

Green Schools Panel Discussion: A holistic approach to greening your building culture and curriculum

Panelists will share the story of how three school districts in Colorado have “gone green” and how they have brought sustainability into the classroom.

The Road to a Green School District: 10 Steps Along the Way

Green schools provide healthy learning environments that save energy, resources and money. This session will identify 10 strategies for accelerating sustainability initiatives while driving down costs.

Making Power Purchase Agreements Work for Your School

Two school districts will present on their experience with working with Solar Providers to install PV systems on schools using Power Purchase Agreements.

Educating for Sustainability: The Denver Green School Story

Mimi Diaz and Craig Harrer, Lead Partners at Denver Green School, will discuss how (and why) they integrated Educating for Sustainability standards into Denver Green School’s curriculum.

GEO K-12 Program Update

An update on the K-12 programs from GEO included recent accomplishments and upcoming opportunities.

Best of BEST (Building Excellent Schools Today)

A description of the BEST program, case studies of participating schools, and overview of how to participate.

Daylight Retro-fitting for Existing Schools

The average age of school buildings in the United States is 42 years. These existing buildings need to be retrofitted for daylighting in order to reduce energy consumption and improve educational outcomes.

Beyond Design and Construction: Greening Your School through Sustainable O+M

An interactive, engaging session on low/no-cost, easy to implement, measurable strategies that address waste management, energy and water savings, healthy food, indoor environmental quality, healthy materials, and procurement policies.

Green Schools Legislation for Colorado: A Roundtable Discussion with Policymakers, Practitioners and Advocates This interactive discussion will examine potential policy options for greening Colorado’s school buildings.

A Tale of Two Schools

Case study of two similarly constructed schools in Colorado and lessons learned through energy use comparisons.

Composting with Kids: Importance of Reconnecting with our Soil

An overview of composting, and description of how to implement at a school, create buy in, and educate staff and students.

20 Ways Creative Design Can Make Your Students Smarter

This program will examine 20 creative building features that teach students the environmental impacts of their school while developing stewards of our earth’s resources and helping them to learn outside a traditional classroom.



USGBC Colorado is proud to welcome award-winning author, illustrator, filmmaker and environmental lecturer Lynne Cherry to the Green Schools Summit. Lynne is the producer and director of seven short movies that tell the stories of young people who have reduced the carbon footprint their homes, schools, communities and states. Lynne will be signing books and screening her film series “Young Voices on Climate Change.” She has written and/or illustrated over thirty books for children inspired by her own deep reverence for the natural world.

