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Conference Agenda

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Hyatt Regency Albuquerque

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Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Conference Registration
7:00 am - 5:00 pm
Boardroom Alcove - 2nd Floor-Hyatt Regency

Breakfast Buffet
8:00 am - 9:00 am
Pavilion IV & VI - 2nd Floor-Hyatt Regency

Urban Schools Resource Display
8:00 am - 4:00 pm
2nd Floor Foyer-Hyatt Regency

Internet Business Café
8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Boardroom East - 2nd Floor-Hyatt Regency

Pre-Conference Institute Common Core: English Language Arts/Literacy
8:30 am - 12:00 pm
Fiesta I & II - 2nd Floor-Hyatt Regency
It’s All About Thinking, Write! Close Reading, Thinking and Writing for All Students
Must be pre-registered

CRSS Symposium
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Pavilion I & II - 2nd Floor-Hyatt Regency
Having the Courage, Knowledge, and Skills to Be a Reform Leader
Must be pre-registered

New Member & Newcomer’s Orientation
11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Enchantment ABCD - 2nd Floor-Hyatt Regency

Black Male Achievement Advisory Board Meeting
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Enchantment EF - 2nd Floor-Hyatt Regency

Buffet Lunch
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm
Pavilion IV - VI - 2nd Floor-Hyatt Regency
Conference Agenda

Wednesday, October 30

Task Force Meeting I
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Sendero I & II - 1st Floor-Hyatt Regency
Joint Meeting of the Achievement Task Force and the Professional Development Task Force

Presiding: Eric Gordon, Cleveland Superintendent
Eileen Cooper Reed, Cincinnati School Board
Linda Lane, Pittsburgh Superintendent
Felton Williams, Long Beach School Board
Deborah Shanley, Brooklyn College Dean

Task Force Meeting II
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Sendero I & II - 1st Floor-Hyatt Regency
Joint Meeting of the School Finance Task Force and the Leadership, Governance and Management Task Force

Presiding: Terry Grier, Houston 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
Sendero III - 1st Floor-Hyatt Regency
English Language Learners and Bilingual Education Task Force

Presiding: Valeria Silva, Saint Paul Superintendent

Blue Ribbon Corporate Advisory Group Meeting
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Enchantment ABCD - 2nd Floor-Hyatt Regency

6:00 pm- Bus pickup from the Hyatt Regency Albuquerque’s front entrance on Tijeras between Third and Fourth streets proceeding to the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel for transport to the International Balloon Museum. The last bus departs from the Hyatt Regency at 6:30 pm and proceeds to the DoubleTree for final pickup.

Dress: Depending on the weather, tethered hot air balloon rides will be offered. Please wear pants, comfortable shoes and dress warmly.

Welcome Reception at International Balloon Museum
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
9201 Balloon Museum Dr. NE
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Greetings: Winston Brooks, Superintendent, Albuquerque Public Schools
Martin Esquivel, President, Albuquerque Public Schools Board of Education

Entertainment: Sandia High School Jazz Big Band under the direction of Tyler North
CANDELA Music, three APS educators and three siblings who love making música latina
Hospitality Suite
9:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Sierra Vista - 19th Floor-Hyatt Regency

Thursday, October 31, 2013

Wellness Morning Stretch
6:00 am - 6:45 am
Sage - 1st Floor-Hyatt Regency
Morning Stretch – Energize your morning, and get your blood flowing.

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7:00 am - 5:00 pm
Boardroom Alcove - 2nd Floor-Hyatt Regency

Urban Schools Resource Display
7:00 am - 5:00 pm
2nd Floor Foyer-Hyatt Regency

Internet Business Café
7:00 am - 5:00 pm
Boardroom East - 2nd Floor-Hyatt Regency

General Session A: Breakfast and Address
7:30 am - 9:00 am
Ballroom B-C - Upper Level (This session is held at the Albuquerque Convention Center, West Complex)

Entertainment: Eldorado High School Concert Choir under the direction of Megan Rader
Presentation of Colors: Albuquerque High School Army JROTC under the command of LTC Gomez

Official Opening and Welcome: “Urban Education on the Rise”

Greetings: Winston Brooks, Superintendent, Albuquerque Public Schools

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

Chair’s Address: Valeria Silva, Chair of the Board, Council of the Great City Schools and Superintendent, Saint Paul Public Schools
Concurrent Session I
9:15 am - 10:30 am
*Note: All Session I sessions are held at the Albuquerque Convention Center, East Complex*

**GROUNDBREAKING LABOR AGREEMENTS: URBAN DISTRICT AND UNION COLLABORATION**
9:15 am – 10:30 am
Brazos – Ground Level - Albuquerque Convention Center

**PANEL:** Collaborating with Unions Around New Accountability Systems

- **Nakeia Drummond,** Special Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer, Baltimore City Public Schools
- **Jennifer Bell-Ellwanger,** Interim Chief of Staff, Baltimore City Public Schools

**PANEL:** How Tough Negotiations in Cleveland Resulted in a Progressive Labor Agreement

- **Eric Gordon,** Chief Executive Officer, Cleveland Metropolitan School District

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

**URBAN SCHOOL STRATEGIES FOR BUILDING ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER SUCCESS ON THE COMMON CORE**
9:15 am – 10:30 am
Aztec – Ground Level - Albuquerque Convention Center

**PANEL:** Changing the Culture of Instruction for English Language Learners: Remediation to Enrichment

- **Lynne Rosen,** Director, Language and Cultural Equity, Albuquerque Public Schools
- **Nana Encinias,** Instructional Manager, Language and Cultural Equity, Albuquerque Public Schools
- **Denise Balderas,** Resource Teacher, Language and Cultural Equity, Albuquerque Public Schools
- **Rebecca Blum Martinez,** Consultant, University of New Mexico

**PANEL:** An Inquiry-based Methodology for Increasing English Learners’ Attainment of the Common Core State Standards

- **Jonathan Raymond,** Superintendent, Sacramento City Unified School District
- **Olivine Roberts,** Chief Academic Officer, Sacramento City Unified School District
- **Iris Taylor,** Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction, Sacramento City Unified School District
- **Marinda Burton,** ELD Training Specialist, Sacramento City Unified School District

**PANEL:** Reconceptualizing Instruction for English Learners Through Common Core Implementation

- **Michelle Rodriguez,** Chief Academic Officer, Santa Ana Unified School District
- **Nuria Solis,** Director of EL Programs, Santa Ana Unified School District

**FACILITATOR:** John E. Deasy, Superintendent, Los Angeles Unified School District
SCAFFOLDING READING AND WRITING INSTRUCTION FOR URBAN ELLS
9:15 am – 10:30 am
San Miguel – Upper Level - Albuquerque Convention Center

**PANEL:** All Included: Structured Reading and Writing Sequences for Immersed English Language Learners

Kristin Armstrong, MA in TESOL, Vermont Writing Collaborative

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

MAKING THE TOUGH CALL: NAVIGATING THE CHALLENGES OF URBAN SCHOOL CLOSURES
9:15 am – 10:30 am
Mesilla – Upper Level - Albuquerque Convention Center

**PANEL:** The School Closing Challenge—Making Difficult Tradeoffs

Stephen Frank, Partner, Education Resource Strategies
Bi Vuong, Director, Strategy Delivery Unit, The School District of Philadelphia
John McDonough, Interim Superintendent, Boston Public Schools
Josephine Robinson, Chief of Family and Public Engagement, District of Columbia Public Schools

**FACILITATOR:** Lori Ward, Superintendent, Dayton Public Schools
DIFFERENT SUPPORTS FOR DIFFERENT URBAN STUDENTS
9:15 am – 10:30 am
Galisteo – Ground Level - Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: Serving Special Student Populations Through MTSS

- John Allison, Superintendent, Wichita Public Schools
- Alicia Thompson, Assistant Superintendent Elementary, Wichita Public Schools
- Bill Faflick, Assistant Superintendent Secondary, Wichita Public Schools

PANEL: From Silos to the Integrated Child Study Team: A Systems-Approach and 8-step Recursive Process

- Sally Rothenberg, Executive Director, Learning Support Services, Austin Independent School District
- Jane Ross, Assistant Director, Child Study System, Austin Independent School District

PANEL: Creating Phonics Curriculum for Students with Limited Verbal Skills Through a University-School System Partnership

- Tracie-Lynn Zakas, Program Specialist, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools
- Lynn Ahlgrim-Delzell, Assistant Professor, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

FACILITATOR: Judy Elliott, Education Consultant, Edulead

LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL: HOW URBAN SCHOOLS ARE SUPPORTING COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS
9:15 am – 10:30 am
La Cienega – Upper Level - Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: Using Dual Enrollment to Ensure that Students are College Ready

- Joyce Mitchel, Dual Enrollment Coordinator, Shelby County Public Schools
- Justin Fuentes, SSO, Houston Independent School District
- Mattie Adams, Principal, Harbor Teacher Prep Academy, Los Angeles Unified School District
- Susan Doyle, Principal, Buffalo Middle Early College, Buffalo Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Deborah Shanley, Dean, Brooklyn College, School of Education
USING TRADITIONAL AND MODERN OUTREACH TO ENGAGE URBAN PARENTS AND COMMUNITIES
(#GETINVOLVED)
9:15 am – 10:30 am
Pecos – Ground Level - Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: Keeping Parents in the Loop

Valeria Silva, Superintendent, Saint Paul Public Schools
Julie Schultz Brown, Director, Communications, Marketing & Development, Saint Paul Public Schools

PANEL: How Can a School District Engage Digitally?

Kaya Henderson, Chancellor, District of Columbia Public Schools
Andy Le, Social Media Specialist, District of Columbia Public Schools

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

BOOSTING URBAN SCHOOLS’ ABILITY TO DEVELOP TALENTED STAFF
9:15 am – 10:30 am
Ruidoso – Upper Level - Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: Performance Evaluation as a Driver for Your Human Capital Strategy

Emily Qazilbash, Implementation Specialist, Boston Public Schools
Jared Joiner, Implementation Specialist, Boston Public Schools
Ross Wilson, Assistant Superintendent, Boston Public Schools

PANEL: Talent Development Approach Promotes Continuous Improvement

Kim Mecum, Associate Superintendent Human Resources/Labor Relations, Fresno Unified School District
Maria Mazzoni, Administrator, Human Resources/Labor Relations, Fresno Unified School District

PANEL: National Evaluation of DC’s IMPACT Teacher Evaluation System

Jason Kamras, Chief of Human Capital, District of Columbia Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Pat Skorkowsky, Superintendent, Clark County School District
**OVERCOMING CHALLENGES THROUGH SUCCESSFUL URBAN SCHOOL DISTRICT COLLABORATIONS**
9:15 am – 10:30 am
Cimarron – Ground Level - Albuquerque Convention Center

**PANEL: Gather ‘Round the Table: Public Ed and Higher Ed Partner for Student Success**

Joseph Escobedo, Chief of Staff, Albuquerque Public Schools
Marjori M. Krebs, Associate Professor, Department of Teacher Education & Office of the President, University of New Mexico

**PANEL: Lead Partner Oversight**

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

**PANEL: The Need for Patience in Research and Development: Starting Small and Growing**

Walter Secada, Professor and Senior Associate Dean, School of Education and Human Development, University of Miami

**FACILITATOR: JoAnn Brannon, Board Member, Metropolitan Nashville School District**

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**URBAN DISTRICTS EMPOWERING PRINCIPALS: A GATES FOUNDATION AND UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON PARTNERSHIP IDENTIFIES SUCCESSFUL PRACTICES**
9:15 am – 10:30 am
Dona Anna– Upper Level - Albuquerque Convention Center

**PANEL: Leading for Effective Teaching: How School Systems Can Support Principal Success**

Josh Edelman, Senior Program Officer, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
Stephen Fink, Executive Director, Center for Educational Leadership, University of Washington
Max Silverman, Associate Director, Center for Educational Leadership, University of Washington

**FACILITATOR: MaryEllen Elia, Superintendent, Hillsborough County Public Schools**
Conference Agenda

USING DATA AND REFORM STRATEGIES TO IMPLEMENT URBAN SCHOOL TURNAROUNDS
9:15 am – 10:30 am
Suite E/F – Upper Level - Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: Regional Turnaround: How Denver is Tackling Persistent Achievement Gaps in its Far Northeast Region
Antwan Wilson, Assistant Superintendent of Post Secondary Readiness, Denver Public Schools
Debbie Backus, Executive Director, Denver Summit Schools Network, Denver Public Schools
David Nachtweih, Director of Communications, School Improvement Initiatives, Denver Public Schools

PANEL: The Successful Collaboration Between a School and District in Turning Around an Urban High School
Debbie Cook, Director of Reform, Hillsborough County Public Schools
Owen Young, Principal, Middleton High School, Hillsborough County Public Schools

PANEL: Working as a Team to Improve Student Outcomes
Jeremy Kabinoff, Principal, New York City Department of Education
Eklen Barrett, Assistant Principal, New York City Department of Education

FACILITATOR: Bernadeia Johnson, Superintendent, Minneapolis Public Schools

LEARNING TO ENGAGE URBAN STUDENTS THROUGH STEM INSTRUCTION
9:15 am – 10:30 am
Tijeras – Upper Level - Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: Engaging Students in Math Through Technology
Ronda Davis, Math Coach, Albuquerque Public Schools
RuthieAnn Trujillo, Math Teacher, Albuquerque Public Schools
Matthew Lindsey-Paek, Social Communication, Autism Program Teacher, Albuquerque Public Schools
Luis Guzman, Math Teacher, Albuquerque Public Schools
Marco Martinez, Math Teacher, Albuquerque Public Schools

PANEL: Fostering Mathematical Literacy and Learning for All Students: What We Have Learned
Marie Wright, Executive Director, Core Curriculum, Broward County Public Schools
Mary Avalos, Research Assistant, Professor, University of Miami

FACILITATOR: Lew Blackburn, Board Member, Dallas Independent School District
BUILDING EXCELLENCE: HOW TWO GREAT CITY SCHOOLS WON SUPPORT FOR MODERNIZING FACILITIES
9:15 am – 10:30 am
Suite G – Upper Level - Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: Rallying the Community Around Baltimore City Public Schools 10-Year Plan to Modernize School Facilities for All Students

- Michael Sarbanes, Executive Director, Office of Engagement, Baltimore City Public Schools
- Martha Goodman, Parent and Community Advisory Board, Baltimore City Public Schools
- Beverly Verdery, American Civil Liberties Union, Baltimore City Public Schools
- Rob English, Baltimoreans United in Leadership Development, Baltimore City Public Schools
- Sherrell Danise Savage, Baltimore Education Coalition, Baltimore City Public Schools

PANEL: They Said it Couldn’t Be Done: Planning and Passing a $1.89 Billion Bond Referendum

- Sylvia Wood, Senior Manager, Bond Communications, Houston Independent School District
- Sue Robertson, General Manager, Facilities Planning, Houston Independent School District

FACILITATOR: R. Stephen Green, Superintendent, Kansas City Public Schools
Concurrent Session II
10:45 am - 12:15 pm

Note: All Session II sessions are held at the Albuquerque Convention Center, East Complex

INCREASING OPPORTUNITIES AND POSITIVE INFLUENCES FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN MALES IN URBAN SCHOOLS
10:45 am – 12:15 pm
Brazos – Ground Level - Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: Expanding Opportunities in Gifted Education for African American Males in Urban Schools

Lamont Flowers, Distinguished Professor of Educational Leadership and Executive Director of Charles H. Houston Center for the Study of the Black Experience in Education, Clemson University
James Moore III, Professor of Counselor Education; Director, Todd Anthony Bell National Resource Center on the African American Male; and Associate Provost of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Ohio State University

PANEL: Lessons Learned from African American Male National Board Certified Teachers (NBCTs)

Wil Parker, Assistant Professor, Educational Leadership, Bowie State University

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

BEYOND THE BUZZWORDS: ADOPTING TOOLS FOR TEACHER EFFECTIVENESS IN THREE GREAT CITY SCHOOLS
10:45 am – 12:15 pm
Mesilla – Upper Level - Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: Making the Grade: Measuring Teacher Effectiveness in Baltimore City Schools

Jennifer Bell-Ellwanger, Interim Chief of Staff, Baltimore City Public Schools
Ryan Balch, Director of Effectiveness, Baltimore City Public Schools

PANEL: Empowering Effective Teachers (EET): Impact on ELLs

Sandra Rosario, Supervisor, Office of Programs for English Language Learners, Hillsborough County Public Schools
Lesleigh Lopez, District Resource Teacher, Project Manager, Literacy and Acculturation Center, Office of Programs ELL, Hillsborough County Public Schools

PANEL: Using Video to Drive Teacher Effectiveness

Monica Jordan, Teacher and Leader Development Manager, Shelby County Schools

FACILITATOR: José Banda, Superintendent, Seattle Public Schools
COMMON CORE: TOOLS TO BUILD READING FLUENCY FOR OUR URBAN SCHOOLCHILDREN
10:45 am – 12:15 pm
San Miguel – Upper Level - Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: Clearing the Way to Common Core Reading Success – Understanding and Addressing Reading Fluency

Meredith Liben, Director of Literacy and English Language Arts, Student Achievement Partners

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

COMMON CORE AND BEYOND: INTEGRATING SERVICES AND SUPPORTS TO PREPARE ALL URBAN STUDENTS FOR SUCCESS
10:45 am – 12:15 pm
Galisteo – Ground Level - Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: Common Core Success for Students with Disabilities in Urban Settings

Doreen Lohnes, Assistant Superintendent, Support Services, Santa Ana Unified School District
Gloria Olamendi, Curriculum Specialist, Special Education, Santa Ana Unified School District

PANEL: Empowering Special Educators Through Common Core and Universal Design for Learning IEP Alignment

Jennifer Catherine Parker, Director, Specialized Instruction, District of Columbia Public Schools

PANEL: Wichita’s System-Wide Reform Through MTSS: Building a Sustainability Plan

John Allison, Superintendent, Wichita Public Schools
Lynn Rogers, Board Member, Wichita Public Schools
Alicia Thompson, Assistant Superintendent Elementary, Wichita Public Schools
Bill Faflick, Assistant Superintendent, Secondary, Wichita Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Barbara Jenkins, Superintendent, Orange County Public Schools
SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING: CREATING AN INCLUSIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL URBAN STUDENTS  
10:45 am – 12:15 pm 
Aztec – Ground Level - Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: Building Social Emotional Competence is a Joint Affair: Using Evidence-based Interventions to Improve Student Achievement

Denine Goolsby, Executive Director of Humanware/SEL, Cleveland Metropolitan School District  
Eugenia Cash, Flexible Content Experts-Humanware /SEL, Cleveland Metropolitan School District  
Bill Stencil, Flexible Content Experts-Humanware /SEL, Cleveland Metropolitan School District  
Dakota Williams, Principal, Cleveland Metropolitan School District  
Michael Jester, Planning Center Instructional Aide, Cleveland Metropolitan School District

PANEL: Inclusive Practices + Common Core + SEL = Better Learning Through Integration

Jonathan Raymond, Superintendent, Sacramento City Unified School District  
Olivine Roberts, Chief Academic Officer, Sacramento City Unified School District  
Iris Taylor, Assistant Superintendent, Sacramento City Unified School District  
Becky Bryant, Director, Special Education, Sacramento City Unified School District  
Elizabeth Vigil, Principal, California Middle School, Sacramento City Unified School District

FACILITATOR: Virginia Keil, Executive Associate Dean, Wichita State University

HIGH-TECH, HIGH ACHIEVEMENT: DATA TOOLS THAT SUPPORT URBAN SCHOOL LEADER SUCCESS  
10:45 am – 12:15 pm 
La Cienega – Upper Level - Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: Putting it All Together: Principal and Teacher Data Dashboards

Cindy Luiaconi, Manager of Services and Support, Hillsborough County Public Schools  
Joshua Sawyer, District Trainer, Hillsborough County Public Schools  
Michael Hoskinson, Principal, Hillsborough County Public Schools

PANEL: Data: The Key Resource for Incoming Leadership

William Hite, Superintendent, The School District of Philadelphia  
Bi Vuong, Director, Strategy Delivery Unit, The School District of Philadelphia

FACILITATOR: Ed Graff, Superintendent, Anchorage School District
CONFERENCE AGENDA

Thursday, October 31

LANGUAGE VS. CONTENT: HOW URBAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE EFFECTIVELY FACING THE CHALLENGES OF ELLS AND THE COMMON CORE
10:45 am – 12:15 pm
Pecos – Upper Level - Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: Collaborating with Understanding Language to Support ELLS

Lindsey Fults, ELL Committee Coordinator, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools
Nicole Knight, Executive Director of the English Language Learner Office, Oakland Unified School District
Tina Cheuk, Understanding Language, Stanford University

PANEL: Providing Access to ELs for New Standards

Helen Butts, EL/LLCS Coordinator, Denver Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Gabriela Uro, ELL Policy and Research Manager, Council of the Great City Schools

IDENTIFYING, INITIATING AND IMPLEMENTING URBAN SCHOOL TURN AROUNDS
10:45 am – 12:15 pm
Ruidoso – Upper Level - Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: Student Success Opportunity Schools (SSOS)

Veda Hudge, Director of Strategic Achievement, Broward County Public Schools
Desmond Blackburn, Chief School Performance and Accountability Officer, Broward County Public Schools
Leslie Brown, Acting Chief Portfolio Services Officer, Broward County Public Schools

PANEL: Using Comprehensive Needs Assessments to Initiate School Turn-Arounds

Tommy Chang, Instructional Area Superintendent, Los Angeles Unified School District
Angela Barrett, Instructional Director, Los Angeles Unified School District

FACILITATOR: Eileen Cooper Reed, Board Member, Cincinnati Public Schools
IMPROVING ATTENDANCE AND COMPLETION RATES FOR AT-RISK URBAN STUDENTS
10:45 am – 12:15 pm
Cimarron – Ground Level - Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: Learning Support Centers: A Student-Centered Alternative to Alternative Education Settings

Sally Rothenberg, Executive Director of Learning Support Services and Alternative Education, Austin Independent School District
Jane Ross, Assistant Director of the Child Study System, Austin Independent School District

PANEL: A Solvable Problem Hidden in Plain View: Why Reducing Chronic Absence Matters for Student Achievement

Debra Duardo, Executive Director, Student Health & Human Services, Los Angeles Unified School District
Will Keresztes, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services, Buffalo Public Schools
Hedy Chang, Director, Attendance Works

FACILITATOR: Cecelia Adams, Board Member, Toledo Public Schools

SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH AUTISM IN THE GREAT CITY SCHOOLS
10:45 am – 12:15 pm
Dona Ana – Ground Level - Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: Exploring the Spectrum: Supporting the Range of Autism Programs and Interventions

Teise Reiser, Autism Center Principal, Albuquerque Public Schools
Anne Tafoya, Executive Director of Special Education, Albuquerque Public Schools

PANEL: Positively Impacting Students with Autism

Alyson Szykuc, Program Specialist for Students with Autism, Norfolk Public Schools
Melanie Grindstaff, Program Specialist for Students with Autism, Norfolk Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Carolyn Edwards, Board Member, Clark County School District
**Conference Agenda**

**Bonds and Budgets: Unlocking Revenue Sources to Modernize Urban School Facilities**
10:45 am – 12:15 pm
Suite E/F – Upper Level - Albuquerque Convention Center

**Panel:** Generating Revenues from Properties and Facilities

- **Scott Barnett,** Board Trustee, San Diego Unified School District

**Panel:** The Bond Passed…Now What?

- **Sue Robertson,** General Manager, Facilities Planning, Houston Independent School District

**Facilitator:** **Michael Bonds,** Board Member, Milwaukee Public Schools

**Online Registration: How Two Urban School Districts Streamlined the Student Assignment Process**
10:45 am – 12:15 pm
Tijeras – Upper Level - Albuquerque Convention Center

**Panel:** Automating School Assignment: Factors to Consider While Keeping Schools Diverse

- **Dena Dossett,** Director, Planning, Jefferson County Public Schools

**Panel:** Streamlining the Application Process for Public School Choices

- **Chris Weber,** Director Student Assignment Services, Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools
- **Jenai Hayes,** Coordinator, School Options, Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools

**Facilitator:** **Pamela C. Brown,** Superintendent, Buffalo Public Schools
ACCELERATING URBAN STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT BY BOLSTERING URBAN SCHOOL LEADERSHIP
10:45 am – 12:15 pm
Suite G – Upper Level - Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: Urban School Elementary Principals’ Professional Development and Support in Implementation of Common Core State Standards

Shelly Green, Chief Academic Officer, Albuquerque Public Schools
Diane Kerschen, Associate Superintendent, Albuquerque Public Schools
Raquel Reedy, Associate Superintendent, Albuquerque Public Schools

PANEL: Accelerating Achievement While Closing the Gap

Dominic Cipollone, Principal I.S. 219 New Venture School, New York City Department of Education

FACILITATOR: Romules Durant, Superintendent, Toledo Public Schools

General Session B: Lunch and Speaker, Tony Dungy, Football Coach, Author
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm
Ballroom B-C - Upper Level (This session is held at the Albuquerque Convention Center, West Complex)

Entertainment: Glenn Kostur, Guest Artist and Desert Ridge Middle School Jazz Band 1 under the direction of Donna Schmidt
Concurrent Session III
2:15 pm - 3:45 pm

Note: All Session III sessions are held at the Albuquerque Convention Center

MEETING THE NEEDS OF URBAN ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS: WORKING WITH OCR TO IMPROVE DISTRICT SERVICES
2:15 pm – 3:45 pm
Brazos – Ground Level - Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: What to do When the Office for Civil Rights Comes Knocking at Your Door
Hilda Maldonado, Director, Los Angeles Unified School District
Valerie Brewington, Coordinator of EL Programs, Los Angeles Unified School District

PANEL: Leveraging a DOJ Settlement Agreement to Best Serve ELLs: Boston Public Schools’ Three-Pronged Approach
Antonieta Bolomey, Assistant Superintendent, English Language Learners, Boston Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Gabriela Uro, ELL Policy and Research Manager, Council of the Great City Schools

DATA AND DASHBOARDS: HOW THREE URBAN SCHOOL SYSTEMS ARE EFFECTIVELY MANAGING DISTRICT OPERATIONS
2:15 pm – 3:45 pm
Mesilla – Upper Level - Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: Network Dashboard – Key Performance Indicators
Kenneth Thompson, Chief Information Officer, Baltimore City Public Schools

PANEL: Cascading Data-Driven Decision Making Throughout the Organization
Beatriz Arnillas, Senior IT Manager, Houston Independent School District
Leng Fritsche, Assistant Superintendent, Information, Assessment & Analytics, Houston Independent School District
Carla Stevens, Assistant Superintendent, Research & Accountability, Houston Independent School District

PANEL: Putting First Things First: District Resources Support Student Learning
John Allison, Superintendent, Wichita Public Schools
Alicia Thompson, Assistant Superintendent Elementary, Wichita Public Schools
Bill Faflick, Assistant Superintendent Secondary, Wichita Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Gregory Thornton, Superintendent, Milwaukee Public Schools
READ ALOUD: PREPARING STUDENTS FOR SUCCESS IN THE COMMON CORE  
2:15 pm – 3:45 pm  
San Miguel – Upper Level - Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: Grades K-2: How to Develop Students’ Comprehension Through Interactive Read Alouds with a Focus on Building Knowledge and Academic Language (Vocabulary and Syntax)

David Liben, Senior Content and Research Specialist, Literacy, Student Achievement Partners

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

CREATING A COMMON CORE CULTURE IN OUR GREAT CITY SCHOOLS  
2:15 pm – 3:45 pm  
Aztec – Ground Floor - Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: Changing a Learning Culture Through Common Core Development and Implementation

Jami Jacobson, Executive Director, Curriculum and Instruction, Albuquerque Public Schools  
Shelly Green, Chief Academic Officer, Albuquerque Public Schools  
Cathy Lucas, Instructional Manager for ELA/CCSS, Curriculum and Instruction, Albuquerque Public Schools  
Donna Key, Elementary Principal Support, Associate Superintendent’s Office for Elementary, Albuquerque Public Schools  
Sheila Hyde, Director of Professional Learning, Albuquerque Public Schools

PANEL: Levels of Common Core Support to Build District-Wide Capacity

Veda Hudge, Director of Strategic Achievement, Broward County Public Schools  
Elisa Calabrese, Chief Talent Development Officer, Broward County Public Schools  
Michele Rivera, Director of Literacy, Broward County Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Mary Ronan, Superintendent, Cincinnati Public Schools
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (SIG): FOSTERING AND SUSTAINING URBAN ACHIEVEMENT
2:15 pm – 3:45 pm
Galisteo – Ground Level - Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: Building Sustainability Post-Federal Reform

Karling Aguilera-Fort, Assistant Superintendent, San Francisco Unified School District
Regina Piper, Director of Leadership Support, San Francisco Unified School District
Matt Kostecka, School Innovation Partner, San Francisco Unified School District

PANEL: The School Improvement Grant Program: Performance Indicators for America’s Great City Schools

Ray Hart, Director of Research, Council of the Great City Schools
Candace Simon, Research Manager, Council of the Great City Schools
Renata Uzzell, Research Manager, Council of the Great City Schools
Moses Palacios, Research Specialist, Council of the Great City Schools

FACILITATOR: Craig Witherspoon, Superintendent, Birmingham City Schools

BUILDING COMMON CORE CAPACITY FOR URBAN SCHOOL TEACHERS AND STAFF THROUGH PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
2:15 pm – 3:45 pm
Pecos – Upper Level - Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: School/University Collaboration for Common Core Teacher Preparation and Professional Development Across Grades

Sheril Logan, Board Member, Wichita Public Schools
Kathy Busch, Co-Director, Wichita Teacher Quality Partnership, College of Education, Wichita State University

PANEL: Using Professional Development as a Lever for Rolling Out the Common Core State Standards

Arlena Gaynor, Curriculum Specialist, Office of Teaching and Learning, District of Columbia Public Schools
Nancy Abou-Samra, Interim Director of Elementary Literacy, Office of Teaching and Learning, District of Columbia Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Susan Lusi, Superintendent, Providence Public School District
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URBAN PARTNERSHIPS TO ENHANCE ACHIEVEMENT AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DIVERSE STUDENTS
2:15 pm – 3:45 pm
Ruidoso – Upper Level - Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: PICTURE PERFECT PARTNERSHIP! Fostering a Relationship Between Bilingual Families and Schools

Victoria B. Saldala, Director, ESOL Department, Broward County Public Schools
Yvette Fernandez, Parent Outreach Specialist, Broward County Public Schools

PANEL: Collaboration for Success: The Memorandum of Agreement with the American Indian Community

Danielle Grant, Director of Indian Education, Minneapolis Public Schools

PANEL: It Takes a WHOLE Community

Sandra Rosario, Supervisor for ELL Programs, Hillsborough County Public Schools
Lesleigh Lopez, LAC Project Manager & DRT for Programs for ELLs, Hillsborough County Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Elona Street-Stewart, Board Member, Saint Paul Public Schools

CHALLENGES AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ONLINE TESTS: ARE URBAN SCHOOLS ASSESSMENT-READY?
2:15 pm – 3:45 pm
La Cienega – Upper Level - Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: Shift to Digital: Becoming Assessment-Ready

Winston Brooks, Superintendent, Albuquerque Public Schools
Jesse Register, Director of Schools, Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools
Keith Krueger, Chief Executive Officer, CoSN
Tom Ryan, CEO, eLearn Institute

FACILITATOR: Robert Carlson, Director of Management Services, Council of the Great City Schools
USING STRATEGIC PLANNING TO GUIDE URBAN DISTRICTS AND SCHOOLS
2:15 pm – 3:45 pm
Cimarron – Upper Level - Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: Developing and Using Your Strategic Plan to Improve Performance

Donna Hargens, Superintendent, Jefferson County Public Schools
Robert Rodosky, Executive Director, Data Management, Planning and Program Evaluation, Jefferson County Public Schools
Dena Dossett, Director, Planning, Jefferson County Public Schools

PANEL: Using Strategic Planning Exercises to Bring Cohesion to District Initiatives in Supporting School Turn-Arounds

Tommy Chang, Instructional Area Superintendent, Los Angeles Unified School District
Ada Snethen-Stevens, Instructional Director, Los Angeles Unified School District

FACILITATOR: Terry Grier, Superintendent, Houston Independent School District

EFFECTIVE DUAL LANGUAGE PROGRAMS IN OUR GREAT CITY SCHOOLS
2:15 pm – 3:45 pm
Dona Ana – Ground Level - Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: Serving English Learners: What Administrators Need to Know About Dual Language Programs

Pauline Dow, Chief Academic Officer, Austin Independent School District

PANEL: Dual Language Programs in Boston Public Schools

Eileen de los Reyes, Assistant Superintendent for the Office of English Language Learners, Boston Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Carla Bates, Board Member, Minneapolis Public Schools
FINDING AND CREATING STRONG URBAN SCHOOL LEADERS USING DATA AND TECHNOLOGY
2:15 pm – 3:45 pm
Suite E/F – Upper Level - Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: Creating Collective Leadership Through Data Teams to Impact Student Achievement

Ronald Powe, Principal, Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools
Brinn Obermiller, Kindergarten Teacher & Grade-Level Chair, Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools
Watechia Lawless, Fourth Grade Teacher & Data Team Chair, Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools

PANEL: Principal Selection Process: Managing Talent Electronically

Dora Fabelo, Director of Recruiting and Staffing, Austin Independent School District
Skye Duckett, Coordinator of Administrative Staffing, Austin Independent School District

FACILITATOR: Lori L. Ward, Superintendent, Dayton Public Schools

EXTENDED LEARNING TIME: HOW TWO DISTRICTS DEVELOPED INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS TO ENRICH AND ENHANCE URBAN STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
2:15 pm – 3:45 pm
Tijeras – Upper Level - Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: When Quality Core Academic Instruction Meets Enrichment

Jenifer Neale, Administrator, Title I, Hillsborough County Public Schools
Debbie Zenk, Supervisor, Hillsborough Out-of-School-Time, Hillsborough County Public Schools

PANEL: City Schools’ Read to Succeed Summer Program: Building and Evaluating Successful Community Partnerships

Kimberly Howard Robinson, Interim Chief, Office of Achievement and Accountability, Baltimore City Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Daryl Flynn, Board Member, Orange County Public Schools
HIGH SCHOOL REFORM: TRANSFORMING URBAN SCHOOLS AROUND CAREER ACADEMIES
2:15 pm – 3:45 pm
Suite G – Upper Level - Albuquerque Convention Center

**PANEL:** Ensuring Urban Students Are College and Career Ready: Career Academies As An Effective High School Reform Model

*Robert Strickland,* Administrative Director, School Choice and Parental Options, Miami-Dade County Public Schools

*Jimmy Chancey,* Director, Career and Technical Education, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools

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

Achievement Gap

Professional Development

Bilingual, Immigrant and Refugee Special Education

School Finance and Facilities Leadership, Governance and Management
Concurrent Session IV
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

*Note: All Session IV sessions are held at the Albuquerque Convention Center*

SUCCEEDING TOGETHER: URBAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS, UNIVERSITIES AND STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
Aztec – Ground Level - Albuquerque Convention Center

**PANEL:** Partners in Performance: The District - University Experience in Bridgeport, Connecticut

- **Paul Vallas,** Superintendent, Bridgeport Public Schools
- **Jacqui Kelleher,** Board Member, Bridgeport Public Schools & Assistant Professor, Sacred Heart University
- **Jim Carl,** Dean, Farrington College of Education, Sacred Heart University

**PANEL:** Postsecondary: People Powered

- **Keith Oswald,** Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Learning Support, School District of Palm Beach County
- **Nancy Reese,** Assistant Director, School Counseling and Graduation Support, School District of Palm Beach County
- **Dana Zorovich-Godek,** Specialist, School District of Palm Beach County
- **Erin McColskey,** Executive to the President for College Advancement, Palm Beach State College
- **Peter Barbatis,** Vice President, Student Services and Enrollment Management, Palm Beach State College

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

HERITAGE AND HEALING FOR URBAN STUDENTS OF COLOR
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
Mesilla – Upper Level - Albuquerque Convention Center

**PANEL:** Teaching Culture and Healing to Promote Academic Achievement

- **Ron Walker,** Executive Director, Coalition of Schools Educating Boys of Color
- **Kamau Ptah,** Sba (Master Teacher), Coalition of Schools Educating Boys of Color
- **Kerry Foster,** Passages Facilitator, Sankofa Passages Program

**FACILITATOR:** Airick West, Board Member, Kansas City Public Schools
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Thursday, October 31

PREPARING URBAN STUDENTS FOR COMPLEX AND GRADATED TEXTS
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
San Miguel – Upper Level - Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: Using Text Sets in Grades 3-12 to Develop Students’ Ability to Comprehend Complex Text with a Focus on Building Knowledge and Academic Language (Vocabulary and Syntax)

David Liben, Senior Content and Research Specialist, Literacy, Student Achievement Partners
Meredith Liben, Director of ELA and Literacy, Student Achievement Partners

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

ADAPTING ELL INSTRUCTION IN URBAN SCHOOLS TO MEET COMMON CORE STANDARDS
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
Brazos – Ground Level - Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: Increasing the Rigor for English Language Learners: Grappling with Complex Text

Lynne Rosen, Director, Language and Cultural Equity Department, Albuquerque Public Schools
Nana Encinias, Instructional Manager, Language and Cultural Equity, Albuquerque Public Schools
Greg Hansen, District Resource Teachers, Language and Cultural Equity, Albuquerque Public Schools
Danielle Larranaga, District Resource Teachers, Language and Cultural Equity, Albuquerque Public Schools
Rebecca Blum Martinez, Consultant, University of New Mexico

PANEL: Boston Public Schools: 3 “Ls” ELLs Need Language, Literacy and Learning Initiative

Farah Assiraj, Director for Research and Instruction, Boston Public Schools
Antonieta Bolomey, Assistant Superintendent for English Language Learners, Boston Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Thomas Ahart, Superintendent, Des Moines Public Schools
A LOOK INTO THE FUTURE: TOOLS TO IDENTIFY SUCCESSFUL URBAN TEACHING CANDIDATES
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
Galisteo – Ground Level - Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: Teacher Effectiveness, What Matters and How to Hire for it

Talla Rittenhouse, Executive Director, Sourcing & Onboarding, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools
Denise Watts, Project L.I.F.T. Learning Community Superintendent, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools
Ron Huberman, Executive Chair, TeacherMatch and former CEO, Chicago Public Schools
Donald Fraynd, CEO, TeacherMatch

FACILITATOR: Jesse Register, Superintendent, Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools

GROW YOUR OWN: DEVELOPING AND SUSTAINING LEADERSHIP CAPACITY IN URBAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
La Cienega – Upper Level - Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: Management Leadership Academy – Preparing Future Leaders

Carol Kindt, Senior Executive Director, Human Resources, Orange County Public Schools
Hermes Mendez, Senior Director, Human Resources, Orange County Public Schools

PANEL: Building Leadership Capacity Across the System: Wichita’s Model

Alicia Thompson, Assistant Superintendent Elementary, Wichita Public Schools
Bill Faflick, Assistant Superintendent Secondary, Wichita Public Schools
Lori Doyle, Executive Director Secondary, Wichita Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Rebecca Buffington, Board Member, Guilford County Schools
GAUGING SUCCESS: EVALUATING NOVICE TEACHERS IN URBAN CLASSROOMS
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
Pecos – Upper Level - Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: Teacher Evaluation: It’s Developmental

Danni Resnick, Supervisor, Measures of Effective Teaching Project, Hillsborough County Public Schools

PANEL: Leap Year: Assessing and Supporting Effective First-Year Teachers in Urban Schools

Erin Grogan, Partner, Assessment and Evaluation, The New Teacher Project

FACILITATOR: Martin Esquivel, Board Member, Albuquerque Public Schools

IMPROVING OUTCOMES FOR URBAN ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS BY ADDRESSING BARRIERS TO SUCCESS
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
Cimarron – Upper Level - Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: Spelling Out Institutional Barriers to Schooling: Collaborative Support for ELL Learners in Portland Public Schools

Van Truong, ESL Director, Portland Public Schools
Kimberly Matier, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, Portland Public Schools
Mary Pearson, Special Education Director, Portland Public Schools
Kehaulani Minzghor, Equity Coordinator, Portland Public Schools

PANEL: Supporting the Success of ELs: Developing a Language Lens

Honorine Nocon, Associate Dean, University of Colorado Denver

FACILITATOR: Jean O’Connell, Board Member, Saint Paul Public Schools
Conference Agenda

ENHANCING RTI EFFORTS IN URBAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS THROUGH PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
Dona Ana – Ground Level - Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: Implementing Response to Instruction and Intervention (RtII) in Large Urban Districts

Janicka Newbill, Staff Development Specialist, The School District of Philadelphia
Jan Tong, Technology Program Specialist, The School District of Philadelphia

PANEL: High School Teachers’ Perceptions of Response to Intervention

Benikia Kressler, PhD Candidate, University of Miami

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

URBAN DISTRICT STRATEGIES TO PROMOTE STEM SUCCESS
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
Ruidoso – Upper Level - Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: Improving Student Academic Performance Through Sustainable Innovative School-Wide Models: The Ingredients for Success

Andrew Houlihan, Chief School Officer, Major Projects, Houston Independent School District

PANEL: Developing STEM Academies Utilizing QZABs

Joe Dixon, Assistant Superintendent of Facilities, Santa Ana Unified School District
Don Isbell, Coordinator, Special Projects Career Technical Education/Regional Occupational Programs, Santa Ana Unified School District

FACILITATOR: David Peercy, Board Member, Albuquerque Public Schools
INTEGRATING TECHNOLOGY INTO EFFECTIVE INSTRUCTION IN THE GREAT CITY SCHOOLS
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
Suite E/F – Upper Level - Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: Innovations for Learning – Teacher + Tutors + Technology Working Together for Student Literacy

Marie DeSanctis, Executive Director, Instruction and Interventions, Broward County Public Schools
Michele Rivera, Director, Literacy K-12, Broward County Public Schools
Teri Acquavita, Curriculum Supervisor, Literacy K-12, Broward County Public Schools
Lynne Oakvik, Specialist, Library Media, Literacy K-12, Broward County Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Mark Evans, Superintendent, Omaha Public Schools

FOLLOW THE LEADERS: HOW EFFECTIVE URBAN SCHOOL BOARDS ADVANCE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
Tijeras – Upper Level - Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: The Path to Power: How to Become a High-Functioning Board Focused on Improving Student Achievement

Cathy Mincberg, President and CEO, Center for Reform of School Systems

FACILITATOR: Barbara Nevergold, Board Member, Buffalo Public Schools
Executive Committee Meeting
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Sage - 1st Floor-Hyatt Regency

Cocktail Reception
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Pavilion Foyer - 2nd Floor-Hyatt Regency

Entertainment: Music from the NuVibe Jazz Quartet

24th Annual Green-Garner Awards Banquet (Semi-Formal Attire)
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Grand Pavilion, 2nd Floor-Hyatt Regency

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

Entertainment: Music from The Albuquerque Youth Symphony under the direction of Music Director and Conductor Gabriel Gordon

Green-Garner Award Nominees:
Denise Link, Cleveland Metropolitan School District
David Peercy, Albuquerque Public Schools
Lynn Rogers, Wichita Public Schools
Elona Street-Stewart, Saint Paul Public Schools
Airick Leonard West, Kansas City Public Schools

9:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Dance to the sounds of the Pink Flamingos
Cash Bar will be available

The “Pinks” combine the best of rock, R&B, disco, country, and contemporary music to produce an evening of entertainment that will be long remembered. If you don’t like to dance, don’t worry, there is plenty of “show,” and if you love to dance, there is plenty of that too. Not only do the Pink Flamingos bring the music; they bring the party.

Hospitality Suite
10:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Sierra Vista - 19th Floor-Hyatt Regency
Conference Agenda

Friday, November 1, 2013

Wellness Morning Stretch
6:00 am - 6:45 am
Sage - 1st Floor - Hyatt Regency
Morning Stretch – Energize your morning, and get your blood flowing.

Conference Registration
7:00 am - 5:00 pm
Boardroom Alcove - 2nd Floor-Hyatt Regency

Urban Schools Resource Display
7:00 am - 5:00 pm
2nd Floor Foyer-Hyatt Regency

Internet Business Café
7:00 am - 5:00 pm
Boardroom East - 2nd Floor-Hyatt Regency

General Session C: Breakfast and Speaker,
LTC (R) Consuelo Castillo Kickbusch, Leadership Expert
7:30 am - 9:00 am
Ballroom B-C - Upper Level (This session is held at the Albuquerque Convention Center, West Complex)

Entertainment: Cibola High School Guitar Quartet under the direction of Eduardo Trujillo

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

Note: All Session V sessions are held at the Albuquerque Convention Center, East Complex

RETHINKING LEADERSHIP: THE EVOLVING URBAN SCHOOL PRINCIPAL SUPERVISOR
9:15 am – 10:30 am
Brazos – Ground Level – Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: The Changing Role of Principal Supervisors
- Ann Clark, Deputy Superintendent, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools
- Mikel Royal, Director of Leadership Pathways, Denver Public Schools
- Glenn Pethel, Executive Director, Leadership Development, Gwinnett County Public Schools
- Tricia McManus, Director of Leadership Development, Hillsborough County Public Schools
- Marina Cofield, Deputy Chief Academic Officer for Leadership, New York City Department of Education
- Douglas Anthony, Acting Chief Human Resources Officer, Prince George’s County Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Andrew Cole, Consultant, Wallace Foundation

THE URBAN SCHOOL MAKEOVER: TURNAROUND AND TRANSFORMATION
9:15 am – 10:30 am
Mesilla – Upper Level – Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: Urban TurnAround Model that Works!
- Jonathan Raymond, Superintendent, Sacramento City Unified School District
- Sara Noguchi, Assistant Superintendent, Sacramento City Unified School District

PANEL: Lessons Learned from San Francisco’s Federally-Funded Reform Effort: Frameworks, Professional Capacity, and Achievement Gains
- Ritu Khanna, Assistant Superintendent, San Francisco Unified School District
- Regina Piper, Supervisor, SFUSD Superintendent Zone, San Francisco Unified School District
- Laura Wentworth, Director of Stanford/SFUSD Partnership, San Francisco Unified School District

PANEL: Improving Innovation and Organizational Development
- Gregory Thornton, Superintendent, Milwaukee Public Schools
- Darieanne Driver, Chief Innovation Officer, Milwaukee Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Robert Runcie, Superintendent, Broward County Public Schools
EFFECTIVE APPROACHES TO ADDRESS THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF URBAN ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS
9:15 am – 10:30 am
San Miguel – Upper Level – Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: Addressing the Critical Needs of Long-Term English Learners

Christina Wong, Special Assistant to the Superintendent, San Francisco Unified School District
Angie Estonina, Multilingual Pathways Department Supervisor, San Francisco Unified School District

PANEL: English Learner Commission Overview

Bernadeia Johnson, Superintendent, Minneapolis Public Schools
Muhidin Warfa, Director, English Learner Strategic Partnerships, Multilingual Department, Minneapolis Public Schools
Jana Hilleren, Executive Director, Multilingual Department, Minneapolis Public Schools

PANEL: Building the Bridges–Parents are the Key

Cynthia Rodriguez Rocha, CEO, L3-Life Long Legacies

FACILITATOR: Gabriela Uro, Manager of ELL Policy and Research, Council of the Great City Schools

ELIMINATING ACHIEVEMENT BARRIERS IN OUR GREAT CITY SCHOOLS
9:15 am – 10:30 am
Ruidoso – Upper Level – Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: Performance Dialogues as a Systemic Lever to Accelerate Student Achievement

John Deasy, Superintendent, Los Angeles Unified School District

PANEL: VisionCards: Focus on Actions to Improve Achievement and Equity Results

Michelle Walker, Chief Executive Officer, Saint Paul Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Kaya Henderson, Chancellor, District of Columbia Public Schools
DATA-DRIVEN DECISION MAKING IN OUR GREAT CITY SCHOOLS
9:15 am – 10:30 am
Aztec – Ground Level – Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: Linking Student Achievement with Resource Investment and Allocations

Mark Foster, Executive Director, Office of Management & Budget, Anchorage School District
Natasha Von Imhof, School Board Member, Anchorage School District

PANEL: Phase III - What Does Data Show in Determining if Improving Certain District Operational Activities Correlates with Improved Student Achievement?

David Peercy, Board Member, Albuquerque Public Schools
Brad Winter, Chief Operations Officer, Albuquerque Public Schools

PANEL: Data-Driven Decision Making Through Systemic Implementation of the “Stat” Process

John Allison, Superintendent, Wichita Public Schools
Alicia Thompson, Assistant Superintendent Elementary, Wichita Public Schools
Bill Faflick, Assistant Superintendent Secondary, Wichita Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Candy Olson, Board Member, Hillsborough County Public Schools

READY TO LEARN: GETTING A JUMP START ON URBAN STUDENT SUCCESS
9:15 am – 10:30 am
Galisteo – Upper Level – Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: Early Childhood Education and its Effect on Achievement Gaps

Linda Chen, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Boston Public Schools
Jason Sachs, Director of Early Learning Services, Boston Public Schools

PANEL: Early Childhood Education Commission

R. Stephen Green, Superintendent, Kansas City Public Schools
Airick West, Board Member, Kansas City Public Schools
Herb Kohn, Partner, Bryan Cave
Tom Dugard, President & CEO, Affirmational Leadership Consulting, LLC

PANEL: Preschool In Public Schools

John Crawford, Manager, Early Childhood Education, Denver Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Carla Bryant, Chief of Early Learning, San Francisco Unified School District
REBOOTING INSTRUCTION: ACCELERATING ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH TECHNOLOGY AND BLENDED LEARNING IN THE GREAT CITY SCHOOLS
9:15 am – 10:30 am
La Cienega – Upper Level – Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: Preparing for Online & Blended Learning

Jhone Ebert, Chief Technology Officer, Clark County School District
Kim Loomis, Innovative Projects Coordinator, Clark County School District

PANEL: Blended Learning: Lessons Learned and Promises Realized

David Rose, Director, Educational Technology & Library Media Services, District of Columbia Public Schools
John Rice, Manager, Blended Learning, District of Columbia Public Schools

PANEL: Leveraging Technology to Create Innovative, Personalized Learning Environments

Marie Wright, Executive Director, Instruction & Interventions, Broward County Public Schools
Krista Herrara, Principal, Glades Middle School, Broward County Public Schools
Jeanine Gendron, Director, STEM & Instructional Resources, Broward County Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Heath Morrison, Superintendent, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools

PRINCIPLED PREPARATION: HOW TWO URBAN DISTRICTS ARE CULTIVATING LEADERSHIP TO TURN AROUND SCHOOLS
9:15 am – 10:30 am
Pecos – Upper Level – Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: Effective Principals are the Key Ingredient to Improving Our Schools

Tricia McManus, Director of Leadership Development, Hillsborough County Public Schools
Odalys Pritchard, Principal Coach, Hillsborough County Public Schools

PANEL: Extending the Reach of Effective Principals

Jesse Register, Superintendent, Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Paula Wright, Board Member, Duval County Public Schools
HOT OFF THE PRESS: HOW GREAT CITY SCHOOLS ARE RALLYING SUPPORT FOR SCHOOL SUCCESS
9:15 am – 10:30 am
Cimarron – Ground Level – Albuquerque Convention Center

**PANEL:** RIGHT PLAN, RIGHT NOW: Winning Civic, Media and Voter Support for a Successful Levy Campaign

**Roseann Canfora,** District Communications Officer, Cleveland Metropolitan School District

**PANEL:** How Advertising Can Pay for Needs and Wants

**Barbara Jenkins,** Superintendent, Orange County Public Schools
**Dylan Thomas,** Public Relations Director, Orange County Public Schools

**FACILITATOR:** Marian Fey, Board Member, Omaha Public Schools

CLOSING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE: MAKING THE SHIFT TO 1:1 COMPUTING IN URBAN SCHOOLS
9:15 am – 10:30 am
Dona Ana – Ground Level – Albuquerque Convention Center

**PANEL:** Shift to Digital: Building 1:1 Learning Environments in Large Urban School Districts

**Terry Grier,** Superintendent, Houston Independent School District
**Pat Skorkowsky,** Superintendent, Clark County School District
**Bernadette Lucas,** Director, Common Core Technology Project, Los Angeles Unified School District

**FACILITATOR:** Robert Carlson, Director of Management Services, Council of the Great City Schools
OPPORTUNITY IS KNOCKING: HOW OUR GREAT CITY SCHOOLS ARE OPENING NEW DOORS IN COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS
9:15 am – 10:30 am
Suite E/F – Upper Level – Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: Inquiry-Based Learning Through Interdisciplinary Literacy and Content Units of Study: A Framework for Teaching and Learning for the College and Career Readiness

   Teri Acquavita, Curriculum Supervisor, Literacy, Broward County Public Schools
   Margaret Livingston, Curriculum Supervisor, Literacy, Broward County Public Schools
   Lynne Oakvik, Specialist, Library Media, Broward County Public Schools

PANEL: Increasing Access to Ivy League and other Tier-1 Universities and Colleges among Low-income Students: Houston Independent School District’s EMERGE Program

   Rick Cruz, Assistant Superintendent College Readiness, Houston Independent School District

FACILITATOR: Dewey Hensley, Chief Academic Officer, Jefferson County Public Schools

CLIMATE CHANGE: USING DATA AND RESULTS TO IMPROVE STUDENT AND COMMUNITY EXPERIENCES IN URBAN SCHOOLS
9:15 am – 10:30 am
Tijeras – Upper Level – Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: Reframing the District’s Climate Survey as the School Survey

   Kimberly Howard Robinson, Interim Chief, Office of Achievement and Accountability, Baltimore City Public Schools
   Amie Bettencourt, Program Evaluation Specialist, Office of Achievement and Accountability, Baltimore City Public Schools

PANEL: Developing and Implementing a Behavior Dashboard for Schools

   Dena Dossset, Director of Planning, Jefferson County Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Jumoke Hinton Hodge, Board Member, Oakland Unified School District

MAPPING SUCCESS: HOW ALBUQUERQUE IS USING DATA TO IMPACT URBAN STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
9:15 am – 10:30 am
Suite G – Upper Level – Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: Our Children, Our Challenges, Our Future: One District’s Use of Data to Focus Staff on Improvement

   Peter Winograd, Director of the Center for Education Policy Research, University of New Mexico
   RoseAnn McKernan, Executive Director of Instruction and Accountability, Albuquerque Public Schools
   Kristine Meurer, Executive Director of Family and Community Engagement, Albuquerque Public Schools
   Becky Almeter, Director of Secondary Education, Albuquerque Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Denise Walson, Director of Mathematics, Council of the Great City Schools
Concurrent Session VI
10:45 am - 12:15 pm

Note: All Session VI sessions are held at the Albuquerque Convention Center, East Complex

WASHINGTON UPDATE: IS IT AS BAD AS IT SEEMS?
10:45 am – 12:15 pm
Brazos – Ground Level – Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: Reviewing Congressional and Agency Action on Education Issues in 2013

Jeff Simering, Director of Legislative Services, 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: Karen Ridgeway, Superintendent of Academics, Detroit Public Schools

SETTING THE RIGHT COURSE IN THE GREAT CITY SCHOOLS FOR COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS: ALL ABOARD!
10:45 am – 12:15 pm
Mesilla – Upper Level – Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: On Track to Graduation: The Chicago Story

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

PANEL: Defining College and Career Readiness

Jennifer Bell-Ellwanger, Interim Chief of Staff, Baltimore City Public Schools
Kimberly Howard Robinson, Interim Chief, Office of Achievement and Accountability, Baltimore City Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Eric Gordon, Chief Executive Officer, Cleveland Metropolitan School District
SCHOOLS OF CHOICE: INNOVATIVE STUDENT ASSIGNMENT MODELS IN TWO GREAT CITY SCHOOLS
10:45 am – 12:15 pm
San Miguel – Upper Level – Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: Improving School Choice in Boston Public Schools

Carleton Jones, Executive Director of Capital and Facilities Management, Boston Public Schools
Tim Nicolette, Chief of Staff, Boston Public Schools

PANEL: Zones of Choice-Improving Student Outcomes Through Personalized Education

Jesus Angulo, Director, Zones of Choice, Los Angeles Unified School District
Jeannette Soriano, Program & Policy Development Specialist, Los Angeles Unified School District

FACILITATOR: Samuel King, Superintendent, Norfolk Public Schools

SAFE SCHOOLS FOR ALL: HOW GREAT CITY SCHOOLS ARE SUPPORTING LGBT STUDENTS
10:45 am – 12:15 pm
Dona Ana – Ground Level – Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: Can You Hear My Voice?

Jason Bucklin, Out4Good LGBT Programs Coordinator, Minneapolis Public Schools

PANEL: Ensuring the Health and Safety of LGBTQ Students and Families in Our Schools

De Palazzo, Prevention Specialist, Office of Diversity, Cultural Outreach & Prevention, Broward County Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Pamela Knowles, Board Member, Portland Public Schools
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TEACHERS’ NOTES: PRACTITIONER PERSPECTIVES ON THE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR URBAN ENGLISH LEARNERS
10:45 am – 12:15 pm
Aztec – Ground Level – Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: Maximizing Human Capital to Support the Common Core: Re-thinking the Role of ESL Teachers

Lynne Rosen, Director, Language and Cultural Equity Department, Albuquerque Public Schools
Rosa Aronson, Executive Director, TESOL International Association
Rebecca Blum-Martinez, Consultant, University of New Mexico
Gabriela Uro, Manager of ELL Policy and Research, Council of the Great City Schools

FACILITATOR: Vasti Torres, Dean, University of South Florida

EQUITY AND ACHIEVEMENT FOR ALL IN THE GREAT CITY SCHOOLS
10:45 am – 12:15 pm
Galisteo – Ground Level – Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: Racial Equity Transformation: Theory to Practice

Valeria Silva, Superintendent, Saint Paul Public Schools
Michelle Bierman, Assistant Director, Equity, Saint Paul Public Schools

PANEL: School Transformation Results in Double-digit Growth for African American Students

Karling Aguilera-Fort, Assistant Superintendent, Mission Zone, San Francisco Unified School District

FACILITATOR: Lawrence Feldman, Board Member, Miami-Dade County Public Schools
PARENT AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS: HOW THE GREAT CITY SCHOOLS ARE SEEKING STUDENT SUPPORT BEYOND THE CLASSROOM
10:45 am – 12:15 pm
La Cienega – Ground Level – Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: Sacramento’s Priority Schools: Increasing Achievement and Attendance by Partnering with Parents

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

PANEL: Louisville Link: How to Provide Community Based Wrap Around Services to Students to Increase Achievement

Donna Hargens, Superintendent, Jefferson County Public Schools
Dewey Hensley, Chief Academic Officer, Jefferson County Public Schools
Robert Rodosky, Executive Director, Data Management, Planning and Program Evaluation, Jefferson County Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Ronald Lee, Board Member, Dayton Public Schools

TRANSFORMING GREAT URBAN TEACHERS INTO GREAT URBAN SCHOOL LEADERS
10:45 am – 12:15 pm
Pecos – Upper Level – Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: How Great City Schools Attract, Develop, and Retain Great Teachers

Stephen Frank, Director, Education Resource Strategies
Kimberly Lewis, Human Capital Officer, Baltimore City Public Schools
Scott Thompson, Deputy Chief, Teacher Effectiveness Strategy, District of Columbia Public Schools
Shayne Spalten, Chief Human Capital Officer, Denver Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Sajit Zachariah, Dean, Cleveland State University
CONSTANTLY CONNECTED: KEEPING URBAN STUDENTS ONLINE
10:45 am – 12:15 pm
Ruidoso – Upper Level – Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: Hooking Up with the Future

Winston Brooks, Superintendent, Albuquerque Public Schools
Phill Casaus, Executive Director, Albuquerque Public Schools Education Foundation

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

USING URBAN DISTRICT AND SCHOOL LEADERS TO IMPLEMENT IMPROVEMENT STRATEGIES
10:45 am – 12:15 pm
Cimarron – Ground Level – Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: Strategic Focus and Accountability

Michele Pola, Chief of Staff, Houston Independent School District
Anna Eastman, Board President, Houston Independent School District

PANEL: Transformational Leadership: A Framework for Sustainable Improvement

Susan Thompson, Chief Human Capital Officer, Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Denise Link, Board Member, Cleveland Metropolitan School District
ADDRESSING DEFERRED MAINTENANCE IN THE GREAT CITY SCHOOLS  
10:45 am – 12:15 pm  
Suite E/F – Upper Level – Albuquerque Convention Center

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

Fred Schmitt, Retired K-12 Chief Financial Officer, Independent Consultant, Council of the Great City Schools  
John Dufay, Executive Director, Support Services M&O, Albuquerque Public Schools

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

INCREASING CAPACITY TO SERVE STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS IN URBAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
10:45 am – 12:15 pm  
Tijeras – Upper Level – Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: Reduction of Nonpublic Enrollment for Students with Special Needs in the Nation’s Capital

Joshua Wayne, Nonpublic Director, District of Columbia Public Schools  
Jamey Burho, Doctoral Student, University of Maryland

FACILITATOR: Sue Gamm, Consultant, Council of the Great City Schools

CREATIVE OUTLET: THE BENEFITS OF ARTS EDUCATION IN URBAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
10:45 am – 12:15 pm  
Suite G – Upper Level – Albuquerque Convention Center

PANEL: Austin’s Any Given Child Initiative: The Impact of Creative Learning Strategies on Student Achievement

Greg Goodman, Fine Arts Director, Any Given Child Initiative, Austin Independent School District

PANEL: Mr. Rogers Was an Urban Educator Too!

William Isler, Board Member, Pittsburgh Public Schools

FACILITATOR: Carole Smith, Superintendent, Portland Public Schools
General Session D: Lunch and Speaker, David Gergen, Senior Political Analyst, CNN
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm
Ballroom B-C - Upper Level (This session is held at the Albuquerque Convention Center, West Complex)

Entertainment: Madison Middle School Symphonic Band under the direction of Elizabeth Van Dyke

Presentation of Queen Smith Award

General Session E: Town Hall Meeting
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm
Enchantment Ballroom - 2nd Floor - Hyatt Regency

Topic: “Race, Language and Culture in America”
Moderator: Charles Ogletree, Harvard Law School Professor

In the aftermath of the Trayvon Martin verdict, urban school leaders will have a discussion led by Ogletree about the cultural dynamics of race, language and culture during the 90-minute conversation.

Great City Colleges of Education Meeting
4:15 pm - 5:00 pm
Pavilion I & II - 2nd Floor-Hyatt Regency

6:15 pm- Bus pickup from the Hyatt Regency’s front entrance on Tijeras proceeding to the DoubleTree’s front entrance for pickup for the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center

Reception at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
2401 12th St. NW
Albuquerque, NM 87104

Entertainment: Native American Community Academy Drum Group - NACA, representing more than 40 different tribes, is the first Albuquerque Public Schools collaborative charter in New Mexico.

Andrew Thomas, Native American Flutist

The Jemez Dance Group

Hospitality Suite
9:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Sierra Vista - 19th Floor-Hyatt Regency
Conference Agenda

Saturday, November 2, 2013

Breakfast Buffet  
8:00 am - 9:30 am  
Pavilion IV & V - 2nd Floor-Hyatt Regency

Shipping Center - ship your materials home at no cost  
8:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Fiesta III - IV - 2nd Floor-Hyatt Regency

Urban Schools Resource Display  
7:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Boardroom East - 2nd Floor-Hyatt Regency

Board of Directors Meeting  
8:30 am - 12:00 pm  
Pavilion I - III - 2nd Floor-Hyatt Regency

Joint Meeting of General Education, Special Education, and English Language Learners  
Academic Key Performance Indicators Subcommittees  
8:30 am - 12:00 pm  
Fiesta I & II - 2nd Floor-Hyatt Regency

Education Issues at the State Level (Council members only)  
11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Enchantment A-D - 2nd Floor-Hyatt Regency

Legislative Directors Lunch and Meeting (Council members only)  
12:00 pm - 2:30 pm  
Enchantment A-D - 2nd Floor-Hyatt Regency

Fall Conference Planning Meeting & Lunch  
12:30 pm - 2:30 pm  
Enchantment EF - 2nd Floor-Hyatt Regency

6:15 pm - Bus pickup from the Hyatt Regency’s front entrance on Tijeras proceeding to the DoubleTree’s front entrance for transport to El Pinto

Farewell Event at El Pinto Restaurant  
6:30 pm - 9:00 pm  
10500 4th Street  
Albuquerque, NM 87114

Sunday, November 3, 2013

Breakfast and Closing Session  
8:30 am - 10:00 am  
Enchantment AB - 2nd Floor-Hyatt Regency

Adjourn  
10:00 am