



# Urban Educator



## 20 Finalists Named for Top Award In Urban Education Leadership

A highlight of the upcoming Council of the Great City Schools' 64<sup>th</sup> 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' 64<sup>th</sup> 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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## 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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