



Speaker Biographies

Workshop: Taking LEED to School: Market Transformation Through Next – Generation School Facilities

Location: Galaxy Theater

Nathaniel Allen, Green Schools Advocacy Lead

Nate supports the ongoing development of the U.S. Green Building Council's National Green Schools Campaign. Through partnerships with national education organizations, schools, and local, state and federal governments, Nate educates elected officials and national advocates about the benefits of green educational facilities for students, teachers, and communities. In particular, Nate works closely with a network of leading mayors, state legislators, and representatives on Capitol Hill to develop resources and promote programs that encourage the vision of green schools for all within this generation.

Prior to joining USGBC, Nate taught history and political science at Winchester College in the United Kingdom. Nate holds a bachelor's degree in urban history from the University of Pennsylvania, where he was also captain of the heavyweight rowing team. He resides in his home city of Washington, D.C.

Franklin J. Brown, A.I.A., LEED AP, REFP

Mr. Brown practiced architecture for 22 years before joining the Department of Education in 1996 where he administered projects under the Classroom Facilities Assistance Program. He joined the staff of the School Facilities Commission as it was founded in 1997. He has served on the authors committee for the School Facilities Design Manual since 1997 and continues to manage the annual up-dating process. Mr. Brown has managed the State Energy Conservation Program known as HB-264 from 1996 to 2004. He served as President of the Ohio Chapter of the Council of School Facilities Planners, International and is currently the Secretary of the Midwest Great Lakes Chapter.

Carole Olshavsky, Senior Executive of Capital Improvements, Columbus City Schools

Carole Olshavsky has served as Senior Executive of Capital Improvements for Columbus City Schools since April, 2003 managing a \$1.3 billion school reconstruction program for Columbus City Schools. She is responsible for the replacement or renovation of 118 urban school buildings to house 50,000 pre-kindergarten through 12th grade students. Thirty-four schools are completed, 11 are in design. These schools have all been designed as 21st century learning environments as well as high performing energy efficient buildings. The schools currently in design are required to achieve LEED silver certification at a minimum and all include innovative indoor and outdoor learning spaces. The program is a partnership with the Ohio School Facilities Commission with the Columbus community providing 70% of the funding. Carole also oversees the district's real estate portfolio including acquisition of new property and leasing of vacant buildings to private, parochial and charter schools as well as other academic and social services agencies.