

St. Paul superintendent Valeria Silva joins White House meeting

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U.S. President Barack Obama speaks about federal education funding during a meeting in the Roosevelt Room of the White House with a group of superintendents and leaders of the Council of the Great City Schools to discuss efforts to strengthen educational opportunities for students in city schools March 16, 2015 in Washington, DC. The meeting was intended to allow Obama to listen to challenges faced by school leaders at the local level. Also pictured are (L-R) Valeria Silva, Superintendent, St. Paul, Minnesota; Juan Cabrera, Superintendent, El Paso Independent School District, Texas; Secretary of Education Arne Duncan. (Getty Images: Win McNamee)
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St. Paul Public Schools Superintendent Valeria Silva is among several school leaders meeting Monday morning with President Barack Obama.

The Council of the Great City Schools has been holding its annual legislative and policy conference over an extended weekend in Washington D.C.

The school district said Silva is one of 12 council officials meeting with Obama on Monday. Silva is the group's immediate past chair.

U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan spoke at the conference Sunday.

Silva said on Twitter before the Monday meeting that a proposal in Congress to reauthorize No Child Left Behind "will hurt students."

Read Obama's remarks after meeting with the school leaders at <http://bit.ly/GreatCitySchools>.