

# A4LE and EDmarket Unite to Shape the Future of Learning Environments

The Association for Learning Environments (A4LE) and the Education Market Association (EDmarket) are joining forces to create a powerful new association dedicated to reimagining where and how students learn. By uniting the expertise of two respected leaders in the education industry, this merger will accelerate innovation and expand opportunities to design learning spaces that inspire, engage, and empower every student.

Following joint analysis, strategic alignment, and financial review, the boards of both organizations unanimously agreed that combining strengths will create a stronger voice for the industry and deliver greater value for members worldwide.

"Together, we have the power to reimagine learning environments worldwide, strengthening our voice, expanding impact, and enriching the knowledge that shapes spaces where students learn. By uniting our leaders, members, and staff, we can inspire greater success for every student," said Darlene Akers, EDmarket Chair.

"By uniting A4LE and EDmarket, we amplify a shared mission to create exceptional learning environments for every student—strengthening our voice, combining our resources, and expanding our impact so that educational spaces everywhere truly inspire learning and success," said Ryan Bultena, A4LE Chair.

### **Commitment to Members**

- A4LE and EDmarket will continue to operate independently through 2026
- Membership, services, and events remain unchanged during this transition.
- Flagship events—LearningSCAPES and EDspaces—will continue as planned, providing the same benefits and discounts.

## **Merger Timeline**

- January 1, 2026: Interim Governance & Legal Consolidation Begins
- Early 2027: We will have a unified association in place with a mission, vision, and values dedicated to serving the needs of all stakeholders, advancing high-performing, sustainable, and innovative learning environments everywhere.

## **About This Partnership**

Together, A4LE and EDmarket represent the full spectrum of expertise driving innovation in education—from architects and planners who shape the spaces, to the manufacturers, dealers and educators who bring them to life. This merger creates a single, global community committed to designing dynamic, sustainable, and student-centered learning environments that prepare the next generation for success.

For the latest information, please see: a4le-edmarket-merger.org

Together, we shape the future of learning.

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