Jennifer Parker, Director of Specialized Instruction, Interventions & Inclusion, District of Columbia Public Schools
Kerri A. Larkin, Director of Academic Programs, District of Columbia Public Schools

PANEL: Special Education: Included From the Beginning

Cheryl Hunt, Assistant Superintendent, Special Education, Fresno Unified School District
Barbara Felix, Teacher on Special Assignment, Fresno Unified School District
Julie Wheelock, Teacher on Special Assignment, Fresno Unified School District
Kim Kuphaldt, Teacher on Special Assignment, Fresno Unified School District

PANEL: Inclusive Services for Students with Disabilities from an Early Age

Susan Pansmith, Special Education Senior Manager, Elementary Schools, Houston Independent School District
David Jackson, Principal, Gregg Elementary School, Houston Independent School District

FACILITATOR: Julie Wright Halbert, Legislative Counsel, Council of the Great City Schools

BRAND NEW WORLD: THE TRANSFORMATION OF LOW-PERFORMING URBAN SCHOOLS

9:15 am – 10:30 am

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PANEL: Makeover of an Elementary School: Emerson School Reform Project

Denise Brigman, Principal, Emerson Elementary, Albuquerque Public Schools
Shelly Green, Chief Academic Officer, Albuquerque Public Schools
Raquel Reedy, Associate Superintendent, Albuquerque Public Schools
Diane Kerschen, Associate Superintendent, Albuquerque Public Schools



PANEL: Improving Urban Schools Through Transformation of Culture and Staff

Travis Collier, Lead Instructional Director, Intensive Support and Innovation Center, Los Angeles Unified School District
Ileana Davalos, Instructional Director, Intensive Support and Innovation Center, Los Angeles Unified School District

FACILITATOR: Romules Durant, Superintendent, Toledo Public Schools

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COME ONE COME ALL: STRENGTHENING SUPPORTS FOR NEWCOMER STUDENTS IN GREAT CITY SCHOOLS

9:15 am – 10:30 am

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Bilingual,
Immigrant and
Refugee

PANEL: Walking the Walk and Talking the Talk: The International Newcomer Center (INC) A Model of Linguistic and Academic Support for Refugee and Immigrant Populations with Interrupted Formal Education (SIFE)

Christina Flood, Chief Academic Officer, Milwaukee Public Schools

Robin Rivas, Interim Director Bilingual and Multicultural Education, Milwaukee Public Schools

Christina Green, District Translator, Milwaukee Public Schools

PANEL: NABAD Pilot: An Accelerated Academic Program for Newcomer Students

Muhidin Warfa, Director, EL Strategic Partnerships, Minneapolis Public Schools

PANEL: Serving High School Newcomers English Learners Through Newcomer Pathways Embedded In Comprehensive Schools

Jen Fong, Supervisor, Multilingual Pathways Department, San Francisco Unified School District

FACILITATOR: Keith Oliveira, Board Member, Providence Public School District

ALT+SHIFT: URBAN DISTRICTS THAT ARE LEADING THE TRANSITION TO HIGH-TECH CLASSROOMS

9:15 am – 10:30 am

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PANEL: Houston ISD's Digital Content and Curriculum Strategy – Interoperability Standards to Personalize Instruction

Leng B. Fritsche, Assistant Superintendent, Assessment & Analytics, Houston Independent School District

Beatriz Arnillas, Senior IT Manager, Houston Independent School District

PANEL: Convergence: Creating a New Culture of Learning

Sylvia J. Diaz, Assistant Superintendent, Miami-Dade County Public Schools

Lisette Alves, Executive Director, Miami-Dade County Public Schools

PANEL: Looking at Curriculum Through a Digital Lens

Shana Rafalski, Director, Elementary Curriculum & Instruction, Orange County Public Schools

Rob Bixler, Senior Director, Strategy Data Systems & Technology Innovation, Orange County Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Vasti Torres, Dean, College of Education, University of South Florida

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FOLLOW THE MONEY: IMPLEMENTING NEW FUNDING MODELS IN URBAN SCHOOLS

9:15 am – 10:30 am

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School Finance
and Facilities

PANEL: Student Based Budgeting- An Academic Lever...Year One Design to Implementation Decisions in a Portfolio District

John Scanan, Chief Financial Officer, Cleveland Metropolitan School District

Michelle Pierre-Farid, Chief Academic Officer, Cleveland Metropolitan School District

PANEL: How Much Money Follows the Student in WSF Districts?

Laura Anderson, Associate Director, Edunomics Lab, Georgetown University

FACILITATOR: Michael O'Neill, Board Member, Boston Public Schools

PARTY OF FIVE: HOW MILWAUKEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS USES MULTIPLE PARTNERSHIPS TO ACHIEVE POSITIVE OUTCOMES

9:15 am – 10:30 am

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PANEL: Collective Impact: Deep School-level Partnerships with Nonprofit Organizations

Darienne B. Driver, Superintendent, Milwaukee Public Schools

Jason Holton, Vice President and Executive Director, City Year Milwaukee

Jean Maier, Vice President, Enterprise Operations and Technology, Northwestern Mutual Foundation

Janel Hawkins, Principal, Carver Academy, Milwaukee Public Schools

Kole Kneuppel, Co-Founder & Managing Director of School Partnerships, Schools That Can

Garrett Bucks, Executive Director, Teach for America – Milwaukee

FACILITATOR: Daryl Flynn, Board Member, Orange County Public Schools



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10:45 am - 12:15 pm

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TOOL TIME: NEW WAYS TO SUPPORT URBAN EDUCATORS IN COMMON CORE IMPLEMENTATION

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

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PANEL: EQUiPiNG Teachers with Quality and Aligned Instructional Materials

Hans Voss, Policy Associate, Achieve



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PANEL: Selecting and Adapting Instructional Materials

Meredith Liben, Director, Student Achievement Partners

Nancy Gannon, Director, Student Achievement Partners

PANEL: Determining the Quality of Common Core-Aligned Instructional Materials

Robin Hall, Director of Language Arts and Literacy, Council of the Great City Schools

Denise Walston, Director of Mathematics, Council of the Great City Schools

FACILITATOR: Ricki Price-Baugh, Director of Academic Achievement, Council of the Great City Schools

INTO THE FOLD: HOW URBAN SCHOOLS ARE BRIDGING THE GAP FOR STUDENTS OF COLOR

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

102 C – Street Level – Wisconsin Center

PANEL: PROMISE for Broward County Students-Eliminating the Schoolhouse to Jailhouse Track

Christine Flynn-Semisich, Director of School Performance & Accountability, Broward County Public Schools

Michaëlle Valbrun-Pope, Executive Director, Student Support Initiatives, Broward County Public Schools

Amalio Nieves, Director, Diversity, Prevention & Intervention, Broward County Public Schools



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PANEL: Reducing Suspensions Through Trauma-Informed Care & Restorative Justice

R. Stephen Green, Superintendent/CEO, Kansas City Public Schools

Airick Leonard West, Board Member, Kansas City Public Schools

Tonia Gilbert, Executive Director of the Office of Student Support and Community Services,
Kansas City Public Schools

Luis Cordoba, Executive Director of Student Interventions, Kansas City Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Karen Ridgeway, Superintendent of Academics, Detroit Public Schools

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DESTINATION DIVERSITY: RECRUITING A TEACHER POOL REFLECTIVE OF ALL URBAN STUDENTS

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

103 AB – Street Level – Wisconsin Center

PANEL: English as a Second Language: Recruitment and Training

Mariana De Luca, ESL Resource Teacher, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools
Gilmara Johnson, ELL Resource Teacher, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools



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PANEL: Teach Tomorrow in Oakland: Recruiting and Retaining Teachers of Color

Jumoke Hinton Hodge, Board Member, Oakland Unified School District
Rachelle Rogers-Ard, Manager, HRSS, Oakland Unified School District

FACILITATOR: Eric Gordon, Chief Executive Officer, Cleveland Metropolitan School District

STAKEHOLDER MEETING: HOW GREAT CITY SCHOOLS EDUCATE, INFORM AND ENGAGE THE COMMUNITY

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

103 C – Street Level – Wisconsin Center

PANEL: Social Media and Public School Districts – Sharing, Listening and Promoting Digital Citizenship

Barbara Griffith, Senior Communications Officer, Fort Worth Independent School District
John Cope, Webmaster & Creative Projects Coordinator, Fort Worth Independent School District

PANEL: Bringing Education Reform to Life: Mobilizing Stakeholders in Urban School Reform

Bernadeia Johnson, Superintendent, Minneapolis Public Schools
Stan Alleyne, Chief Communication Officer, Minneapolis Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Henry Duvall, Director of Communications, Council of the Great City Schools

ADDING IT UP: PREPARING URBAN EDUCATORS AND STUDENTS FOR ACHIEVEMENT IN MATHEMATICS

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

103 DE – Street Level – Wisconsin Center

PANEL: The Chicago Algebra Initiative: Expanding Access & Supporting Teacher Development

Jessica Fulton, Director of Mathematics, Chicago Public Schools
Faylesha Porter, 6-8 Math/Algebra Specialist, Chicago Public Schools
Lynn Narasimhan, Professor, Director of STEM Center, DePaul University



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PANEL: Taking a Stand: Detracking Math Classrooms

Lizzy Hull Barnes, Math Program Administrator, San Francisco Unified School District
Angela Torres, Math Content Specialist, San Francisco Unified School District
Ho Nguyen, Math Content Specialist, San Francisco Unified School District

FACILITATOR: Sharon Hartin Iorio, Professor and Principal Investigator, Wichita Teacher Quality Partnership,

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TRANSLATING SUCCESS: PARTNERSHIPS PROMOTING EXCELLENCE IN URBAN ELL STUDENTS

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

201 AB – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center



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PANEL: Out of the Shadows: Redefining ELL Experiences in Mainstream Classrooms

Teresa Troyer, ESL Coordinator, Dayton Public Schools

Sally Lamping, Associate Professor and Director English, Integrated Language Arts, Wright State University

PANEL: Focus on Genre and Language Instruction for Middle School English Learners' Access to Content and Academic Language in Social Studies and Language Arts

Sharon Scruggs-Williams, Supervisor, Language Arts, Miami-Dade County Public Schools

Karen Spigler, Executive Director, Secondary Reading/Language Arts, Miami-Dade County Public Schools

Robert Brazofsky, Executive Director, Social Sciences, Miami-Dade County Public Schools

Mary A. Avalos, Research Assistant Professor, University of Miami

FACILITATOR: John Allison, Superintendent, Wichita Public Schools



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RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS THAT WORK: GETTING RESULTS FOR URBAN STUDENTS

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

202 AB – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center

PANEL: Graduate Ready for College and Career: How a Collaborative Research Partnership Can Address Gaps in Post-Secondary Enrollment

Karen Looby, Senior Research Associate, Department of Research and Evaluation, Austin Independent School District

PANEL: Development of a Research-Practice Partnership in an Urban District

Dorothea Weir, Manager, Evaluation, Dallas Independent School District

Anduamlak Meharie, Manager, Evaluation, Dallas Independent School District

Cecilia Oakeley, Assistant Superintendent, Dallas Independent School District

Regina Nippert, Executive Director, The Budd Center: Involving Communities in Education, Southern Methodist University

Scott Smith, Data Management Director, The Budd Center: Involving Communities in Education, Southern Methodist University

PANEL: Lessons From a District-University Research Partnership Developed to Improve Student Learning and Close Achievement Gaps

Carla J. Stevens, Assistant Superintendent, Research and Accountability, Houston Independent School District

Ruth Lopez Turley, Director, Houston Education Research Consortium, Rice University

FACILITATOR: Shanaysha Sauls, Board Member, Baltimore City Public Schools

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ROOTED IN SUCCESS: CULTIVATING STRONG LEADERSHIP FOR OUR GREAT CITY SCHOOLS

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

202 C – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center



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Leadership,
Governance and
Management

PANEL: Growing Great Leaders: School Leadership Development in Baltimore City

Lisa Bishop, Director, School Leader Effectiveness, Baltimore City Public Schools
Jael Yon, Principal, Tench Tilghman Elementary/Middle School, Baltimore City Public Schools
Richard Green, Partner, The New Teacher Project
Karen Hawley Miles, President & Executive Director, Education Resource Strategies
Katherine Pippert, Senior Director, District Services, New Leaders

PANEL: Systemic Alignment of Supervisor, Principal, and Teacher Evaluations

Mike Miles, Superintendent, Dallas Independent School District

FACILITATOR: Sajit Zachariah, Dean, Cleveland State University

STRETCHING THE DISTRICT DOLLAR: TWO CITIES' STRATEGIES TO OVERCOME FISCAL CHALLENGES

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

202 DE – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center



School Finance
and Facilities

PANEL: A Strategic Roadmap for Financial Sustainability

Katarina Sandoval, Executive Director of Innovation, Albuquerque Public Schools
Don Moya, Chief Financial Officer, Albuquerque Public Schools
Ruben Hendrickson, Chief Operations Officer, Albuquerque Public Schools
Kizito Wijenje, Executive Director, Capital Master Plan, Albuquerque Public Schools

PANEL: Overcoming Financial Challenges: Strategies for Success

Gerald Pace, Chief Financial Officer, Milwaukee Public Schools
Michelle Nate, Chief Operations Officer, Milwaukee Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Kaya Henderson, Chancellor, District of Columbia Public Schools

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A SEAMLESS APPROACH: TAILORING EDUCATION STRATEGIES FOR VARYING LEARNING NEEDS IN URBAN SCHOOLS

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

203 AB – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center



PANEL: Addressing Overrepresentation by Gender, Race/Ethnicity, or Disability in Discipline-Related Actions and/or Special Education Placement

Pat Skorkowsky, Superintendent, Clark County School District

Kim Wooden, Deputy Superintendent, Clark County School District

PANEL: Reducing the Number of Long Term English Learners (LTELs): A Two-Pronged Approach

Julie Kane, Director of Performance Management, Los Angeles Unified School District

Hilda Maldonado, Director Multilingual and Multicultural Education, Los Angeles Unified School District

PANEL: The Milwaukee Integrated Data System Project: “What’s Behind the Behind?”

Ann McClain Terrell, Director of Innovation, Milwaukee Public Schools

Deborah Gurke, Director of Research & Development, Milwaukee Public Schools

Mallory O’Brien, Director DataShare, Marquette University

FACILITATOR: Van White, Board Member, Rochester City School District

WE ARE FAMILY: ENCOURAGING PARENT ENGAGEMENT IN URBAN SCHOOLS

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

203 C – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center



PANEL: Family Engagement as a Lever for Student Achievement

Dione Christy, Deputy Director, Office of Engagement, Boston Public Schools

PANEL: Leading Improved Student Achievement Through Family Engagement

Vincent Baxter, Deputy Chief, Family Engagement, District of Columbia Public Schools

PANEL: LAUSD Strategy to Close the Achievement Gap: A Parent Engagement Framework Grounded on Building Team Capacity to Work with Parents as Partners

Tommy Chang, Instructional Superintendent, ISIC, Los Angeles Unified School District

Antonio Plascencia, Jr., Program & Policy Advisor, ISIC, Los Angeles Unified School District

FACILITATOR: Mary C. Doran, Board Member, Saint Paul Public Schools

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PROMISING PRACTICES IN SUPPORTING ACHIEVEMENT OF DIVERSE LANGUAGE LEARNERS

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

203 DE – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center

PANEL: Cincinnati Public Schools' Future CLASS (Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate System of Supports) for Diverse Learners

Marie Kobayashi, ESOL/World Language Manager, Cincinnati Public Schools

Heidi Stickney, Special Education Director, Princeton City Schools

Connie Reyes-Rau, Title III Consortium Director, Hamilton Co. Education Service Center

Patty Fong, ESL Administrator/Consultant, Hamilton Co. Education Service Center

Cynthia Geer, Professor and Accreditation Leader, Xavier University



Bilingual,
Immigrant and
Refugee

PANEL: SFUSD-Stanford English Learner Pathway Study: Does Bilingual Instruction Help English Learners Academically Achieve?

Christina Wong, Special Assistant to the Superintendent of English Learner Programs and Services, San Francisco Unified School District

Ritu Khanna, Assistant Superintendent of Research, Planning & Accountability, San Francisco Unified School District

PANEL: Zoom Schools: Leading Academic Achievement for English Learners

Danielle Miller, Assistant Superintendent, Clark County School District

Chyllis Scott, Assistant Professor, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Tracy Spies, Assistant Professor, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Chad Scott, Visiting Assistant Lecturer, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Christy Baxter, Graduate Assistant, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

FACILITATOR: Cecelia Adams, Board Member, Toledo Public Schools

TRAINING WHEELS: GETTING URBAN TEACHERS UP TO SPEED ON COMMON CORE STANDARDS

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

101 A – Street Level – Wisconsin Center

PANEL: The Curriculum Engine: Fast, Powerful, and Easy

Marty Gardner, Executive Director, Clark County School District

Verena Bryan, Project Facilitator, Clark County School District

PANEL: Following the Golden Thread to Implement Common Core

Byron Maltez, Instructional Superintendent, Los Angeles Unified School District

Carol Alexander, Common Core Director, Los Angeles Unified School District

FACILITATOR: Beverly Ffolkes-Bryant, District 28 Superintendent, New York City Department of Education



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General Session D: Lunch and Speaker, Neil deGrasse Tyson, Astrophysicist, Author

12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

Ballroom ABC - Mezzanine Level - Wisconsin Center

Entertainment: Milwaukee High School of the Arts Concert Chorale under the direction of Raymond Roberts

General Session E: Town Hall Meeting

2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Wright Ballroom - 4th Floor - Hilton Milwaukee

Moderator: Claudio Sanchez, Education Correspondent, NPR

Panel: Kaya Henderson, Chancellor, District of Columbia Public Schools
Valeria Silva, Superintendent, Saint Paul Public Schools
Jumoke Hinton Hodge, Board Member, Oakland Unified School District
Chris Minnich, Executive Director, Council of the Chief State School Officers
Marc Tucker, President and CEO, National Center on Education and the Economy
Jaxs Goldsmith, Milwaukee Public Schools 12th-Grader

Great City Colleges of Education Meeting

4:15 pm - 5:00 pm

102 A - Street Level - Wisconsin Center

6:15 pm- Bus pick up from the Hilton Milwaukee Hotel's east side of 6th Street. Buses will depart every 15 minutes from the Hilton Hotel and proceed to Discovery World.

Reception at Discovery World

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

500 North Harbor Drive
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Hospitality Suite

9:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Oak Room - 5th Floor-Hilton Milwaukee

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Saturday, October 25 & Sunday, October 26

Saturday, October 25, 2014

Breakfast Buffet

8:00 am - 9:30 am

Ballroom A - Street Level - Wisconsin Center

Shipping Center - ship your materials home at no cost

8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Wright Ballroom ABC - 4th Floor-Hilton Milwaukee

Internet Business Café

8:00 am - 12:00 pm

102 D - Street Level - Wisconsin Center

Board of Directors Meeting

8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Ballroom B - Street Level - Wisconsin Center

Legislative Directors Lunch and Meeting [Education Issues at the State and Federal Level](#) (Council members only)

12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

102 B - Street Level - Wisconsin Center

Fall Conference Planning Meeting & Lunch (Planners only)

12:30 pm - 2:30 pm

102 A - Street Level - Wisconsin Center

6:15 pm- Bus pick up from the Hilton Milwaukee Hotel's west side of 4th Street. Buses will depart every 15 minutes from the Hilton Hotel and proceed to the Harley-Davidson Museum®

Farewell Tour and Dinner at Harley-Davidson Museum®

6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

500 West Canal Street

Milwaukee, WI 53203

Entertainment: DJ Antonio "Tone" Pascal

Sunday, October 26, 2014

Breakfast and Closing Session

8:30 am - 10:00 am

Regency Ballroom - 5th Floor-Hilton Milwaukee

Adjourn

10:00 am