

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY 9, 2020

**RETURN TO SCHOOL PANEL
VIRTUAL EVENT**

AUGUST 2020

**TOUR RESCHEDULE!
CHINOOK TRAILS MIDDLE SCHOOL
VIRTUAL EVENT**

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PAST EVENT

MARCH 2020

**GREEN SCHOOLS CALL TO ACTION
DENVER, CO**

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**COVID-19 SERIES: COLORADO DISTRICTS
RETURN TO SCHOOL**

VIRTUAL PANEL JULY 9, 2020 10:00AM - 11:15AM

REGISTER NOW FOR THIS FREE EVENT!

The A4LE Rocky Mountain Chapter is hosting a panel discussion composed of school district members who will speak to each district's re-entry plan for fall 2020. This first webinar will cover big picture planning developments like student drop off, classroom size, scheduling, and utilization of space. Panelists will discuss their own district's plan and then we will have time for Q&A from the audience to learn more about re-entry. This is the first webinar in a three-part series. In August we will discuss how schools are planning to address indoor environmental quality, and in the fall we will hear an update on how things are going and what adjustments were needed.

Speakers:

Wayne Blazek, Douglas County SD

Stephanie Schroeder, Boulder Valley SD

Amy Spatz, Aurora Public SD

Denille LePlatt, Colorado Department of Education

**RESCHEDULED:
CHINOOK TRAIL MIDDLE SCHOOL**

ACADEMY SCHOOL DISTRICT #20

VIRTUAL TOUR AUGUST DATE TBD

STAY TUNED FOR INFORMATION TO RSVP TO THIS FREE EVENT!

Worth the wait! Join us for a virtual tour of the first new stand-alone middle school for Academy District 20 in over 20 years and was the largest project in the 2016 bond. Through a community design workshop process, it was determined that the building should focus on project based learning, student wellness and connections to nature. The building was designed utilizing WELL Building criteria with an emphasis on healthy and positive spaces.



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During the 2019 Green Schools Conference, districts and industry partners were challenged to take action key initiatives areas to drive healthy and sustainable schools.

On Feb 27, A4LE partnered with USGBC for an energizing followup event hosted by OfficeScapes. Experts led deeper discussions focused on five provocative topics: electrifying schools, cafeteria food sourcing, EV & battery storage energy solutions, owner conversations and zero waste. Although schools are currently focused on COVID_19 risk reduction, these broader issues are still relevant to the ongoing health and sustainability of Colorado educational environments.



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Key highlights from the Green Schools roundtables in February include:

Battery Storage and Electric Vehicles (EV):

- City of Denver requirement - EV-ready charging stations
- Building and transportation departments merge
- Drive demand from the general public and market forces
- Passive battery storage from renewable energy
- Require PV with EV purchase

Cafeteria Food Sourcing:

- Open cafeterias all day for "quick serve" options
- Keep students on campus with industry partnerships
- Craft meals with less steps, more efficiency and better flow
- Create multi-functional kitchens
- Examine compost stations and look for cost effective options

Electrification:

- Reduce heating demand - better building envelopes and mechanical systems
- Alter utility rates to reflect "cheap" electrical power generated by renewables
- On-site power generation: involve kid in renewable energy
- Utilize Battery storage

Owner Conversations:

- Sustainability gets lost in need vs funding debate
- Focus on ROI and longevity
- Look to grants to drive initiatives. walkingmountain.org
- Share success stories like Eagle County Schools and LED lighting replacement

Zero Waste:

- Challenges include cost, access markets, and training of students and staff
- Focus on training to generate buy-in
- Build time for recycling and waste diversion into construction schedule
- Create clear plan for waste diversion efforts for AEC teams
- Join other districts to create partnerships for waste diversion
- District-wide competition between schools for highest waste diversion

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