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**CITY EDUCATION POLICY ADVISORS TO MEET IN WASHINGTON**  
*May 29-30 Meeting To Promote Mayoral Leadership in Education*

WASHINGTON D.C. ----- In the first meeting of its kind, more than 30 mayoral education policy advisors from cities across the country will convene in Washington, DC on May 29 and 30, as part of a dynamic new effort to help mayors provide greater leadership and involvement in public education. The two-day conference marks the first official event of the Mayors Education Policy Advisors' Network, a collaboration between the National League of Cities (NLC) and U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM).

The advisors will meet to discuss a wide range of pressing policy issues in education with prominent experts, practitioners, and scholars; share best practices in education from their cities; and develop ideas about how mayors can become a greater force for educational improvement in urban America.

**WHAT:** Meeting of mayoral education policy advisors, representing New York City, Philadelphia, San Jose, Indianapolis, Columbus, Austin, Milwaukee, Nashville, Seattle, Denver, Ft. Worth, Portland, other cities.

**WHERE:** Washington Court Hotel, Montpelier Room  
525 New Jersey Avenue, NW

**WHEN:** Thurs. May 29 and Fri. May 30 – A detailed schedule is available online at [www.usmayors.org](http://www.usmayors.org).

Key speakers include Edward Blakely, Dean, Milano Graduate School of Management and Urban Policy at New School University (noon, 5/29); Judith Rizzo, Exec. Director, James Hunt Institute for Educational Leadership and Policy, University of North Carolina (1:15 p.m., 5/29); Gene Bottoms, Senior Vice President, Southern Regional Education Board, Atlanta (2:45 p.m., 5/29); Chester Finn, Thomas Fordham Foundation; and Marc Tucker, National Center on Education and the Economy (noon, 5/30).

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