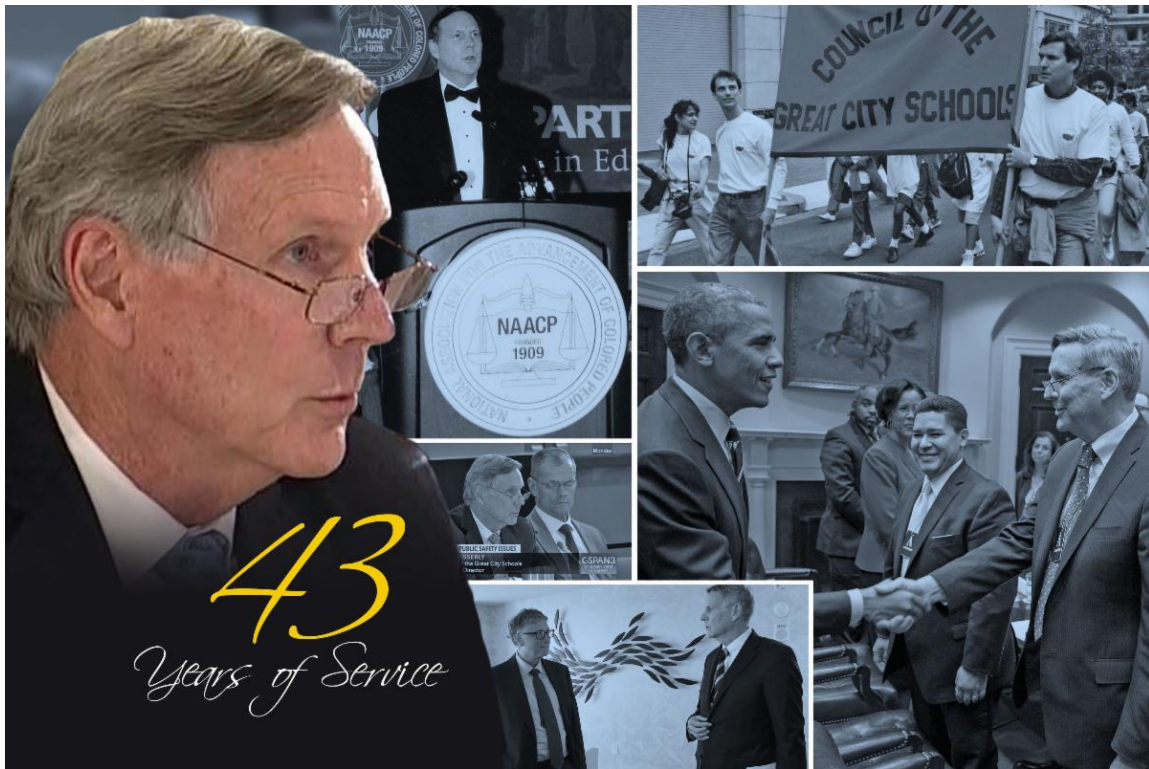




Urban Educator



Council Executive Director to Step Aside

After more than 28 years as executive director of the Council of the Great City Schools, Michael Casserly recently announced that he will step aside at the end of December 2020. He will then assume the role of Strategic Advisor through 2024. Casserly has been with the Council for 43 years.

Called a 'crusader' for city schoolchildren by *USA TODAY*, Casserly took the reins of the Council in January 1992 after serving as the group's director of legislation and research for 15 years. He is now believed to be the longest serving chief among the major national education membership organizations.

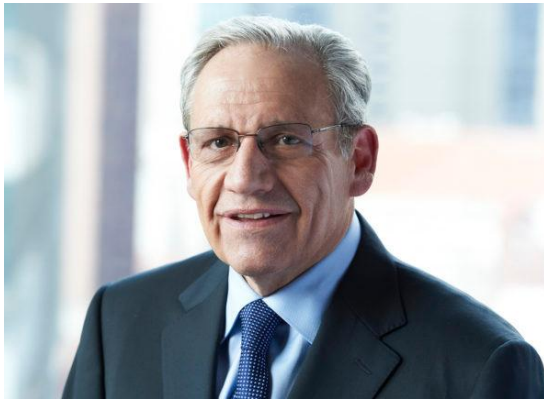
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Name New Leaders, Longtime Long Beach Superintendent to Retire

Addison Davis will be the new superintendent of Florida's Hillsborough County Public Schools in Tampa, the nation's eighth largest district with more than 200,000 students. He has served as the superintendent of Florida's Clay County School District since 2016.

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Council to Hold Legislative/Policy Conference

Award-winning journalist Bob Woodward will address urban education leaders at the Council of the Great City Schools' Annual Legislative/Policy Conference, March 21-24, at the historic Mayflower Hotel in Washington.

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Council Offers Math, Science Scholarships to Big-City Students

For the second year, the Council of the Great City Schools is partnering with Dr. Bernard Harris to offer the CGCS-Bernard Harris Math and Science Scholarships Program for high school seniors who are majoring in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math).

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Guilford Wins \$500,000 in Nationwide Innovation Competition

Guilford County Schools in Greensboro, N.C., was recently awarded \$500,000 in a nationwide competition to generate solutions to address the nation's affordable housing crisis.

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Legislative Column

Year-End Appropriations Bills Increase ESEA and IDEA Funding

The federal government rarely completes its annual funding bills on time, even though the federal fiscal year was changed some 45 ago to begin October 1 rather than on July 1 to give Congress more time to legislate.

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Great City Grad

Civil Rights Activist Martin Luther King Jr. is a graduate of a big-city school district.

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Legislative Policy Conference

When:
March 21 - March 24, 2020

Where:
The Mayflower Hotel
1127 Connecticut Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20036

[Register Link](#)



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