



**Council of the Great City Schools**  
 Annual Legislative and Policy Conference  
 March 17 – 20, 2018

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

## AGENDA

### Saturday, March 17, 2018

8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Conference Registration	East Ballroom Foyer
8:00 am – 10:00 am	Continental Breakfast	East Ballroom
9:00 am – 10:00 am	<b>Fall Conference Planning Meeting:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fall Conference in Baltimore</i></li> </ul>	South Carolina Room
10:00 am – 11:00 am	<b>Blue Ribbon Meeting:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Blue Ribbon Corporate Advisory Group</i> (by invitation only)</li> </ul>	Virginia Room
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	<b>Task Force Meeting:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Males of Color</i></li> </ul>	Grand Ballroom
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	<b>The ABCs of Federal Education Policy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>A “primer” on education policy in Washington</i></li> </ul>	State Ballroom
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Buffet Lunch	East Ballroom
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	<b>Executive Committee Lunch and Meeting</b> (closed session)	Rhode Island Room
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	<b>Education Issues at the State Level</b> (school districts only)	State Ballroom

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	<b>Legislative Liaisons Meeting</b> (school districts only)	State Ballroom
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	<b>Task Force Meeting:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Achievement and Professional Development</i></li> </ul>	Grand Ballroom
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	<b>Joint Task Force Meetings:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Governance, Leadership, and Management &amp; School Finance</i></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></li> </ul>	East Room
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	<b>New Members and Newcomers Orientation</b>	Virginia Room
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	<b>Welcome Reception</b>	Palm Court Ballroom

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## Sunday, March 18, 2018

7:30 am – 5:00 pm	<b>Conference Registration</b>	East Ballroom Foyer
7:30 am – 9:30 am	<b>Breakfast Buffet</b>	East Ballroom
8:30 am – 12:00 pm	<b>Board of Directors Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>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>Mark Shields, Political Columnist and Commentator</i></li> </ul>	East Ballroom
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	<b>Council of the Great City Colleges of Education</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>General Meeting</i></li> </ul>	Virginia Room
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	<b>Washington Update:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Briefing on federal education action provided by CGCS Legislative Staff</i></li> </ul>	State Ballroom
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	<b>Reception at the Mayflower Hotel: “Taste of Baltimore”</b>	Palm Court Ballroom

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## **Monday, March 19, 2018**

7:30 am – 3:00 pm	<b>Conference Registration</b>	<b>East Ballroom Foyer</b>
7:30 am – 9:00 am	<b>Breakfast and Speaker</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Honorable Earl Blumenauer (D-Oregon) <i>Committee on Ways and Means</i> <i>U.S. House of Representatives</i></li></ul>	<b>East Ballroom</b>
9:00 am – 9:30 am	<b>K-12 Priorities at the U.S. Department of Education</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Jason Botel, Acting Assistant Secretary of Elementary and Secondary Education</i></li></ul>	<b>State Ballroom</b>
9:30 am – 10:15 am	<b>Implementing ESSA at the State and Local Level</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Patrick Rooney, Deputy Director of State Support</i> <i>U.S. Department of Education</i></li><li>• <i>Melissa Siry, Policy Development &amp; Alignment</i> <i>U.S. Department of Education</i></li></ul>	<b>State Ballroom</b>
10:15 am – 11:00 am	<b>Education Priorities on Capitol Hill</b> <u>House Committee on Education and the Workforce</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Brad Thomas, Majority Staff</i></li><li>• <i>Jacque Chevalier, Minority Staff</i></li></ul> <u>Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Matthew Stearn, Majority Staff</i></li><li>• <i>Amanda Beaumont, Minority Staff</i></li></ul>	<b>State Ballroom</b>
11:00 am – 12:00pm	<b>Speaker</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Honorable Frederica Wilson (D-Florida) <i>Committee on Education and the Workforce</i> <i>U.S. House of Representatives</i></li></ul>	<b>State Ballroom</b>
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>East Ballroom</b>
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	<b>Congressional Office Visits</b> (Make your own appointments)	
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm	<b>Reception at the Mayflower Hotel</b>	<b>Chinese Room</b>

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**Tuesday, March 20, 2018**

<b>8:00 am – 9:00 am</b>	<b>Breakfast Buffet</b>	<b>Chinese Room</b>
<b>9:00 am – 11:00 am</b>	<b>Debriefing with Council Staff</b>	<b>Chinese Room</b>
<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>ADJOURN</b>	