

Urban Educator

THE 31ST ANNUAL
GREEN STAR
AWARD NOMINEES

Recognizing Outstanding Contributions To Urban Education

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Nominees:

- Nikola P. Vitti, Detroit Public Schools Community District
- Sharon Contreras, Guilford County Schools
- Jane M. Ray, Shelby County Schools
- Pablo Martinez, San Antonio Independent School District
- Kristen Cash, Buffalo Public Schools
- Asim Bhattar, Los Angeles Unified School District
- Cindy Martin, San Diego Unified School District
- Michael Houston, Dallas Independent School District
- Erika Tobin, New York City Department of Education
- Adrian C. Davis, Hillsborough County Public Schools
- Donald E. Fennoy II, The School District of Palm Beach County
- Sarah Brooke Santelmas, Baltimore City Public Schools
- Michael Payer, New York City Department of Education
- Rico Mann, Aurora Public Schools
- Robert Bunker, Broward County Public Schools
- Franklin Castorena, Goetzmann, Pittsburgh Public Schools
- Anthony D. Hasler, Pittsburgh Public Schools
- Drew M. Bishop, Anchorage School District
- Alicia Thompson, Wichita Public Schools
- Mark T. Bedell, Kansas City Public Schools

20 Finalists Named for Top Award In Urban Education Leadership

A highlight of the upcoming Council of the Great City Schools' 64th virtual annual Fall Conference will be the naming of the Urban Superintendent of the Year.

This year there are 20 finalists for the nation's top award in urban-education leadership. The winner will be honored by peers in a live, virtual awards ceremony on Oct. 15.

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Denver School Board Member to Moderate All-Student Town Hall on

Race and Social Justice



Following the rise of protests that occurred in cities across the nation this summer after the killing of George Floyd by police in Minneapolis, a panel of urban students will discuss issues of race and equity at a live, national town hall meeting on Oct. 16.

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NY Times Columnist Thomas Friedman to Discuss the "Future of Education" at Council Virtual Fall Conference

In the wake of the challenges urban school districts face due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Pulitzer Prize-winning New York Times columnist Thomas Friedman will participate in a timely discussion on "The Future of Education" at the Council of the Great City Schools' 64th virtual Annual Fall Conference.

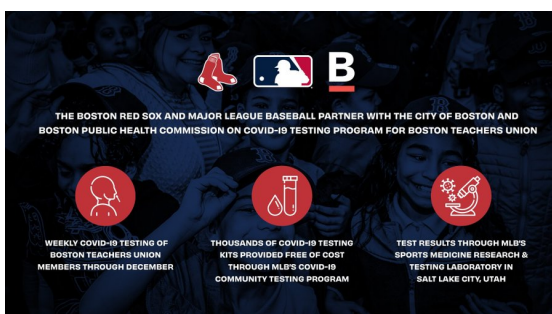
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2020 Blue Ribbon Schools Named

Chicago Public Schools had six schools that were recently recognized as [2020 National Blue Ribbon Schools](#) by the U.S. Department of Education. The six schools are among the 367 across the nation honored for their overall academic performance or progress in closing the achievement among student subgroups.

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Boston Red Sox Goes to Bat for Teacher COVID Testing

The Boston Red Sox and the Major League Baseball organization are partnering with the city of Boston to offer COVID-19 testing to Boston Public School teachers.

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Legislative Column

Twisting in the Wind

President Trump unexpectedly pulled the plug on high-level negotiations for a new round of coronavirus relief legislation following his release from Walter Reed Medical Center.

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Great City Grad

Breonna Taylor

2011 Graduate of Jefferson County Public Schools

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[Council Releases Two COVID-19 Reports on Communications and Air Quality](#) | [Education Department Will Not Appeal Federal Judge's Ruling](#) | [Palm Beach Student Named National Student Poet](#)

Upcoming Events



64th Annual Fall Conference

The Council of the Great City Schools is holding its 64th Annual Fall Conference virtually.

When:

October 13 - October 17, 2020

[Register Link](#)



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