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North American A4L Community announce 2020 leadership

Washington, DC, 18 March, 2020--- The Access 4 Learning (A4L) Community in North America is proud to announce the North American Management and Technical Boards for 2020. The Management Board brings a wealth of experience and knowledge in education, data management, technology and business acumen. The Board will oversee management of the SIF Specification and guide development of the A4L Community in North America as well as contribute to the development of strategies for the global Community.

Community members elected to serve on the 2020-2021 North American Management Board are:

- Michelle Elia, CPSI Ltd
- Allen Miedema, Northshore School District
- Mike Nutter, Vinson Consulting
- Ben Silberglitt, CedarLabs

These join fellow Community members who will serve the second of their 2-year term on the NA Management Board:

- Andrea Bennett, CITE
- Peter Drescher, Vermont Agency of Education
- George Gatsis, Follett School Solutions
- Jessica Kallin, Utah State Board of Education
- Jim McGlynn, Public Consulting Group
- Jay Pennington, Iowa Department of Education

In addition, the Community is delighted to welcome back Ross Santy, NCES as the US Department of Education Liaison, and Steve Smith, CIO Cambridge Public Schools MA as a representative of the Student Data Privacy Consortium (SDPC) Governance group.

“I am thrilled to welcome this knowledgeable and influential group of thought leaders actively involved in supporting education data management, movement and utilization, to the North American Management Board for this coming term”, touts Larry L Fruth II, PhD., Executive Director/CEO, A4L Community. “These volunteers are leading the education marketplace’s maturation into real world

solutions developing interoperability and data privacy for schools, states and marketplace providers across the country and the entire Community.”

Also held were elections for the North American Technical Board, who provide the technical oversight for the SIF Specifications (North America). The elected 2020 North American Technical Board At-Large seats were:

- Alex Jackl, Bardic Systems
- Danielle Norton, Massachusetts Executive Office of Education
- Roger Petersen, Iowa Department of Education
- TQ White II, cmERDc

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About the Access 4 Learning Community

There is no other global community made up of educational policymakers, marketplace product and service providers and the customers they serve, collaborating daily to address real word 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>