Advancing Education through Digital Transformation: A4L and PESC Collaborating for Success

WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, UNITED STATES, August 1, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- In a joint announcement, two well established education community standards bodies have agreed to develop a closer partnership with the goal of scaling K-12 and Postsecondary data standards efforts. The Access 4 Learning (A4L) Community and the Postsecondary Electronic Standards Council (PESC) are formally coordinating their work to align the adoption of secure, trusted, free and open data standards and methods across the P-20W domain.

Access 4 Learning Community

Simple. Secure. Scalable. Standard.

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"Through this new partnership A4L and PESC will have a tremendous impact on seamless interoperability of education data from early childhood through postsecondary and into the workplace," reports Dr. Benjamin Silberglitt, A4L Association Board Co-Chair. "The privacy, security and interoperability of education data is life long and demands greater cooperation between K-12 and higher education" adds David Moldoff, PESC Board Co-Chair, "This partnership will ensure the data follows a learner centric design emphasizing how all stakeholders can participate supporting the foundation of digital systems."

Watch for the announcement of a joint A4L/PESC Summit highlighting the opportunities and impact of this new partnership on the P-20W ecosystem.

About the Access 4 Learning Community
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