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## Big-City Schools Open with an Emphasis On Safety and Security

Urban school districts across the nation kicked off the 2019-2020 school year with a number of new initiatives.

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## Leadership Program at Harvard Business School is a Success

Maria McColgan is a relatively new school board member in Philadelphia. So, she was excited to attend a professional development program for urban school board members at The Harvard Business School.

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## New Superintendents in Charlotte-Mecklenburg and Manchester

As the 2019-2020 school year gets underway, two urban school districts will have new leaders at the helm, while interim leaders have been named in Providence, Norfolk, and Santa Ana. San Diego, Portland and Buffalo Leaders tenure extended.

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## Florida Urban School Districts Help Bahamian Hurricane Victims

Hurricane Dorian devastated the northern Bahamas in early September, causing unprecedented and extensive damage. Several urban school districts in nearby Florida are stepping up to the plate and providing much needed assistance to those impacted by the Category 4 storm.

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## Fall Conference to Feature Activist Teacher of the Year

Rodney Robinson, a veteran teacher of incarcerated youth in Virginia's Richmond Public Schools, will be among the featured speakers at the Council of the Great City School's 63rd Annual Fall Conference Oct. 23-27 in Louisville, Ky.

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## Chicago Tries Big Embrace To Keep Kids Safe in the Summer

Chicago Public Schools sought to reach teenagers most likely to be impacted by gun violence in the summer with a program featuring four hours of daily one-on-one mentoring plus trauma-informed group therapy, field trips and more.

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## Back to School Message from the Council Chair

On Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, the Cleveland Metropolitan School District resumed classes. CEO Eric Gordon had the opportunity to visit schools across his district and to see scholars, their families and caregivers, and district educators as they returned to classes for the 2019-20 school year.

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## Dallas Student Bound for Broadway

Skye Turner is no stranger to the spotlight. The student from Charles Rice Learning Center in Dallas has performed with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra and even sang alongside her musical idol Patti Labelle.

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## Urban Educators Recognized by Yale University

Anthony Hall has been a school counselor with Pittsburgh Public Schools for five years and a counselor at the district's Allderdice High School for the past three years.

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## Washoe School District in Reno Joins Council

Washoe County School District in Reno, Nevada recently joined the Council of the Great City Schools, increasing the organization's membership to 76 public urban school systems.

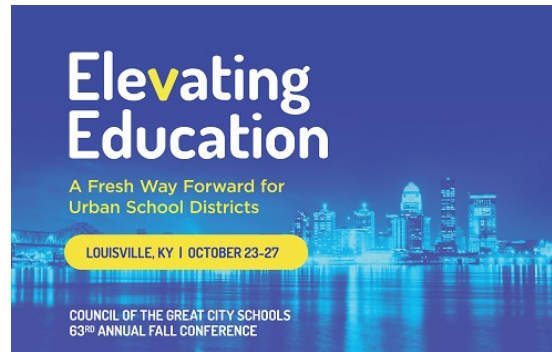
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## Upcoming Events



### 63rd Annual Fall Conference

**When:**

October 23 - October 27, 2019

**Where:**

Omni Shoreham Hotel  
Louisville, KY

[Register Link](#)



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