



**New Education Secretary
Will Address Urban Educators at**

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY

VIRTUAL CONFERENCE



New Education Secretary Will Address Urban Educators

Over the years, the nation's newly installed education secretaries have made it a standard practice to include the Council of the Great City Schools among the first organizations they visited. That tradition will continue when U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona addresses the Council's virtual Annual Legislative/Policy Conference, March 20-22.

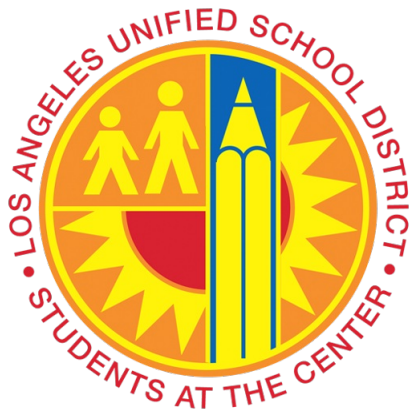
[Read More](#)



NYC Chancellor Steps Down, Albuquerque Names New Leader

Richard Carranza resigned as chancellor of the New York school system, effective in March, after three years running the nation's largest district.

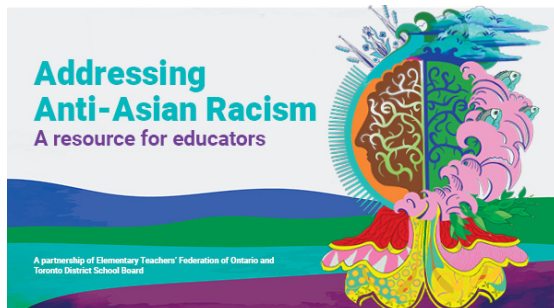
[Read More](#)



L.A. Cuts School Police to Boost Achievement, Des Moines Replaces Police with Student Supports

The Los Angeles and Des Moines school systems have moved forward with plans to shift at least some funds from school policing to programs that support student achievement and well-being, especially for students of color.

[Read More](#)



Toronto School System Creates Anti-Asian Racism Resource for Teachers

Teachers in the Toronto District School Board now have a comprehensive resource in their efforts to address anti-Asian racism, which has spiked in Canada's capital city since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Read More](#)



Council Offers Scholarships Named for an Astronaut

For the third year in a row, the Council of the Great City Schools and Dr. Bernard Harris, the first African American to walk in space, will award STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) scholarships to graduating high school seniors in urban school districts

represented by the Council.

[Read More](#)



Newspaper Spotlights Detroit Educators

Nikolai Vitti, superintendent of the Detroit Public Schools Community District, and Sharlonda Buckman, the district's assistant superintendent of family and community engagement, were recently featured in *Education Week* for their leadership in increasing parent engagement.

[Read More](#)



Legislative Column

American Rescue Plan Legislation Includes Historic K-12 Federal Assistance

The \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan (ARP) proposed by President Biden was signed into law on March 11. The massive recovery legislation moved through Congress under the expedited Budget Reconciliation process requiring a simple majority vote in the House and Senate.

[Read More](#)

Read more stories here

[Dallas Leader Named Digital Superintendent of the Year](#) | [East Baton Rouge Joins the Council](#) | [Oakland Documentary Nominated for NAACP Image Award](#) | [Dallas and San Antonio Leaders Honored](#)

Upcoming Events

2021 Legislative/Policy Virtual Conference

When:

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

MARCH 20 - 22, 2021

[Register Link](#)



Executive Director
Michael Casserly

Editor
Tonya Harris
tharris@cgcs.org

Staff Writer
Joanne Coley
jcoley@cgcs.org

Chair
Michael O'Neill
Board Member, Boston

Chair-elect
Barbara Jenkins
Superintendent, Orange County
(Orlando)

Secretary-Treasurer
Kelly Gonez
Board Member, Los Angeles

A newsletter published by the Council of the Great City Schools, representing 77 of the nation's largest urban public school districts. [Click here](#) to learn more. All news items should be submitted to Tonya Harris (tharris@cgcs.org).