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# The Intersection

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## CONFESSIONS OF A PUBLIC SECTOR MEMBER

Dear Fellow Members,

As a member representing the public school system, I joined A4LE to learn how to speak “architectese” and explore the current trends in school design. My experience has been an education in more than just architecture. I discovered that this organization seeks to better understand the environments in which learning takes place and to enhance them through inspiration, collaboration, and innovation. Through my involvement in A4LE, exploring the challenges we all face in school design and operation, I am better informed and can communicate with my administrators for a deeper understanding. For instance, I have been able to communicate the value of outdoor learning environments, opening my district’s thinking beyond the 960 square foot beige box. I have been able to network with peers, providers, and architects to learn how other districts are dealing with challenges such as COVID measures. A4LE has served as my hub of inspiration for facilities planning.



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## Help Widen the Audience

One of the 2021 NorCal-Nev Chapter initiatives is to widen our audience, to reach outside the echo-chamber of our membership. This two-way conversation will help deepen the broader educational community’s understanding of how OUR work can make THEM more successful. It will also better inform our creative processes with first-hand experience from those that are “in the trenches” -- designing curriculum, supporting learning and using the spaces and places we design to fulfill their own mission.

We need YOUR help to widen the audience. We intend to...

- invite non-members to online and in-person chapter events this year
- connect with and survey educators, administrators, experts to hear what they have to say about 2021 and beyond

Click one of the email addresses below to recommend someone in your network that A4LE could learn something from, or could learn something from A4LE.

- Josh Niederman [jniederman@oneworkplace.com](mailto:jniederman@oneworkplace.com)
- John Diffenderfer [jdifferfer@aedisarchitects.com](mailto:jdifferfer@aedisarchitects.com)

## Join an A4LE Chapter Committee Now!

The Chapter runs on volunteer effort to plan and implement events and activities. The more we do, and the higher the quality, the more valuable your membership investment will become. We have endeavored to engage more with the education community we serve this year, creating a two-way dialogue to deepen mutual understanding. To do this we are running five communities:

- Membership Committee - Bill Heinecke [whainick@egusd.net](mailto:whainick@egusd.net)
- Sponsorship Committee - Ryan Tognetti [rtognetti@flintbuilders.com](mailto:rtognetti@flintbuilders.com)
- JEDI Committee - Sherry Sajadpour [sherry@jkaedesign.com](mailto:sherry@jkaedesign.com)
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- Events/Programs Committee - Paul Nadeau [paul.nadeau@gilroyunified.org](mailto:paul.nadeau@gilroyunified.org)

All will benefit from your involvement. Click this button to sign up to help!

<https://bit.ly/2ZUF96v>

Sign up

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### SPRING 2021 INTERACTIVE WEBINAR EVENT

To make the joint NorCal/Nev + SoCal Chapter virtual event great we just needed more time to plan, and we decided to make it a two part series. mark your calendars for the two dates shown here!

## FOR YOUR CALENDAR

### LEARNINGSAPES 2021

October 14-18, 2021 in Denver  
 Annual Intn'l conference that  
 “offers it all”  
 Proposals due March 15, 2021

### APRIL 20, 2021 and May 4, 2021

*Revised Date!*  
 Planning for a joint NorCal/Nev + SoCal Chapter  
 virtual event is underway. Watch for further  
 announcements.

### SCHOOLS AS CENTER OF COMMUNITY SYMPOSIUM

April 14 & 15  
 “It’s time to reimagine the school  
 campus as a community center.”

### SW REGIONAL CONFERENCE

The dates for this event are still up in  
 the air! Announcements will be made  
 once this is settled!