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
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
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
Concurrent Session I
9:15 am - 10:30 am

PUBLIC EDUCATION IN CHINA: HOW IT INFORMS OUR GREAT CITY SCHOOLS (DOUBLE SESSION)
9:15 am – 12:15 am
102 AB – Street Level - Wisconsin Center

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
102 C – Street Level - Wisconsin Center

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
ENGAGING AND EMPOWERING URBAN STUDENTS OF COLOR
9:15 am – 10:30 am
103 AB – Street Level - Wisconsin Center

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
103 C – Street Level - Wisconsin Center

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


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/RtI 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
INVESTING IN INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE BY SPENDING SMARTLY IN URBAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS
9:15 am – 10:30 am
103 DE – Street Level - Wisconsin Center

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

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
201 AB – Mezzanine Level - Wisconsin Center

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

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
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, KS 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
202 C – Mezzanine Level - Wisconsin Center

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
MOTIVATION AND INSPIRATION: DEVELOPING THE SKILL SET OF URBAN SCHOOL PRINCIPALS
9:15 am – 10:30 am
202 DE – Mezzanine Level - Wisconsin Center

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
203 AB – Mezzanine Level - Wisconsin Center

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
DEVELOPING THE SKILLS OF URBAN TEACHERS TO SPUR STUDENT GROWTH
9:15 am – 10:30 am
203 C – Mezzanine Level- Wisconsin Center

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
203 DE – Mezzanine Level - Wisconsin Center

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
THAT’S A WRAP: ENGAGING FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF URBAN SCHOOL STUDENTS
9:15 am – 10:30 am
101 A – Street Level - Wisconsin Center

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

ROAD TO THE BROAD: STORIES OF SUCCESS FROM THE 2014 BROAD PRIZE WINNER
10:45 am – 12:15 pm
102 C – Street Level - Wisconsin Center

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
Aliasing Teacher Supports with Student Needs in Urban Schools
10:45 am – 12:15 pm
103 AB – Street Level - Wisconsin Center

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
103 C – Street Level - Wisconsin Center

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
PARCC AND EDUCATION: PREPARING URBAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR ONLINE ASSESSMENTS
10:45 am – 12:15 pm
103 DE – Street Level - Wisconsin Center

**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
201 AB – Mezzanine Level - Wisconsin Center

**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

**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
TEXT MESSAGES: LESSONS ON BUILDING LITERACY SKILLS IN URBAN SCHOOLS  
10:45 am – 12:15 pm  
202 AB – Mezzanine Level - Wisconsin Center

**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, Manager 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  
202 C – Mezzanine Level - Wisconsin Center

**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
HIRING AND EMPOWERING A SKILLED TEACHER WORKFORCE IN OUR GREAT CITY SCHOOLS
10:45 am – 12:15 pm
202 DE – Mezzanine Level - Wisconsin Center

**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
203 AB – Mezzanine Level - Wisconsin Center

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

- **Christine Flynn-Semisch,** 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
KEEPING OUR STUDENTS SAFE: STRATEGIES FROM THE GREAT CITY SCHOOLS  
10:45 am – 12:15 pm  
203 C – Mezzanine Level - Wisconsin Center  

**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

SYSTEMS OF SUPPORT: IMPROVING SCHOOL CULTURE AND SOCIAL EMOTIONAL NEEDS OF DIVERSE URBAN STUDENTS  
10:45 am – 12:15 pm  
203 DE – Mezzanine Level - Wisconsin Center  

**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 Sarkey**, Deputy Chief, Family, Schools, and Community Partnerships, Oakland Unified School District  

**FACILITATOR:** Pam Knowles, Board Member, Portland Public Schools
RISING TO THE TOP: RESEARCHING PRINCIPAL EFFECTIVENESS IN URBAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS  
10:45 am – 12:15 pm  
101 A – Street Level - Wisconsin Center

**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

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**General Session B: Lunch and Speaker,** **David Coleman,** College Board President  
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm  
Ballroom ABC - Street Level - Wisconsin Center

**Entertainment:** Milwaukee High School of the Arts Vocal Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Raymond Roberts
Concurrent Session III
2:15 pm - 3:45 pm

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DOING MORE WITH LESS: BUDGETARY RESOURCEFULNESS IN URBAN SCHOOLS
2:15 pm – 3:45 pm
102 AB – Street Level - Wisconsin Center

**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

TOOLS OF THE TRADE: ENABLING EFFECTIVE PRINCIPALS IN URBAN SCHOOLS
2:15 pm – 3:45 pm
102 C – Street Level - Wisconsin Center

**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
THE UPS AND DOWNS OF MANAGING URBAN SCHOOL FACILITIES
2:15 pm – 3:45 pm
103 AB – Street Level - Wisconsin Center

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

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

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
103 DE – Street Level - Wisconsin Center

**PANEL:** Shrinking the Achievement Gap Through High Quality Curriculum

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

**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
201 AB – Mezzanine Level - Wisconsin Center

**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

**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
DEVELOPING FOUNDATIONS FOR SUCCESS: BRINGING NEW URBAN TEACHERS TO A HIGHER STANDARD
2:15 pm – 3:45 pm
202 AB – Mezzanine Level - Wisconsin Center

**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
DRIVEN TO TIERS: USING RTI TO RAISE THE ACHIEVEMENT OF ALL URBAN STUDENTS
2:15 pm – 3:45 pm
202 DE – Mezzanine Level - Wisconsin Center

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
203 AB – Mezzanine Level - Wisconsin Center

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
WELCOME A-BOARD: EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE MODELS IN GREAT CITY SCHOOLS
2:15 pm – 3:45 pm
203 C – Mezzanine Level - Wisconsin Center

**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

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DOLLARS AND SENSE: RECOGNIZING FINANCIAL EXCELLENCE IN URBAN DISTRICTS
2:15 pm – 3:45 pm
203 DE – Mezzanine Level - Wisconsin Center

**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
KEEPING URBAN SCHOOL SYSTEMS AND INFORMATION SAFE IN THE DIGITAL AGE
2:15 pm – 3:45 pm
101 A – Street Level - Wisconsin Center

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
Concurrent Session IV
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
102 AB – Street Level - Wisconsin Center

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

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

FACILITATOR: Debra Robinson, Board Member, The School District of Palm Beach County
BLUEPRINT FOR THE FUTURE: STRATEGIC PLAN FOR CHANGING URBAN STUDENT OUTCOMES
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
103 AB – Street Level - Wisconsin Center

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

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
103 C – Street Level - Wisconsin Center

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
RAISING THE BAR: PREPARING AN URBAN SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE COMMON CORE
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
103 DE – Street Level - Wisconsin Center

**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
201 AB – Mezzanine Level - Wisconsin Center

**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
202 AB – Mezzanine Level - Wisconsin Center

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

- **Sharyn Guhman**, Chief Information Officer, Denver Public Schools
- **Annmarie 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
ENSURING THAT URBAN SCHOOL GRADUATES ARE COLLEGE AND CAREER-READY
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
202 C – Mezzanine Level - Wisconsin Center

**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
*Michele Pierre-Farid*, Chief Academic Officer, Cleveland Metropolitan School District
*Yolande 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
202 DE – Mezzanine Level - Wisconsin Center

**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

**PANEL:** Transforming Teaching and Learning Through CCSS

*Michele Rodriguez*, Assistant Superintendent, Santa Ana Unified School District

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

Thursday, October 23
WHO’S THE BOSS?: THE PROS AND CONS OF SITE-BASED DECISION MAKING IN URBAN SCHOOLS
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
203 AB – Mezzanine Level - Wisconsin Center

**PANEL: Budget Building at the Site Level**

Laura Anderson, Associate Director, Edunomics 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-RtI, 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**
CONFERENCE AGENDA

FORMULA FOR SUCCESS: IMPROVING MATH AND SCIENCE INSTRUCTION IN URBAN SCHOOLS
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
203 DE – Mezzanine Level - Wisconsin Center

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

INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO ENGAGE EARLY LEARNERS IN THE GREAT CITY SCHOOLS
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
101 A – Street Level - Wisconsin Center

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
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
Friday, October 24, 2014

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

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

**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**
Concurrent 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
9:15 am – 10:30 am
102 AB – Street Level – Wisconsin Center

PANEL: Why Alignment Matters: Getting The Results You Want
Heath E. Morrison, Superintendent, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools

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
SPECIAL DELIVERY: HOW URBAN DISTRICTS USE ONLINE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TO HELP ELLS PREPARE FOR THE COMMON CORE
9:15 am – 10:30 am
103 AB – Street Level – Wisconsin Center

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

Kenji Hakuta, Professor, Stanford University
Lissette 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
103 C – Street Level – Wisconsin Center

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

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
103 DE – Street Level – Wisconsin Center

PANEL: Mapping Opportunity

Jody London, Director, Board of Education, Oakland Unified School District
Susan Radke, Mapping Analytics Specialist, Oakland Unified School District

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
COMMENTS WELCOME: APPROACHES TO TEACHER EVALUATION SYSTEMS IN URBAN DISTRICTS
9:15 am – 10:30 am
201 AB – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center

**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
202 AB – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center

**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
202 C – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center

**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
URBAN SCHOOL STRATEGIES FOR MEETING THE NEEDS OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES
9:15 am – 10:30 am
202 DE – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center

**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
203 AB – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center

**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
COME ONE COME ALL: STRENGTHENING SUPPORTS FOR NEWCOMER STUDENTS IN GREAT CITY SCHOOLS
9:15 am – 10:30 am
203 C – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center

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
203 DE – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center

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
Beatrice 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
FOLLOW THE MONEY: IMPLEMENTING NEW FUNDING MODELS IN URBAN SCHOOLS
9:15 am – 10:30 am
101 A – Street Level – Wisconsin Center

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
101 B – Street Level – Wisconsin Center

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 Kneaupe, 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
Concurrent Session VI
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
102 AB – Street Level – Wisconsin Center

PANEL: EQuIPing Teachers with Quality and Aligned Instructional Materials

Hans Voss, Policy Associate, Achieve

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-Semisch, Director of School Performance & Accountability, Broward County Public Schools
Michaelle Valbrun-Pope, Executive Director, Student Support Initiatives, Broward County Public Schools
Amalio Nieves, Director, Diversity, Prevention & Intervention, Broward County Public Schools

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
Conference Agenda

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

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

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

**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,
TRANSLATING SUCCESS: PARTNERSHIPS PROMOTING EXCELLENCE IN URBAN ELL STUDENTS
10:45 am – 12:15 pm
201 AB – Mezzanine Level – Wisconsin Center

**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

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

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

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
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’Bien, 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
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  

**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  

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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
**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

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**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

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**Great City Colleges of Education Meeting**

4:15 pm - 5:00 pm  
102 A - Street Level - Wisconsin Center

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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.

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**Reception at Discovery World**

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
500 North Harbor Drive  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

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**Hospitality Suite**

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