COUNCIL OF THE GREAT CITY SCHOOLS
2021 Conference Schedule

Executive Committee Virtual Meeting
January 22 & 23, 2021

HRD/Personnel Directors Virtual Meeting
February 16-19, 2021

Legislative/Policy Virtual Conference
March 20-22, 2021

Chief Operating Officers Virtual Conference
April 13-15, 2021

Bilingual Directors Virtual Meeting
May 11-14 & 17-21, 2021

Curriculum & Research Directors' Meeting
June, 2021 (TBD)

Public Relations Executives Hybrid Meeting
July 11-14, 2021
New Orleans, LA

Executive Committee Meeting
July 9-10, 2021
The Nines Portland
Portland, OR

Annual Fall Conference
October 20-24, 2021
Sheraton Philadelphia Hotel, Philadelphia, PA

          October 19-23, 2022
          Hyatt Regency Grant Cypress, Orlando, FL

Chief Financial Officers Conference
November 2021 (TBD)
SUMMER 2021 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
COUNCIL OF THE GREAT CITY SCHOOLS

Summer Meeting of the Executive Committee
Hosted by
Guadalupe Guerrero, Superintendent
Portland Public schools

July 9 and 10, 2021

CONFERENCE HOTEL:

The Nines, A Luxury Collection Hotel
525 SW Morrison Street
Portland, OR 97204
(844) 209-0791

GROUP RATE: $229/night for Single and Double Occupancy
Plus 15.3% tax

Property Location In the heart of Portland, The Nines, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Portland is within a 5-minute drive of Portland State University and Moda Center. This 5-star hotel is 1.7 mi (2.8 km) from Oregon Convention Center and 2.3 mi (3.6 km) from Oregon Health and Science University.

Rooms Make yourself at home in one of the 331 guestrooms featuring iPod docking stations and flat-screen televisions. Your pillowtop bed comes with premium bedding. Cable programming and DVD players are provided for your entertainment, while complimentary wireless Internet access keeps you connected. Private bathrooms with shower/tub combinations feature rainfall showerheads and designer toiletries.

The preferred airport for The Nines, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Portland is Portland International Airport (PDX) - 14.7 km / 9.1 mi
FALL CONFERENCE 2021
COUNCIL OF THE GREAT CITY SCHOOLS

65th ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE

Hosted by
THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA
Philadelphia, PA

OCTOBER 20-24, 2021

CONFERENCE HOTEL:

Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown
201 North 17th Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103

GROUP RATE: $229/night for Single and Double Occupancy, Plus 16.37% tax

Begin your Philly adventure at the Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown. Part of Downtown Philadelphia's prestigious Logan Square neighborhood, this hotel is walking distance from the Pennsylvania Convention Center, Love Park and the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Venture a bit further to reach Citizens Bank Park, Temple University and historic sites like Liberty Bell and Franklin Square. Surrounded by subway and bus stops, and under a mile from 30th Street Station, our central location makes it easy to explore the city.

As guests, take advantage of the hotel's state-of-art fitness center and free Wi-Fi. Discover new culinary favorites every day at the two hotel restaurants. During your stay, feel at home in a light-filled room or suite with refined décor, a mini fridge, flat-screen TV with premium cable and views of Benjamin Franklin Parkway.
The National Constitution Center in Philadelphia brings together people of all ages and perspectives, across America and around the world, to learn about, debate, and celebrate the greatest vision of human freedom in history, the U.S. Constitution. A private, nonprofit organization, the Center serves as America’s leading platform for constitutional education and debate, fulfilling its congressional charter “to disseminate information about the U.S. Constitution on a nonpartisan basis.”

As the MUSEUM OF WE THE PEOPLE, the Center brings the Constitution to life for visitors of all ages through interactive programs and exhibits. As AMERICA’S TOWN HALL, the Center brings the leading conservative and liberal thought leaders together to debate the Constitution on all media platforms. As a HEADQUARTERS FOR CIVIC EDUCATION, the Center delivers the best educational programs and online resources that inspire citizens and engage all Americans in learning about the U.S. Constitution.
FALL CONFERENCE 2022
CONFERENCE HOTEL:
Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress
One Grand Cypress Blvd.
Orlando, Florida, 32836
Telephone: (407) 239-1234

GROUP RATE:    $235/night for Single and Double Occupancy, Plus 12.5% tax

An outdoor lover’s dream, this resort sits on 1,500 lush acres with a private lake, tennis courts, and a unique lagoon-style pool. Tee off at a Jack Nicklaus Signature golf course or unwind at the spa. The hotel also offers scheduled shuttles to Walt Disney World® Resort, Universal Orlando Resort™, and SeaWorld® Orlando.

Guest rooms come outfitted for relaxation with Hyatt Grand Beds™ and chaise lounges, specialty bath products, and step-out balconies. Enjoy great dining at on-site restaurants like Hemingways, Market, and the Lake House Restaurant, or get a small plate and signature cocktail at one of the hotel’s popular bars.
FALL CONFERENCE 2023
January 17, 2020

Michael Casserly, Executive Director
Council of the Great City Schools
1331 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W., Suite 1100N
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Casserly:

On behalf of the San Diego Unified School District, we would like to express our interest in hosting the October 2023 Council of the Great City Schools Annual Fall Conference in San Diego, California. It would be a great honor to once again host this conference and highlight all of the important work being done in our schools! We have made significant progress since hosting in 2006, and are excited to showcase our many successes.

We appreciate this opportunity to show the pride we have in our students, schools, and community, and we look forward to collaborating.

Sincerely,

John Lee Evans
Board President

Cindy Marten
Superintendent
FALL CONFERENCE 2024
COUNCIL OF THE GREAT CITY SCHOOLS

2024 Annual Fall Conference

Hosted by
Dallas Independent School District

October 16-20, 2024

CONFERENCE HOTEL:

Sheraton Dallas Hotel
400 North Olive Street
Dallas, TX 75201
Telephone: 214-922-8000

GROUP RATE: $234/night for Single and Double Occupancy
Plus 15.26% tax

Set in the Arts District, this upscale hotel is a 3-minute walk from the Pearl Street/Arts District light rail station, and a 7-minute walk from shopping at the landmark Neiman Marcus Building.

Streamlined rooms have flat-screen TVs and Wi-Fi (fee), plus work desks with ergonomic chairs. They also have minifridges and coffeemakers. Club rooms provide access to a lounge with complimentary continental breakfast, all-day snacks and evening appetizers. Room service is available.

Amenities include a casual restaurant, a cafe and a sports lounge, as well as a fitness center and an outdoor pool. There's also meeting space and a 24/7 business center.
January 15, 2020

Michael Casserly  
Executive Director  
Council of Great City Schools  
1301 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 702  
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Michael:

The Boston Public Schools and the City of Boston would enthusiastically welcome the opportunity to serve as the host city and school district for the 2024 annual conference of the Council of Great City Schools.

As the home of the nation’s first public school district, Boston and the Boston Public Schools offer a rich history of change and progress over time. With a freshly developed strategic plan, unprecedented new education investments from Mayor Walsh and passage of the Student Opportunity Act, Massachusetts' historic new funding and accountability law, Boston Public Schools are poised to make significant progress to ensure all of our students have access to high quality schools and an excellent education that prepares them for success in college, career and life.

From the walkable, history-rich streets of downtown Boston to the booming tech industry, Boston provides a unique opportunity to experience the old and new together. This summer, Boston will serve as the host city for the NAACP’s 2020 convention, an event that is estimated to attract 10,000 attendees. The event’s planners selected us as the host city not only because of the impactful history of being home to the NAACP’s oldest branch, but because of Boston’s international reputation as a visitor destination, its rich historical significance, and recent innovations that make our city even more welcoming to visitors.

Hosting the 2024 annual conference in Boston would be an honor. We are confident that the Boston Public Schools and our entire community will make the event a memorable and meaningful experience for conference attendees.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have about our candidacy. We appreciate your consideration and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Martin J. Walsh  
Mayor of Boston

Michael Loconto  
School Committee Chair

Dr. Brenda Cassellius  
Superintendent
January 13, 2020

Michael Casserly  
Executive Director  
Council of Great City Schools  
1301 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 702  
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Michael,

On behalf of the Greater Boston Convention & Visitors Bureau, I want to express how honored we would be to once again host the Council of Great City Schools Annual Conference in the fall of 2024. When we last hosted this event, in 2011, the meeting enjoyed record-breaking attendance. We would be thrilled to welcome the Conference back to Boston during a period when we will be commemorating the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, and the catalytic events in Boston that ushered in the Revolutionary Era. Educational programming is at the core of how we will mark these important anniversaries.

The fall in Boston is simply spectacular. Our historic parks and urban green spaces pop in myriad hues as our famous foliage takes over the city. Our history and heritage invite exploration, our diverse neighborhoods offer vibrant culture and delicious restaurants, our sports and performing arts calendars begin to heat up, and our iconic museums introduce exciting new exhibitions.

Boston is a walking city where visitors can bask in 4 centuries of history while easily strolling from neighborhood to neighborhood. And Boston is still making history. We are a city of innovation, where institutions of higher education interact with world-class research hospitals, start-up incubators, and life sciences clusters to drive an ecosystem of collaboration and discovery. This buzz of innovation, and these guideposts of the future, are most palpable in Boston’s emerging Seaport District, where fun nightlife, great restaurants, and eclectic art galleries exist alongside engines of economic development.

We hope that you will consider returning to Boston for the 2024 Annual Conference of the Council of Great City Schools. We take very seriously our role in this nation’s past and future, and education plays a central role in that story. We are very excited about this possibility and look forward to hearing from you. Please don’t hesitate to contact me at msheridan@bostonusa.com with any additional questions or follow-up information you may need.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Martha J. Sheridan  
President & CEO  
Greater Boston Convention & Visitors Bureau