



2026

# Chief Operating Officers, and Directors of Child Nutrition, Facilities, Safety & Security, and Transportation Conference



## REGISTRATION BROCHURE

**Sustaining and Strengthening Urban School Systems:  
Operational Leadership for Stability, Innovation, and Impact**

April 21-24, 2026  
Westin Book Cadillac Detroit  
1114 Washington Boulevard  
Detroit, MI 48226

**Sustaining and Strengthening Urban School Systems:  
 Operational Leadership for Stability, Innovation, and Impact**

**Learning Objectives:**

- 1. Stabilize Systems to Support Student Success**
- 2. Advance Integrated, Cross-Functional Leadership**
- 3. Modernize Operations Through Data, Technology, and Innovation**
- 4. Build Organizational Resilience and Workforce Capacity**

**AGENDA-AT-A-GLANCE**

	<b>Tuesday – April 21</b>	<b>Wednesday – April 22</b>	<b>Thursday – April 23</b>	<b>Friday – April 24</b>
7:00 am – 8:00 am	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
8:10 am – 9:00 am	General Session	Role Alike Sessions	Role Alike Sessions	General Session: 3-2-1
9:10 am – 10:00 am				Report Out
10:10 am – 11:00 am				Boxed Lunch and Departure
11:10 am – 12:00 pm				
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
1:10 pm – 2:00 pm	General Session	Role Alike Sessions	Role Alike Sessions	
2:10 pm – 3:00 pm				
3:10 pm – 4:00 pm				
4:10 pm – 5:00 pm				
5:00 pm	Welcome Reception and Awards Ceremony	Cocktail Hour	Evening on Your Own	

**Call for Proposals**

We are excited to invite submissions for 50-minute presentations from districts and sponsors. We seek presentations that showcase best practices in urban public schools, focusing on district-led initiatives.

For sponsors, Diamond sponsorship entitles you to one district-led presentation with Chief Operating Officers and one of the functional groups during a Joint Session while Platinum sponsorship entitles you to one district-led presentation with either Safety and Security, Child Nutrition, Facilities, or Transportation during a Breakout Session. Please note, all presentations with sponsors must include a CGCS member district co-presenter.

Please include the following in your proposal:

- Session title/topic (max 10 words)
- Objectives (1-3 key takeaways)
- Brief session description (max 100 words)
- District/Company, Title, and Short bio
- Headshots of presenters

Submit your proposal by completing the Google form [here](#). The Deadline for all proposals is Friday, March 6th. For any inquiries, please contact Delisa Nuñez at [dnunez@cgcs.org](mailto:dnunez@cgcs.org).

***Each attendee must register for the COO Annual Conference  
online at <https://cvent.me/EaNmEy>***

**\*\*All companies must sponsor the conference to attend.  
Additionally, all non-profit organizations with an annual revenue of \$20 million or more  
must sponsor the conference to attend.**

\$300 Council School District Member  
\$450 Non-Member District  
\$1,000 Additional person from company sponsoring

**Diamond Level: \$15,000**

- Entry into full day events
- Welcome Reception Sponsor
- District-led presentation during a joint session with COOs and either Facilities, Child Nutrition, Safety & Security or Transportation
- Prominent logo and name placement via signage, banner, and conference program
- Recognized in annual report
- Early distribution of attendee list (twice)
- Entitled to share gifts and/ or materials with attendees
- Three registrants included



**Platinum Level: \$10,000**

- Entry into full day events
- District-led presentation/ panel with either Facilities, Child Nutrition, Safety & Security or Transportation
- Recognized via signage, banner, conference program, annual report
- Early distribution of attendee list (twice)
- Entitled to share gifts and/ or materials with attendees
- Two registrants included

**Gold Level \$7,500**

- Entry into full day events
- Recognized via signage, banner, conference program, annual report
- Early distribution of attendee list (once)
- Entitled to share gifts and/ or materials with attendees
- One registrant included

**Silver Level \$5,000**

- Entry into full day events
- Entitled to share gifts and/ or materials with attendees
- One registrant included

**NOTE: Still photography ONLY. Video recordings are PROHIBITED.**

**REGISTRATION FEES INFORMATION:**

Online registration must be completed for each person, along with payment. Checks should be made payable to the Council of the Great City Schools. Please have your invoice number, registrant name and conference name listed on the check.

***ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE START DATE OF THE CONFERENCE.***

**REFUND AND CANCELLATION POLICY:**

All cancellations or substitutions must be in writing and emailed to [gbacon@cgcs.org](mailto:gbacon@cgcs.org). Registration cancellations received on or before March 20, 2026 will receive a full refund, and a 50% refund if received March 20 - March 27. Cancellations received after March 27 or no-shows on April 21 will not receive a refund and will be billed the full amount. Purchase orders will not be accepted for those registering on-site.

**HOTEL INFORMATION:**

Please make Hotel reservations at the following link: [Book your group rate for Council of Great City Schools CGCS-Chief Operating Officers Meeting](#) or you may make hotel reservations directly with Westin Book, 313-442-1600, Mention: CGCS. The cutoff date for the group rate is Monday, March 30, 2026. Room rates are \$229.00/per night, for a single and double, plus 15% tax. Support CGCS and secure your guest rooms within the official headquarter hotel. Rooms are limited. Deposits are refundable for cancellations occurring up to 72 hours prior to arrival.

Any deposits submitted to hold individual guestrooms shall be 100% refundable provided the individual cancels their reservation outside of 72 hours and has a valid cancellation number.

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND:**

Chief Operating Officers, Directors of Child Nutrition, Facilities, Safety & Security, Transportation, and the associated support staff.

