



# Large City Schools Making Positive Progress in Reading and Math on National Test

Students in the nation's large city public schools continue to make long-term progress on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) and narrow achievement gaps with the nation.

The recent release of the *Nation's Report Card: Mathematics and Reading Trial Urban District Assessment* (TUDA) reveals that large city schools have substantially improved their reading and math performance over the nearly twenty years they have volunteered for the test.

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## 2020 Census Concerns, Strategies Get Airing at Town Hall Meeting

LOUISVILLE, Ky.--How do you get people to participate in the 2020 census? Television and radio spots. Laptops in family centers for filling out census forms. Hotlines, knocking on doors and educating children about the importance of being counted.

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## Former Presidential Adviser, Best-Selling Author, and 2019 National Teacher of the Year Address Council at Fall Conference

LOUISVILLE, Ky. -- Valerie Jarrett, senior adviser to President Barack Obama for his two terms in the White House, had a clear message for her audience of urban school leaders: teach civic engagement, teach citizenship and help young people understand "there's a social compact that goes along with being a citizen of our great country."

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## Miami-Dade County Schools Board Member Recognized as Urban School Board Member of the Year

LOUISVILLE, Ky.--The 2019 Urban School Board Member of the Year is Lawrence Feldman, who has worn nearly every kind of hat in his more than 45 years of service to Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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## Santa Ana Names New Superintendent, St. Louis Leader Inducted Into Hall of Fame

California's Santa Ana Unified School
District recently selected Jerry Almendarez
to take the reins of the 47,000-student
school district. Since 2010, he has served



as superintendent of California's Colton Joint Unified School District.

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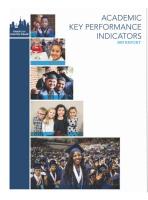


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## Federal Education Funding Again in Limbo

Congress has passed a second short-term Continuing Resolution (CR), keeping the federal government open and operating through December 20<sup>th</sup>.

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## Council Releases New Academic KPI Report and Managing For Results Reports

The Council of the Great City Schools recently released two new reports focusing on key academic performance indicators and operational management.

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# **2020 Census Campaign Launches** in Memphis

Students and teachers from Shelby County Schools in Memphis recently joined forces with the U.S. Census Bureau to kickoff the 2020 Census Statistics in Schools program.

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## **Upcoming Events**



## **Legislative Policy Conference**

When:

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Where:

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\*Registration will be available in January

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