Access 4 Learning Community announces new partnership with HR Open Standards and Continued PESC Alignment

Washington, DC, 26 November, 2019 ---The Access 4 Learning (A4L) Community is proud to announce a new partnership with HR Open Standards to further the development of simplified Human Resources-related data exchanges and a continuation of the partnership with the Post Secondary Electronics Standards Council (PESC) for pK to higher education learning data access.

“This group represents over 60 years of experience in interoperability focused projects via well-established and transparent, governance, finance, and development processes... allowing for collaboration between the organizations to ensure the best outcome for the education and employment industries.” touts Kim Bartkus, Executive Director HR Open Standards.

Enhancing the partnership between PESC, the A4L Community, and HR Open Standards is the work with the US Chamber of Commerce Foundation on the T3 Network Pilot Project the ‘Comprehensive Learner and Worker Record’. This project looks to identify the gaps in and develop public-private standards for education, military, and employment records.

“The new A4L Community partnership with HR Open Standards will allow the pK12 marketplace to better address the Every Student Succeeds Act requirement on the ability to standardize ‘per pupil expenditure’ estimation of HR costs, as well as the need to examine equity with respect to school and district staffing ratios and assignment of experienced and qualified teachers”, states Ben Silberglitt, Co-Lead of A4L’s North American Management Board and Chief Strategy Officer, CedarLabs.

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About the Access 4 Learning Community

There is no other global community made up of educational marketplace product and service providers and the customers they serve, collaborating daily to address real world learning information and resource issues. The Access 4 Learning (A4L) Community, previously the SIF Association, is a unique, non-profit collaboration composed of schools, districts, local authorities, states, US and International Ministries of Education, software vendors and consultants who collectively address all aspects of learning information management and access to support learning. The A4L Community is “Powered by SIF” Specifications as its major technical tool to allow for this management and access simply, securely and in a scalable, standard way regardless of the platform hosting those applications. The Access 4 Learning Community has united these education technology end users and providers in an unprecedented effort to give teachers more time to do what they do best: teach. For further information, visit https://www.A4L.org

About HR Open Standards

The HR Open Standards Consortium is the only independent, non-profit, volunteer-led organization dedicated to the development and promotion of a standard suite of HR-XML and HR-JSON specifications that simplify Human Resources-related data exchanges. Learn more and download the HR-XML and HR-JSON data exchange standards from the HR Open Standards website. For further information, visit https://hropenstandards.org/

About Post Secondary Electronics Standard Council (PESC)

PESC is an international, 501 (c)(3) non-profit, community-based, umbrella association of data, software and education technology service providers; schools, districts, colleges and universities; college, university and state/provincial systems; local, state/provincial and federal government agencies; professional, commercial, vendor and non-profit organizations; and non-profit associations & foundations. Through open and transparent community participation, PESC enables cost-effective connectivity between data systems to accelerate performance and service, to simplify data access and research, and to improve data quality along the Education lifecycle. PESC envisions global interoperability within the Education domain, supported by a trustworthy, interconnected network built by and between communities of interest in which data flows digitally and seamlessly from one community or system to another and throughout the entire ecosystem when and where needed without compatibility barriers but in a safe, secure, reliable, legal, and efficient manner. For more information, visit https://www.pesc.org