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Town Hall Meeting to Focus on the Importance of the 2020 Census

How can urban school districts and educators help the communities they serve get counted in the 2020 Census? That question will be the focus of the Council of the Great City Schools' national town hall meeting on October 24 in Louisville, Ky.

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Eleven Finalists Vie for Top Urban Education Award

Finalists for the top award in urbaneducation leadership – 11 school board members in all -- will be announced the evening of Oct. 24, and one will be recognized as Urban Board Member of the Year.

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Albuquerque Superintendent to Retire

Raquel Reedy, the superintendent of New Mexico's Albuquerque Public Schools, recently announced she will retire in June 2020, after serving at the helm for four years.

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2019 Blue Ribbon Schools Named

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The 1619 Project

Chicago Students Discuss Slavery with Creator of the *N.Y. Times* 1619 Project

The 1619 Project, a stirring collection of writings and photography in *The New York Times* marking the 400th anniversary of the beginning of American slavery, has been added as a resource to all high schools in Chicago Public Schools.

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Legislative Column

Education Appropriations Bog Down in the Senate

Earlier this year, under the new House leadership of Appropriations Committee Chair Nita Lowey (D-NY) and Subcommittee Chair Rosa DeLauro (D-CT), the House of Representatives passed historic levels of new funding for key federal K-12 education programs.

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Great City Grad

U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren is a graduate of a big-city school district.

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Elevating Education A Fresh Way Forward for Urban School Districts

Event Headline

63rd Annual Fall Conference

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