

**TASK FORCE ON BLACK AND LATINO YOUNG MEN
AND BOYS**

COUNCIL OF THE GREAT CITY SCHOOLS

Task Force on Black and Latino Young Men and Boys

2020-2021

Task Force Goal

To assist urban public-school systems in improving academic outcomes of Black and Latino young men and boys by supporting the implementation of evidence-based strategies to educate students from different racial, cultural, national, and linguistic backgrounds.

To improve the learning environment and school climate in urban schools by addressing the implicit and explicit bias that hinders the progress of Black and Latino young men and boys.

To improve the social, emotional, and cultural competency of educators through professional learning opportunities that foster a deeper understanding of the support systems needed to ensure academic and life-long success for Black and Latino young men and boys.

To keep data and establish protocols to monitor the progress of Black and Latino young men and boys in our member districts.

Task Force Chairs

Michael Hinojosa, Dallas Superintendent
William Hite, Philadelphia Superintendent

Potential Discussion Topics

- Students of Color and unfinished learning on the heels of the pandemic. What special or targeted strategies are needed to address the academic and social needs of these students?
- The draft NAEP district effects study and implications for Great City School systems that are predominantly African American and poor.
- Ethnic studies. What posture should the Council be taking on ethnic studies? What criteria should we use for determining what a quality program is?
- What directions should the task force pursue moving forward?