



## Council of the Great City Schools

Annual Legislative and Policy Conference

March 22 – 25, 2014

Mayflower Renaissance Hotel  
 1127 Connecticut Avenue, NW  
 Washington, D.C. 20036

# AGENDA

### Saturday, March 22, 2014

8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Conference Registration	Promenade Foyer
8:00 am – 10:00 am	Continental Breakfast	Promenade Ballroom
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Fall Conference Planning Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>58<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Conference in Milwaukee</i></li> </ul>	South Carolina Room
10:00 am – 11:00 am	Blue Ribbon Corporate Advisory Group Meeting (by invitation only)	Rhode Island Room
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Discussion of Education Issues at the State Level (school districts only)	Colonial Room
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Black Male Achievement Internal Advisory Committee	South Carolina Room
11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Buffet Lunch	Promenade Ballroom
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Executive Committee Lunch and Meeting (closed session)	Georgia Room
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	The ABCs of Federal Education Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>A “primer” on education policy in Washington</i></li> </ul>	Colonial Room

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	<b>Legislative Liaisons Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Update on Federal Legislation and Programs</i> (school districts only)</li> </ul>	Colonial Room
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	<b>Joint Meeting of the Task Forces:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Achievement &amp; Professional Development</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Academic Key Performance Indicators</li> <li>- NAEP Item Analysis</li> <li>- Instructional Materials Selection Rubrics</li> <li>- Assessment Survey</li> <li>- ELA Read-Aloud Professional Development</li> <li>- School Improvement Grants (SIG) Analysis</li> <li>- TUDA Update</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Grand Ballroom
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	<b>Joint Meeting of the Task Forces:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Governance, Leadership, and Management &amp; School Finance</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Governance and priority-setting</li> <li>- Succession Planning</li> <li>- Update on the Key Performance Indicators</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Grand Ballroom
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	<b>Task Force Meeting:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>English Language Learners and Bilingual Education</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Common Core Standards and ELLs</li> <li>- ELL-related criteria for instructional materials</li> <li>- ELL Key Performance Indicators</li> <li>- Translation and interpretation services</li> <li>- Assessment issues</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Promenade Ballroom
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	<b>New Members and Newcomers Orientation</b>	South Carolina Room
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	<b>California State Legislative &amp; Budget Policy Discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>San Diego Unified invites all California Board members and Superintendents to attend a session to share state legislative and budget priorities for 2014.</i></li> </ul>	Massachusetts Room
6:15 pm	<b>Bus departs Mayflower Hotel for Reception</b>	DeSalle Street Entrance
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	<b>Welcome Reception at the Mexican Cultural Institute</b>	2829 16th St NW Washington, DC

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## **Sunday, March 23, 2014**

7:30 am – 5:00 pm	<b>Conference Registration</b>	Promenade Foyer
7:30 am – 9:30 am	<b>Breakfast Buffet</b>	Promenade Ballroom

8:30 am – 12:00 pm	<b>Board of Directors Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Annual Spring Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Great City Schools</i></li> </ul>	Grand Ballroom
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	<b>Lunch and Speaker:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Honorable Arne Duncan United States Secretary of Education</i></li> </ul>	Promenade Ballroom
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	<b>Council of the Great City Colleges of Education Meeting</b>	Virginia Room
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	<b>Washington Update:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Briefing from CGCS Legislative Staff</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Budget and Appropriations</li> <li>- Authorization Efforts on Capitol Hill</li> <li>- Administration’s Early Childhood Initiative</li> <li>- E-Rate Reform/ConnectED Initiative</li> <li>- Other Legislative and Regulatory Updates</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Colonial Room
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	<b>Reception: “Taste of Milwaukee”</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Dress Code: Jeans and Harley Gear encouraged</i></li> </ul>	Chinese Room

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## **Monday, March 24, 2014**

7:30 am – 3:00 pm	<b>Conference Registration</b>	Promenade Foyer
8:00 am – 9:00 am	<b>Breakfast and Speaker</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Honorable Deborah Delisle, Assistant Secretary Office of Elementary and Secondary Education U.S. Department of Education</i></li> </ul>	Promenade Ballroom
9:00 am – 10:00 am	<b>Using USDA’s Community Eligibility Option in Schools</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Margaret Applebaum Food and Nutrition Service U.S. Department of Agriculture</i></li> <li>• <i>Todd Stephenson Office of Student Achievement &amp; School Accountability U.S. Department of Education</i></li> </ul>	Colonial Room
10:00 am – 11:00 am	<b>School Improvement Grants: First Cohort Lessons and Upcoming Flexibility</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Scott Sargrad, Deputy Assistant Secretary Office of Elementary and Secondary Education U.S. Department of Education</i></li> <li>• <i>Ray Hart, Director of Research Council of the Great City Schools</i></li> </ul>	Colonial Room

<b>11:00 am – 12:00 pm</b>	<b>Updates from the Education Authorizing Committees</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mario Cardona, Majority staff</i> <i>Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions</i></li> <li>• <i>Peter Oppenheim, Minority staff (invited)</i> <i>Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions</i></li> <li>• <i>Brad Thomas, Majority staff</i> <i>House Committee on Education and Workforce</i></li> <li>• <i>Jeremy Ayers, Minority staff</i> <i>House Committee on Education and Workforce</i></li> </ul>	<b>Colonial Room</b>
<b>12:00 pm – 2:00 pm</b>	<b>Lunch with Speaker and Award Presentation</b> <p><u>Speaker:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Honorable Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)</i> <i>Committee on Appropriations</i> <i>U.S. House of Representatives</i></li> </ul> <p><u>Lifetime Achievement Award:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Honorable George Miller (D-CA)</i> <i>Committee on Education and the Workforce</i> <i>U.S. House of Representatives</i></li> </ul>	<b>Promenade Ballroom</b>
<b>2:00 pm – 5:00 pm</b>	<b>Congressional Office Visits</b> (Make your own appointments)	
<b>5:15 pm</b>	<b>Bus departs Mayflower Hotel for Capitol Hill</b>	<b>DeSalle Street Entrance</b>
<b>5:30 pm – 7:00 pm</b>	<b>Reception on Capitol Hill</b>	<b>House Rayburn Building Room B-338</b>

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## **Tuesday, March 25, 2014**

<b>8:00 am – 9:00 am</b>	<b>Breakfast Buffet</b>	<b>Promenade Ballroom</b>
<b>9:00 am – 10:00 am</b>	<b>Opportunities to Support Mental Health Services in Schools</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Connie Garner, Policy Director and Practice Leader</i> <i>Foley Hoag LLP</i> (Former Director of Disability and Special Populations Policy for Senator Edward Kennedy)</li> </ul>	<b>Promenade Ballroom</b>
<b>10:00 am – 12:00 pm</b>	<b>Debriefing with Council Staff</b>	<b>Promenade Ballroom</b>
<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>ADJOURN</b>	