58th Annual Fall Conference
October 22–26, 2014

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Council of the Great City Schools & Milwaukee Public Schools
Agenda-At-A-Glance

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

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

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
**Wednesday, October 22 & Thursday, October 23**

**Agenda-At-A-Glance**

**Task Force Meeting III**
- 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
- 103 AB - Street Level - Wisconsin Center
- **English Language Learners and Bilingual Education Task Force**

**Blue Ribbon Corporate Advisory Group Meeting**
- 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
- 103 D - Street Level - Wisconsin Center

**English Language Learners and Bilingual Education Task Force**

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 the Milwaukee Art Museum.

**Welcome Reception at Milwaukee Art Museum**
- 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

**Hospitality Suite**
- 9:00 pm - 11:00 pm
- Oak Room - 5th Floor - Hilton Milwaukee

**Thursday, October 23, 2014**

**Conference Registration**
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm
- 102 Foyer - 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

**General Session A: Breakfast and Address, Jumoke Hinton Hodge, Chair of the Council**
- 7:30 am - 9:00 am
- Ballroom ABC - Street Level - Wisconsin Center

**Announcement of Dr. Shirley S. Schwartz Urban Impact Award**
Session I  
9:15 am - 10:30 am

**Note: All concurrent sessions are held at the Wisconsin Center**

- **Public Education in China: How it Informs Our Great City Schools (Double Session)**
  102 AB – Street Level – Wisconsin Center

- **Increasing the Rigor of STEM Education in Urban Schools**
  102 C – Street Level – Wisconsin Center

- **Engaging and Empowering Urban Students of Color**
  103 AB – Street Level – Wisconsin Center

- **Less Expulsion, More Instruction: Revisiting School Discipline in Our Great City Schools**
  103 C – Street Level – Wisconsin Center

- **Investing in Instructional Excellence by Spending Smartly in Urban School Districts**
  103 DE – Street Level – Wisconsin Center

- **Creating an Organizational Culture of Racial Equity in the Great City Schools**
  201 AB – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center

- **Broadening Horizons: How Two Districts are Improving the Language and Academic Skills of Urban Students**
  202 AB – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center

- **The Foundations of Strong Instruction for All Urban Students**
  202 C – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center

- **Motivation and Inspiration: Developing the Skill Set of Urban School Principals**
  202 DE – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center

- **Evaluating Urban Teacher Effectiveness: Using Data Analysis to Drive Student Achievement**
  203 AB – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center

- **Developing the Skills of Urban Teachers to Spur Student Growth**
  203 C – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center

- **One for All: Implementing a Successful 1:1 Computer Initiative in Urban Schools**
  203 DE – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center

- **That’s a Wrap: Engaging Families and Communities to Meet the Needs of Urban School Students**
  101 A – Street Level – Wisconsin Center
Session II
10:45 am - 12:15 pm

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- Public Education in China: How it Informs Our Great City Schools (Double Session)
  102 AB – Street Level – Wisconsin Center

- Road to the Broad: Stories of Success from the 2014 Broad Prize Winner
  102 C – Street Level – Wisconsin Center

- Aligning Teacher Supports with Student Needs in Urban Schools
  103 AB – Street Level – Wisconsin Center

- A Groundbreaking Framework for Teaching English Language Learners and Improving Their Instructional Materials
  103 C – Street Level – Wisconsin Center

- PARCC and Education: Preparing Urban School Districts for Online Assessments
  103 DE – Street Level – Wisconsin Center

- Closing Schools & Navigating Student Assignment Challenges for Urban School Districts
  201 AB – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center

- Text Messages: Lessons on Building Literacy Skills in Urban Schools
  202 AB – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center

- Systematic Changes to Advance Urban Student Achievement
  202 C – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center

- Hiring and Empowering a Skilled Teacher Workforce in Our Great City Schools
  202 DE – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center

- Wired for Success: The Launch of Blended Learning in Two Urban Districts
  203 AB – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center

- Keeping Our Students Safe: Strategies from the Great City Schools
  203 C – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center

- Systems of Support: Improving School Culture and Social Emotional Needs of Diverse Urban Students
  203 DE – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center

- Rising to the Top: Researching Principal Effectiveness in Urban School Districts
  101 A – Street Level – Wisconsin Center

General Session B: Lunch and Speaker, David Coleman, President of the College Board
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm
Ballroom ABC - Street Level - Wisconsin Center
Session III
2:15 pm - 3:45 pm

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• Doing More with Less: Budgetary Resourcefulness in Urban Schools
  102 AB – Street Level – Wisconsin Center

• Tools of the Trade: Enabling Effective Principals in Urban Schools
  102 C – Street Level – Wisconsin Center

• The Ups and Downs of Managing Urban School Facilities
  103 AB – Street Level – Wisconsin Center

• Steady Progress in Urban Schools: Lifting the Achievement of Long Term English Language Learners
  103 C – Street Level – Wisconsin Center

• Standards for Success in Urban Schools: Strategic Changes to Improve Classroom Instruction
  103 DE – Street Level – Wisconsin Center

• Effecting Change: New Approaches to Teacher Evaluation in Urban Schools
  201 AB – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center

• Developing Foundations for Success: Bringing New Urban Teachers to a Higher Standard
  202 AB – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center

• Investing in Human Capital in Urban Public Schools
  202 C – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center

• Driven to Tiers: Using RTI to Raise the Achievement of all Urban Students
  202 DE – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center

• Plan of Action: Reducing Out-of-School Time for Urban Students
  203 AB – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center

• Welcome A-Board: Effective Governance Models in Great City Schools
  203 C – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center

• Dollars and Sense: Recognizing Financial Excellence in Urban Districts
  203 DE – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center

• Keeping Urban School Systems and Information Safe in the Digital Age
  101 A – Street Level – Wisconsin Center
Session IV
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

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• The ABCs of Two CBAs: New Teacher Agreements in Urban Schools
  102 AB – Street Level – Wisconsin Center

• Big Plan on Campus: District and University Collaboration for Urban Teacher Development
  102 C – Street Level – Wisconsin Center

• Blueprint for the Future: Strategic Plan for Changing Urban Student Outcomes
  103 AB – Street Level – Wisconsin Center

• Leading Urban Schools to Improved Instruction and Higher Performance
  103 C – Street Level – Wisconsin Center

• Raising the Bar: Preparing an Urban School District for the Common Core
  103 DE – Street Level – Wisconsin Center

• Meeting the Needs of All English Learners in Our Great City Schools
  201 AB – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center

• Reality Bytes: Preparing Urban Students for a Technological Future
  202 AB – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center

• Ensuring That Urban School Graduates are College and Career-Ready
  202 C – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center

• Making the Grade in Urban Schools: Connecting Teaching and Learning to the Common Core
  202 DE – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center

• Who’s the Boss?: The Pros and Cons of Site-based Decision Making in Urban Schools
  203 AB – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center

• Vision Quest: Staying True to Districtwide Urban School Reform
  203 C – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center

• Formula for Success: Improving Math and Science Instruction in Urban Schools
  203 DE – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center

• Innovative Approaches to Engage Early Learners in the Great City Schools
  101 A – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center

Executive Committee Meeting
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Wright Ballroom A - 4th Floor-Hilton Milwaukee

Cocktail Reception
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Balloom 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
Dancing featuring Ain’t Misbehavin’ Band

Hospitality Suite
10:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Oak Room - 5th Floor - Hilton Milwaukee

Friday, October 24, 2014

Conference Registration
7:00 am - 4:00 pm
102 Foyer - Wisconsin Center

Urban Schools Resource Display
8:00 am - 4:00 pm
102 Foyer - Wisconsin Center

Internet Business Café
8:00 am - 4:00 pm
102 D - Wisconsin Center

General Session C: Breakfast and Address, Anna Maria Chávez, CEO, Girl Scouts of the USA
7:30 am - 9:00 am
Ballroom ABC - Street Level - Wisconsin Center
Presentation of the Queen Smith Award

Session V
9:15 am - 10:30 am

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• State of the Districts: Multiple District Reform Efforts to Boost Urban Student Achievement
  102 AB – Street Level – Wisconsin Center

• Washington Update: Inaction Among the Factions
  102 C – Street Level – Wisconsin Center

• Special Delivery: How Urban Districts Use Online Professional Development to Help ELLS Prepare for the Common Core
  103 AB – Street Level – Wisconsin Center

• The Text-Set Project: Getting Urban Districts Involved in the ELA Shift to Non-Fiction
  103 C – Street Level – Wisconsin Center

• Excellence for All: Ensuring Equity for Urban Students
  103 DE – Street Level – Wisconsin Center

• Comments Welcome: Approaches to Teacher Evaluation Systems in Urban Districts
  201 AB – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center
• **Another Way Forward: Alternative Teacher Preparation Programs for Urban Schools**
  202 AB – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center

• **Run the Numbers: Key Ways to Use Research in Urban District Decision-Making**
  202 C – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center

• **Urban School Strategies for Meeting the Needs of Students with Disabilities**
  202 DE – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center

• **Brand New World: The Transformation of Low-Performing Urban Schools**
  203 AB – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center

• **Come One Come All: Strengthening Supports for Newcomer Students in Great City Schools**
  203 C – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center

• **ALT+Shift: Urban Districts That Are Leading the Transition to High-Tech Classrooms**
  203 DE – Mezzanine Level - Wisconsin Center

• **Follow the Money: Implementing New Funding Models In Urban Schools**
  101 A – Street Level – Wisconsin Center

• **Party of Five: How Milwaukee Public Schools Uses Multiple Partnerships to Achieve Positive Outcomes**
  101 B – Street Level - Wisconsin Center

**Session VI**
10:45 am - 12:15 pm

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• **Tool Time: New Ways to Support Urban Educators in Common Core Implementation**
  102 AB – Street Level – Wisconsin Center

• **Into the Fold: How Urban Schools are Bridging the Gap for Students of Color**
  102 C – Street Level – Wisconsin Center

• **Destination Diversity: Recruiting a Teacher Pool Reflective of All Urban Students**
  103 AB – Street Level – Wisconsin Center

• **Stakeholder Meeting: How Great City Schools Educate, Inform and Engage the Community**
  103 C – Street Level – Wisconsin Center

• **Adding It Up: Preparing Urban Educators and Students for Achievement in Mathematics**
  103 DE – Street Level – Wisconsin Center

• **Translating Success: Partnerships Promoting Excellence in Urban ELL Students**
  201 AB – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center

• **Research Partnerships that Work: Getting Results for Urban Students**
  202 AB – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center

• **Rooted in Success: Cultivating Strong Leadership for Our Great City Schools**
  202 C – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center
• **Stretching the District Dollar: Two Cities' Strategies to Overcome Fiscal Challenges**  
  202 DE – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center

• **A Seamless Approach: Tailoring Education Strategies for Varying Learning Needs in Urban Schools**  
  203 AB – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center

• **We Are Family: Encouraging Parent Engagement in Urban Schools**  
  203 C – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center

• **Promising Practices in Supporting Achievement of Diverse Language Learners**  
  203 DE – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center

• **Training Wheels: Getting Urban Teachers Up to Speed on Common Core Standards**  
  101 A – Street Level – Wisconsin Center

**General Session D: Lunch and Speaker, Neil deGrasse Tyson, Astrophysicist, Author**  
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm  
Ballroom ABC - Street Level - Wisconsin Center

**General Session E: National Town Hall Meeting on School Testing**  
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm  
Wright Ballroom - 4th Floor - Hilton Milwaukee

**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 the Discovery World.

**Reception at Discovery World**  
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

**Hospitality Suite**  
9:00 pm - 11:00 pm  
Oak Room - 5th Floor - Hilton Milwaukee

**Saturday, October 25, 2014**

**Breakfast Buffet**  
8:00 am - 9:00 am  
Ballroom A - Street Level - Wisconsin Center

**Shipping Center - ship your materials home at no cost**  
8:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Wright Ballroom - 4th Floor - Hilton Milwaukee

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
8:30 am - 12:00 pm  
Ballroom B - Street Level - Wisconsin Center
Legislative Directors Lunch and Meeting (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 6th Street. Buses will depart every 15 minutes from the Hilton Hotel and proceed to the Harley-Davidson Museum®

Farewell Event at the Harley-Davidson Museum®
6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Sunday, October 26, 2014

Breakfast and Closing Session
8:30 am - 10:00 am
Regency Ballroom - 5th Floor-Hilton Milwaukee

Adjourn
10:00 am
REGISTRATION DATES AND TIMES

Registration for the 58th Annual Fall Conference will be open:

Wednesday, October 22
7:00 am - 5:00 pm

Thursday, October 23
7:00 am - 5:00 pm

Friday, October 24
7:00 am - 4:00 pm

The Registration Desk is located at
102 Foyer - Wisconsin Center
Convention Center Map

Wisconsin Center - Street Level
Convention Center Map

Wisconsin Center - Mezzanine Level