



COUNCIL OF THE GREAT CITY SCHOOLS
61st Annual Fall Conference
Oct. 18 – 22, 2017 | Cleveland, Ohio



CRSS PRE-CONFERENCE SYMPOSIUM

The Center for Reform of School Systems (CRSS) will offer a half-day symposium, *Is The American Education System Really Broken?* on **Wednesday, October 18.**

Governance team members (board members, superintendents, and executive-level administrators) are often faced with questions about how their schools districts stack up against the competition. In this interactive symposium participants will review data and take part in discussions about how competitive America's traditional public school's are against each other as well as against other countries, private schools, and charter systems. With all new curriculum and activities, the symposium, led by CRSS President and CEO Cathy Minberg, will delve deeply into this complex discussion and more.



Individual board members, district administrators, and district teams are encouraged to participate. **Registration is \$95.** Visit www.crss.org or for more information call Faith Edwards at 713-682-9888 ext. 11 or edwards@crss.org.

Wednesday, October 18, 2017

8:30 am General Session
12:30 pm Adjourn

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WEDNESDAY, October 18, 2017

7:00 am - 5:00 pm
8:00 am - 9:00 am
8:00 am - 4:00 pm
11:00 am - 12:00 pm
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
9:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Fall Conference Registration
Continental Breakfast
Urban Schools Resource Room/Internet Cafe
New Member & Newcomer's Orientation
Buffet Lunch
Task Force Meetings (**All Conferees are welcome to attend**)
❖ Achievement/Professional Development Task Force Meeting
❖ School Finance/Leadership, Governance and Management Task Force Meeting
❖ English Language Learners and Bilingual Education Task Force Meeting
Blue Ribbon Corporate Group Meeting (Members only)
Welcome Reception at Cleveland History Center
Hospitality Hour

THURSDAY, October 19, 2017

7:00 am - 5:00 pm
7:30 am - 4:00 pm
7:30 am - 9:00 am
9:00 am - 12:15 pm
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm
2:15 pm - 5:30 pm
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
10:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Conference Registration
Urban Schools Resource Room/Internet Cafe
General Session A: Breakfast and Address from Chair of the Board
CONCURRENT SESSIONS ON BEST PRACTICES
General Session B: Lunch and Speaker: **Bill Gates**
CONCURRENT SESSIONS ON BEST PRACTICES Executive
Committee Meeting
Cocktail Reception
28th Annual Green-Garner Banquet (*Semi Formal Evening Attire*)
Hospitality Hour - Karaoke Night



Bill Gates
Philanthropist

FRIDAY, October 20, 2017

7:00 am - 5:00 pm
7:30 am - 4:00 pm
7:30 am - 9:00 am
9:00 am - 12:30 pm
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

4:15 pm - 5:00 pm
6:30 pm - 10:00 pm

Conference Registration
Urban Schools Resource Room/Internet Cafe
General Session C: Breakfast and Speaker: **Rosario Dawson**
CONCURRENT SESSIONS ON BEST PRACTICES
General Session D: Lunch and Speaker: **Van Jones**
General Session E: Town Hall Meeting
Moderated by: **Van Jones**
Great City Colleges of Education General Meeting
Dinner and Entertainment at Pickwick & Frolic Restaurant & Club



Rosario Dawson
Actress



Van Jones
CNN Contributor

SATURDAY, October 21, 2017

8:00 am - 9:00 am
8:30 am - 12:00 pm
8:30 am - 12:00 pm
12:00 pm - 2:30 pm

12:30 pm - 2:30 pm

7:30 pm - 10:00 pm

Buffet Breakfast
Urban Schools Resource Room/Internet Cafe
Board of Directors Meeting
Legislative Directors Lunch and Meeting
(Council Members Only)
Fall Conference Debriefing and Planning Lunch Meeting with
Cleveland Metropolitan School District and Baltimore City Public Schools
Farewell Party at the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame

SUNDAY, October 22, 2017

8:30 am - 11:30 am
11:30 am

General Session F: Breakfast and Closing Session
ADJOURN

Who Should Attend?

- **Urban School Superintendents**
- **School Board Members**
- **Deans of Colleges of Education**
- **Senior School District Administrators**

The Council of the Great City Schools brings together the nation's largest urban public school systems in a coalition dedicated to the improvement of education for children in the inner cities. The Council and its 68 member school districts work to help our schoolchildren meet the highest standards and become successful and productive members of society.

What's Included in Your Registration ?

- **Participation in the nation's premier conference on model programs and reforms that work in urban schools**
 - **Keynote speakers**
 - **Breakout sessions on urban school achievement, professional development, leadership and governance, finance, bilingual, immigrant & refugee issues, and others**
 - **All scheduled meals (breakfast, lunch, coffee service, reception/dinner)**
 - **Resource area with member-district, non profit organizations and educational companies material on what works in urban education**
 - **Newly published Council reports**
 - **Networking with the nation's leading urban school superintendents, school board members, college of education deans, research directors, legislative directors and others**
 - **Awards banquet**
 - **Transportation to and from off-site evening events**
 - **Gift items from sponsor companies**
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Council of the Great City School Member Districts

Albuquerque, Anchorage, Arlington (Texas), Atlanta, Austin, Baltimore, Birmingham, Boston, Bridgeport, Broward County (Ft. Lauderdale), Buffalo, Charlotte-Mecklenburg, Chicago, Cincinnati, Clark County (Las Vegas), Cleveland, Columbus, Dallas, Dayton, Denver, Des Moines, Detroit, Duval County (Jacksonville), El Paso, Fort Worth, Fresno, Guilford County (Greensboro, N.C.), Hawaii, Hillsborough County (Tampa), Houston, Indianapolis, Jackson, Jefferson County (Louisville), Kansas City, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Miami-Dade County, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Nashville, New Orleans, New York City, Newark, Norfolk, Oakland, Oklahoma City, Omaha, Orange County (Orlando), Palm Beach County, Philadelphia, Pinellas County, Pittsburgh, Portland, Providence, Richmond, Rochester, Sacramento, San Antonio, San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle, Shelby County (Memphis), St. Louis, St. Paul, Toledo, Tulsa, Washington, D.C., and Wichita.

We are only accepting registrations online.
To register for the Fall Conference go to:
<http://www.cvent.com/d/y5q4k6>

MEMBERS

WAIVED Superintendent/Board Representative (see [list](#) of Superintendent/Board Representative)
\$175 for Council School District member (see [list](#) of members)
\$175 for Council College of Education member
\$95 to attend CRSS Pre-conference Symposium only
\$270 to attend CRSS Pre-conference Symposium and Fall Conference (\$175 plus \$95)
\$150 additional late fee (registering after October 3, 2017)

COMPANIES

WAIVED Pre-designated Sponsor(s) (See sponsor's form)
\$775 for Additional Attendee from Sponsor
\$1,500 if company not sponsoring (PER PERSON)
\$150 additional late fee (registering after October 3, 2017)

OTHERS

\$375 for Non-member school districts/colleges of education or nonprofit associations
\$200 for Spouse to attend Evening Events only
\$150 additional late fee (registering after October 3, 2017)

METHOD OF PAYMENT

You may pay using a purchase order #, check or American Express, Discover, Mastercard or Visa.
Make check payable to the: Council of the Great City Schools and mail to:

Council of the Great City Schools

1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 1100N

Washington, DC 20004

REGISTRATION FEES

Full registration payment is due by **September 27, 2017**. A late registration fee of \$150.00 will be charged for registrations received after October 3, 2017. **Pre-registration Refund and Cancellation Policy:** Refund requests, cancellations or substitutions must be made in writing. Send an email to Angel Gooch at: agooch@cgcs.org or Terry Tabor at: ttabor@cgcs.org. A full refund will be given for cancellations received on or before October 3, 2017, and a 50% refund if received from October 4th - October 11, 2017. **No refund given after October 11th.** Purchase orders will not be accepted for those registering on-site. **Additional \$250 fee for on-site registration will be charged.**

**Cancellations or No Show after
October 11, 2017 will
NOT RECEIVE A REFUND
and will be billed the full amount.**

**Register before October 3rd to confirm name badge,
conference materials and name included on participant's list.**

Hotel Information

The headquarters hotel for the conference is the:

Hilton Cleveland Downtown

100 Lakeside Avenue East
Cleveland, OH 44114
216-413-5000 ext. 1

All attendees must make their own hotel reservations!!!

To make reservation via telephone call 216-413-5000 ext. 1, and use group code **CGC**. Reservations can also be made using this link: <https://aws.passkey.com/e/48960557>



2017 CGCS Annual Fall Conference

Room rates are **\$179 per night for single and double occupancy, plus 16.5% tax**. An additional person is \$30. Space is limited so please make hotel reservations as soon as possible. Deposit of up to 2 nights + tax is required at the time of reservation. The cut-off date for the group rate is September 27, 2017.

Hotel Cancellation Policy: The advanced deposit of two nights & tax is fully refundable only until **August 29, 2017**. After August 29, 2017 **NO REFUNDS** will be given. Check-in time is 4:00 p.m. and Check-out time is 12:00 noon.

The overflow hotel is the: **Drury Plaza Hotel Cleveland**

1380 East Sixth Street
Cleveland, OH 44114

To make room reservation via telephone call 1-800-325-0720 and refer to group code: **2306753**. Reservations can also be made using this link: <https://www.druryhotels.com/Reservations.aspx?groupno=2306753>

Room rates are **\$169 per night for single and double occupancy, plus 16.5% tax**. Please make your reservations by **Friday, September 29, 2017** to receive your group rate. All reservations must be accompanied by a two-night room and tax deposit, which will be charged to your stay and charged at the time the reservation is made. Check-in time is 3:00 p.m. and Check-out time is 11:00 a.m.