



Chesapeake Bay / Delaware Valley Chapter

General Membership Meeting

September 17, 2026

12:00 PM

Strengthening learning for all through better environments



WELCOME



Agenda

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Welcome & Introductions

Who's in the room

2

Our Mission, and Why It Matters

The work that connects us

3

Chapter Events: 2026 & 2027

What's on the calendar

4

Get Involved: Our Committees

Five ways to plug in

5

Your Ideas Wanted

Help shape our programming

6

Grow the Community

Bring an educator to the table

Please jump in with questions as we go — this is your meeting.

WELCOME



Meet the Board



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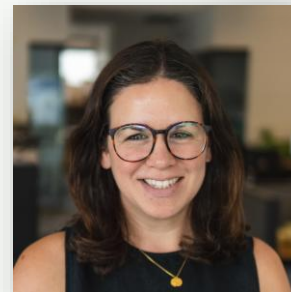
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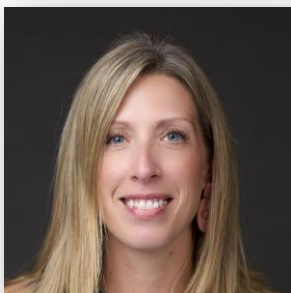
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WHY WE'RE HERE

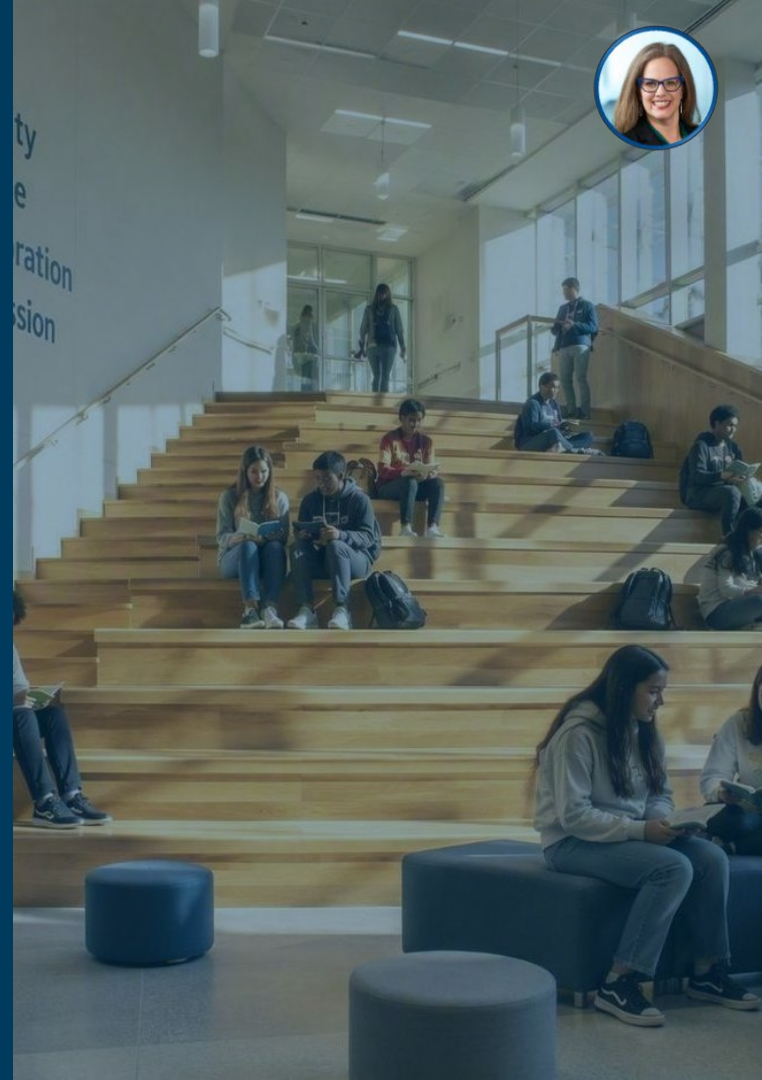
Our Core Purpose

“To strengthen learning for all through better environments.”

OUR MISSION

An interdisciplinary association of professionals working at the intersection of learning and place, driving the evolution of learning environments.

Founded in 1921 · A 501(c)(3) non-profit





What We Believe

Learners First

Students are the ultimate beneficiaries of everything we plan, design, and build.

Place Matters

Facilities shape the learning, development, and behavior of everyone who uses them.

Collaboration

Sharing ideas and resources across disciplines makes the planning process better.

Innovation

We explore what's possible at the intersection of learning and place.

Rounded out by our shared values of diversity, respect, collegiality, and connection.



WHY IT MATTERS

Buildings Teach, Too

The space is part of the lesson

Light, acoustics, air, and layout measurably affect how students learn and behave.

Planning is where quality begins

Great schools are the product of a deliberate, inclusive planning process — not luck.

Nobody does this alone

Educators, planners, designers, and builders each hold a piece of the answer.

That intersection is exactly where this chapter lives.

WHO WE ARE



Our Chapter at a Glance

We serve the Mid-Atlantic around the Chesapeake Bay and Delaware Valley

Washington, D.C. · Maryland · Pennsylvania · Delaware · New Jersey

6

Membership categories

Commercial Sector Individual, Group
or Student; School District/Public
Authority Individual, Group or Student

5

Active committees

Every one of them has
room for you

7

Regions worldwide

We're the Northeast
Region's Mid-Atlantic voice

Chapter leadership: President, President-Elect, Past President, Secretary, and at-large committee chairs.



BEYOND THE CHAPTER



LearningSCAPES: Our Annual Conference

2026 Seattle, WA

November 4–7, 2026 · Seattle Convention Center

“Learning Without Limits: Alternative Environments
for Tomorrow's Students”

Keynotes from George Couros and Eric Sheninger.

2027 Orlando, FL

September 29-October 2, 2027 · Orlando, Florida

Close enough for strong representation of the CBDV
chapter.

Watch for early-bird registration.

Chapter members who attend bring the learning home — and often come back with our next program idea.

BEYOND THE CHAPTER

Northeast Regional Conference



2027 Providence, RI

April 12-14, 2027 · Details to follow

*Watch for Call for Speakers, Call for Tours,
Early Bird Registration, and the Edward
Kirkbride Award submission information.*



COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

Membership Committee

Recruit, engage, and retain a diverse community of professionals dedicated to improving learning environments across the Chesapeake Bay and Delaware Valley region while developing the next generation of A4LE leaders.

- Serve as **ambassadors** for A4LE and the CBDV Chapter.
- **Recruit** prospective members through professional networks and events.
- **Attend** committee meetings and support chapter programming.
- **Welcome** new members.
- **Assist** with membership drives, renewals, and outreach campaigns.
- **Support chapter strategic goals** and **help build a strong professional community** focused on learning environments.



Events Committee

Plan outstanding educational and networking experiences, drive member engagement, support chapter growth, and showcase exemplary learning environments throughout the Chesapeake Bay/Delaware Valley region.

- **Participate** in planning meetings.
- **Identify potential event** topics, facilities, and speakers.
- **Assist** with scheduling and logistics.
- Leverage professional networks to **identify** presenters and host sites.
- **Recruit** attendees and **promote** events within the region.
- **Encourage school district participation**

COMING UP



The Rest of 2026

FALL

Lehigh Valley Academy

Chapter Tour &
Happy Hour

9/22 · Bethlehem, PA

FALL

Furley Elementary

Chapter Tour &
Happy Hour

October · Baltimore, MD

FALL

Reading SD Innovation Academy

Chapter Tour &
Happy Hour

11/16 · Reading, PA

FALL

Design Strategies to Restore Calm, Connection, and Improve Student Success

Virtual Webinar

12/10 · Zoom

RECENTLY BEHIND US

A tour of Ehrman Crest Elementary & Middle School in Cranberry, PA, a tour of AMY at James Martin in Philadelphia, PA and our “Engage to Innovate” webinar on why community voices matter in school design.

Tell us what you'd like to see next.

PLANNING NOW



Looking Ahead to 2027

**Fall/
Winter**

**Rethinking the School Restroom:
How Universal Toilets Influence
Student Behavior and School Culture**

TBD · Online

Virtual Panel Event

Spring

**Clifton Heights
Middle School**

TBD · Clifton Heights, PA

Tour & Happy Hour

Spring

**Our Mother of
Consolation School**

TBD · Philadelphia, PA

Tour & Happy Hour

The calendar is still open

These slots are deliberately blank. The 2027 program will be built from what members ask for — so today's conversation goes straight onto this page.

Bring us a site.

Bring us a topic.

Have a project worth touring, or a topic worth a panel? Say so today or email any committee director.

NEW FOR 2027

Sponsorship Tiers

New partnership levels for organizations ready to support chapter programming and connect with the region's learning-environment community.

Choose the level that fits your goals.



PARTNERSHIP THAT SCALES

VISIBILITY

CONNECTION

IMPACT

Tier details and benefits follow.

NEW FOR 2027!!



Annual Sponsorship Program

	VISION PARTNER \$5,000 4 Available	LEADERSHIP PARTNER \$2,500 8 Available	COMMUNITY PARTNER \$1,250 Unlimited	SMALL BUSINESS PARTNER \$500 Unlimited
Recognition & Visibility	- Premier logo placement on chapter homepage - Logo on all event registration pages - Recognition at every chapter event - Featured sponsor profile on website - Quarterly social media spotlight (4 annually)	- Prominent logo placement on chapter homepage - Logo displayed at all chapter events - Biannual social media spotlight (2 annually)	- Chapter homepage sponsor listing with company link - Logo displayed at all chapter events - Annual social media recognition	- Sponsor listing on chapter homepage - Recognition at chapter events - Annual social media recognition
Marketing Benefits	TWO thought leadership articles or virtual presentations annually	ONE thought leadership article or virtual presentation annually	----	----
Events Benefits	- FOUR complimentary registrations to all chapter programs - Three-minute welcome remarks at one chapter event	TWO complimentary registrations to all chapter programs	ONE complimentary registration to all chapter programs	- ONE complimentary registration to all chapter programs - Member-rate registration at chapter events.
Included with Partnership	Sponsors may designate one representative to participate in the decision-making process for one complimentary School District Membership.		----	----

Partner with Purpose. Invest in our schools. Strengthen our communities.

NEW FOR 2027!!



Mission-Based Sponsorship Opportunities

Public Sector Fellowship Sponsor

\$1,500 | 4 Available

Supports:

- District membership assistance
- Professional development funding
- Regional Conference attendance grants

SchoolsNEXT Sponsor

\$1,500 | 2 Available

Sponsor & Designate: One SchoolsNEXT team.

Supports:

- Student competition participation
- Travel Assistance
- Project Awards

Benefits

- Public Sector Champion recognition
- Logo on fellowship communications
- Recognition at fellowship-supported events.

Benefits

- Recognition at student presentations
- Chapter-wide promotional materials
- Social media recognition
- Mentorship opportunities

May be purchased separately or alongside Annual Sponsorships.



Communications Committee

Serves as the voice of the Chapter by promoting events, sharing member success stories, strengthening engagement, showcasing innovative learning environments, and advancing the chapter's mission through strategic and effective communication

- **Work closely** with the Events, Membership and Sponsorship Committees
- **Develop content** for email campaigns, social media, and website updates.
- **Assist** with writing and editing communications.
- Maintain active chapter **social media** channels.
- **Promote** events before, during, and after execution

Goal for 2027 – Develop Quarterly Chapter newsletter

COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT



SchoolsNEXT

Our international student design competition — and the clearest expression of “learners first” we have.

2026–2027

Registration is open

1

Middle & high school teams

Two separate categories so younger students compete on their own footing.

2

A real design process

Students research, plan, model, document, and present to a jury — start to finish.

3

Mentors are the missing piece

Every team needs a professional guide. That's a few conversations, not a second job.

Know a school that should enter? Know a colleague who'd make a great mentor? Talk to our SchoolsNEXT director.

GET INVOLVED



Five Committees, Five Ways In

1

Membership

Welcome new members, keep our roster healthy, and make sure nobody joins and then disappears.

2

Events

Plan the tours, panels, and socials — and pick the buildings we get to walk through.

3

Sponsorship

Build the partnerships that keep our programming affordable and our reach wide.

4

Communications

Tell the chapter's story through email, social, and the website.

5

SchoolsNEXT

Mentor student design teams and bring the next generation into the conversation.

No experience required, and no committee is closed. Tell us which one interests you before you leave tonight.



What Joining A Committee Actually Involves

Dip a toe

AN HOUR OR TWO, ONCE

Join a committee call and listen.
Suggest a topic. Share a post.
Bring a colleague to one event.

Perfect if you're new or your year is already full.

Lend a hand

A FEW HOURS A QUARTER

Host or co-host a tour. Help line up a speaker. Make an intro to a sponsor. Mentor a SchoolsNEXT team.

Where most of our members land — and where most of the fun is.

Take the lead

A FEW HOURS A MONTH

Chair an event, run a committee workstream, or step toward a board role.

The path most of our current leaders took — including this year's board.

Committee directors are eager for your help — email and we'll connect you.



What Should We Program Next?

IN PERSON

- A building you want to walk through
- A district doing something worth seeing
- A happy hour in a city we haven't visited
- A hands-on workshop or design charrette

VIRTUAL

- A topic that deserves a panel
- A speaker where in-person is not feasible
- A short lunch-and-learn series
- A conversation better suited to a screen

How to send an idea

jbelocura@fdrpa.com · or put your name and idea in the chat and we'll reach out.

GROW THE COMMUNITY

Bring an Educator With You

Our best conversations happen when the people who use these buildings are in the room. Every event you attend, invite a teacher, principal, facilities director, or superintendent who isn't a member yet.

1

Invite one guest

Non-member rates are open to everyone — no membership needed to attend.

2

Make the introduction

Walk them over to a board member. Two minutes changes everything.

3

Then ask them to join

Individual, Group and Student memberships are all available for Commercial Sector and School District/Public Authorities.



REACH OUT. GET INVOLVED.



We're Happy to Connect



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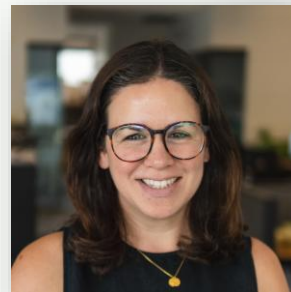
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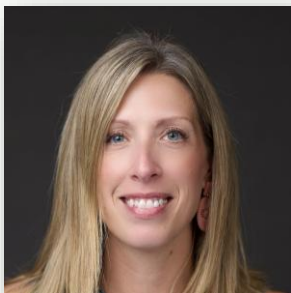
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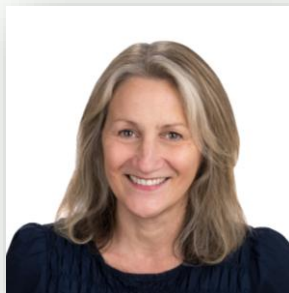
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BEFORE YOU GO

Three Things

1

Sign up

Pick a committee and email the chair, or put your information and desired committee in the chat.

2

Send an idea

One tour, one topic, one speaker. That's all it takes to shape the 2027 calendar.

3

Save the dates

Mark our next chapter events and LearningSCAPES 2026 in Seattle, November 4–7.



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our website*

Thank you for being here.

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THANK YOU!!!

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