



GREEN SCHOOL SUMMIT for FACILITIES & SUSTAINABILITY STAFF Thursday, February 25th & Friday, February 26th

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

About this Event

With like-minded school staff, share best practices for creating and maintaining learning environments that are healthier for students, teachers, and the planet while gaining strategies to connect your important work to the classroom. This summit is designed to engage school facilities, energy, and sustainability staff and non-profit partners working to help green schools.

This educational summit is hosted by the Center for Green Schools and the Green Schools National Network.

Thursday, February 25th | 12:00 – 5:00 pm EST

Session One: School and District Climate Commitments | 12:00 – 2:00 pm EST

Pressure from communities and youth is mounting on school systems to step into leadership roles and take action on climate change. Several school districts have adopted formal climate commitments to lay out a vision to guide decision-making. This panel will feature three districts that have taken this step, each following a different path, and will explore how the commitment was established and what has or has not made it effective so far.

12:00pm – 12:30pm: Session kick-off and attendee introductions

12:30pm – 1:10pm: Panel presentations

1:10pm – 1:30pm: Small group conversations

1:30pm – 2:00pm: Q&A with panelists

2:00pm – 2:15pm: Wellness break

Session Two: Healthy Schools and COVID-19 Response | 2:15 – 4:00 pm EST

At no other time in recent memory has there been so much focus on school facilities' role in keeping students and teachers healthy. Building and maintaining schools for health has been a focus of the green school movement since the beginning, and the current spotlight has the potential to bring additional attention to long-needed policies and practices within schools. This panel discusses building-related COVID response and the potential long-term implications of schools' current actions.

2:15pm – 2:30pm: Welcome back and introductions

2:30pm – 3:10pm: Panel presentations

3:10pm – 3:30pm: Small group conversations

3:30pm – 4:00pm: Q&A with panelists

4:00pm – 5:00pm: Facilitated topical chats (to be announced)

Friday, February 26th | 12:00 – 5:00 pm EST

Session Three: Innovations in Energy Infrastructure for Schools | 12:30 – 2:00 pm EST

Renewable energy, battery, and electrification technologies are rapidly evolving and will significantly change sustainability strategy at school systems. With more school decision-makers considering net zero energy construction and more fully understanding the impact of energy usage on climate change, it is critical for sustainability leaders to be up-to-speed and ready to act when the opportunity is presented. This panel features experts who will provide updates and representatives from school districts on the leading edge.

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Virtual Green School Tour of Rochester School, Chia, Columbia | 2:15 – 4:00 pm EST

2:15pm – 2:30pm: Welcome back and introductions

2:30pm – 4:00pm: Virtual green school tour of Rochester School campus and facilitated conversation with the tour hosts: school architect, sustainability director and sustainability curriculum coordinator

4:00pm – 5:00pm: Facilitated topical chats (to be announced)