

2026 Annual Legislative/Policy Conference

March 14-17, 2026
The Mayflower Hotel
Washington, D.C.

Registration Brochure

Council of the Great City Schools
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Saturday, March 14, 2026
Registration
Continental Breakfast
Fall Conference Planning Meeting
Blue Ribbon Corporate Advisory Group Meeting
Discussion on State Policy Issues
The "ABC's" of Federal Education Policy
Meeting of Legislative & Federal Programs Liaisons
Executive Committee Meeting
Task Force Meetings
New Member & New Attendees Orientation
Welcome Reception

Sunday, March 15, 2026
Registration
Buffet Breakfast
Board of Directors Meeting
Great City Colleges of Education Meeting
Luncheon with Speaker
Legislative Briefings with Council Staff
"Taste of Boston" Reception

Monday, March 16, 2026
Breakfast with Speaker
Policy Briefings with Congressional and Administration Staff
Luncheon with Speaker
Capitol Hill Visits (You must arrange your own appointments)
Reception

Tuesday, March 17, 2026
Breakfast and Briefing
Capitol Hill Visits (You must arrange your own appointments)
Adjourn

Topics To Discuss

- Federal Education Funding for the 2026-27 School Year and Beyond
- Trump Administration's Action on Education Agenda
- Education priorities in the 119th Congress
- Legal Updates from the Federal Courts

Name Badges Should Be Worn During The Conference
Video Recordings are Prohibited

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Registration Fees Information

Payment Methods:
Payment can be made by card during online registration, or by mailing in a check. Checks should be made payable to the Council of the Great City Schools. **Please have invoice number, registrant name and conference name listed on check.** Please note that purchase order numbers will not be accepted for those registering on-site. A $100 late fee is applied to registrations received February 11, 2026 through March 13, 2026. A $200 late fee is applied to on-site registrations (on top of base registration price).

Unless registering on-site, payment must be received prior to the start date of the conference.

Refund and Cancellation Policy:
Refund requests, cancellations or substitutions must be emailed to: gbacon@cgcs.org. You will receive a full refund if cancellation is received on or before February 16, 2026 and a 50% refund if received from February 17- February 26, 2026. Cancellations made after February 26, 2026 or no-shows on March 14, 2026 will not receive a refund and will be billed the full amount.

Fee is waived for Superintendents and official Council School Board Representatives only
(No Proxies). Fee is also waived for sponsors who have been identified through sponsorship information submitted prior to the conference. All companies and nonprofit organizations must register for a sponsorship to attend. Please see Sponosrship brochure for more information.

All companies must sponsor the conference to attend. Additonally, all non-profit organizations with an annual revenue of $20 million or more must sponosr the conference to attend. Please see the Sponsorship Brochure for more details.

***Per Person Rate**
$425 for Council School District member
$550 for Non-member school districts, Education Associations, and non-profit organizations (with an annual revenue under $20 million)
$775 Additional person(s) from sponsor company (per person)
$100 late fee (if registration is received February 11 through March 13)
$200 late fee (On-site registration)
$150 for Spouse (Spouse will receive special name badge for meal events only)

Register online at:
https://cvent.me/Q5Peav

Hotel Information

The Mayflower Hotel
1127 Connecticut Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036
phone: 877-212-5752 fax: 202-776-9184

Make online reservations here
**Please note that online reservations for the conference can only be made using the above link.*

The cutoff date for the group rate is Friday, February 20th. Room rates are **$258.00 per night, single and double occupancy, plus 14.95% tax.** Two nights' room and tax are required at the time reservation is made. For cancellation after February 14th, the deposit of 2 nights room and tax is non refundable.

Don't Delay - Rooms are Limited!