

2026

CHIEF Information OFFICERS

ANNUAL CONFERENCE



June 9-12, 2026

Hyatt Regency Indianapolis

REGISTRATION BROCHURE

Architecting the Future:

Leading Cultural Transformation through
Strategy, Systems, and Stewardship





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Learning Objectives:

- 1. Strategic Digital Leadership** – Equip CIOs with the tools and insights to drive digital transformation, align IT strategies with organizational goals, and foster a culture of innovation.
- 2. Technology Integration for Impact** – Explore best practices for integrating emerging technologies to enhance operational efficiency, cybersecurity, and data-driven decision-making in K-12 education.
- 3. Future-Ready IT Leadership** – Develop the skills needed to navigate evolving digital landscapes, manage change effectively, and lead resilient, future-focused technology teams.

AGENDA-AT-A-GLANCE

	Tuesday – June 9	Wednesday – June 10	Thursday – June 11	Friday – June 12
7:00 am – 8:00 am	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
8:10 am – 9:00 am	General Session	Breakout Sessions	Breakout 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	Breakout Sessions	General Session	
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 Information Technology practices in urban public schools, focusing on district-led initiatives. All presenters must be registered for the conference.

For sponsors, Diamond sponsorship entitles you to one district-led presentation with Chief Information Officers during a General Session while Platinum sponsorship entitles you to one district-led presentation with Chief Information Officers 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)
- Presenter name, title, bio, and headshot

Submit your proposal by completing the Google form [here](#). The deadline for all proposals is Friday, May 1st. For any inquiries, please contact Delisa Nuñez at dnunez@cgcs.org.



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Register online at: <https://cvent.me/Qyqq4o>

** 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.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

\$300 Council School District Member

\$300 College of Education Member

\$450 Non-Member District & **Non-Profit Organizations

\$1,000 Additional person from company sponsoring

\$75 added late fee registration after May 22, 2026

SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

Diamond Level: \$15,000

- Entry into full day events
- Reception Sponsor
- District-led presentation in General Session
- Prominent logo and name placement via signage, banner, and conference program
- Recognized in annual report
- Recognized via the conference mobile app
- Early distribution of attendee list (May 15th and May 22nd)
- Entitled to share gifts and/or materials with attendees
- Three registrants included

Platinum Level: \$10,000

- Entry into full day events
- District-led presentation in Breakout Session
- Recognized via signage, banner, conference program, annual report
- Recognized via conference mobile app
- Early distribution of attendee list (May 15th and May 22nd)
- 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
- Recognized via conference mobile app
- Early distribution of attendee list (May 22nd)
- Entitled to share gifts and/or materials with attendees
- One registrant included

Silver Level \$5,000

- Entry into full day events
- Recognized via conference mobile app
- Entitled to share gifts and/or materials with attendees
- One registrant included

NOTE: Still photography ONLY. Video recordings are PROHIBITED.



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Hotel reservations for the conference will be made by individual attendees by calling directly to the hotel at 317-532-1234. Identify yourself with CGCS to receive the special discounted group rate of \$189 single/double plus 17% tax, and \$1 fee per room night to fund the Economic Enhancement District.

You may also reserve your room using this link:

<https://www.hyatt.com/events/en-US/group-booking/INDRI/G-CGCS>

The cutoff date for the group rate is Tuesday, May 19, 2026.

Space is limited. Call to make reservations as soon as possible. A valid credit card is required and applied to first night of reserved stay. Hotel Cancellation Policy: Deposits are refundable for cancellations occurring up to 48 hours prior to arrival.

Conference Registration Refund and Cancellation Policy:

All conference registration cancellations, refund requests, or substitutes must be made in writing and emailed to Gregory Bacon at gbacon@cgcs.org. Registrations cancelled on or before May 18, 2026, will receive a full refund.

Cancellations made May 19th - May 26th will be billed or refunded 50% of the registration fee. Cancellations after May 26th or no-shows during the conference **will not** receive a refund and will be billed the full amount. Purchase orders **will not** be accepted for those registering on-site.

For checks- indicate on check the invoice number, registrant's name, and list name of the conference. (CIO 2026)

This meeting is for Chief Information Officers, Director and Managers of – Enterprise Applications (Business Solutions), IT Infrastructure & Architecture, Project Management, Customer Service & Support, IT Communications, and IT Security.

ABOUT THE COUNCIL

The Council of the Great City Schools brings together the nation's largest urban public school systems in a coalition dedicated to the improvement of education for children in the inner cities. The Council and its member school districts work to help our schoolchildren meet the highest standards and become successful and productive members of society. The organization also helps to build capacity in urban education with programs to boost academic performance and narrow achievement gaps; improve professional development; enhance the opportunity to learn; and strengthen leadership, governance, and management. The Council accomplishes its mission by connecting urban school districts from coast to coast who work under similar conditions.

COUNCIL DISTRICT MEMBERS

Albuquerque, Anchorage, Arlington (Texas), Atlanta, Aurora (Colorado), Austin, Baltimore, Birmingham, Boston, Bridgeport, Broward County, Buffalo, Charleston, Charlotte-Mecklenburg, Chicago, Cincinnati, Clark County (Las Vegas), Cleveland, Columbus, Dallas, Dayton, Denver, Des Moines, Detroit, Durham, Duval County, East Baton Rouge, El Paso, Fayette County (Lexington), Fort Worth, Fresno, Guilford County (Greensboro, N.C.), Hawaii, Hillsborough County, Houston, Indianapolis, Jackson, Jefferson County (Louisville), Jersey City, Kansas City, Little Rock, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Madison (WI), Memphis-Shelby, Miami-Dade County, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Nashville, New Orleans, New York City, Newark, Norfolk, Oakland, Oklahoma City, Omaha, Orange County (Florida), Palm Beach County, Philadelphia, Phoenix Union, Pinellas County, Pittsburgh, Portland, Providence, Puerto Rico, Richmond, Rochester, Sacramento, San Antonio, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Ana, Seattle, St. Louis, St. Paul, Toledo, Tulsa, Wake County, Washington, D.C., Washoe County (Reno), Wichita, and Winston Salem/Forsyth County



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