



SUMMIT



GREEN SCHOOL SUMMIT for GREEN BUILDING PROFESSIONALS

Thursday, February 18th & Friday, February 19th

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

About this Event

Dive deeper into the future of green schools through an engaging dialogue about how design should effectively respond to and enable sustainability education and how building industry professionals can help schools live into the promise of greener schools.

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

Thursday, February 18th | 12:00 – 5:00 pm EST

Session One: Design for Resilience | 12:00 – 2:00 pm EST

The COVID-19 pandemic has stretched the resilience of our communities and our buildings, and it has highlighted the importance of planning for future stressors. How can the building industry respond to support the education sector? This panel will provide reflections on how regenerative design can lead to increased resilience and will share specific examples from the field to give participants tools for implementation.

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: Design for Social Equity | 2:15 – 4:00 pm EST

The past year has seen a widespread reexamination of how racial injustice and inequity has impacted every facet of our lives and the lives of our communities. Schools around the country are taking a renewed look at how they are acting against the forces of racism and inequity and supporting and educating all students more effectively. This session will provide participants with specific examples and tools that can be used in the design process to promote social equity.

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 19th | 12:00 – 5:00 pm EST

Session Three: Design for Sustainability Education | 12:00 – 2:00 pm EST

Our climate crisis demands leadership from every sector—individuals and businesses that are influenced and may in the future be led by the students in our schools. Sustainability education is essential, and the design of school environments can support its success. Our choices about how to design schools signal how seriously we're taking students' futures, their future struggles with climate change, and their future opportunities for a green and strong economy. This panel will give rich examples of school buildings that have been designed with student learning at the center—and, in particular, students learning how to build a more sustainable future.

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

1:30pm – 2:00pm: Q&A with panelists

2:00pm – 2:15pm: Wellness break

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 – 3:10pm: Virtual green school tour of Rochester School Campus

3:10pm – 4:00pm: Facilitated conversation with the tour hosts: school architect, sustainability director and sustainability curriculum coordinator

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