

# Keynote Speaker: Mr. John Perricone

## Why Am I a Teacher?



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### Developing a Philosophical Identity

With over twenty-seven years of classroom experience and numerous local, state, and national excellence in teaching awards to his credit, it is Mr. Perricone's thesis that "we teach who we are" and that one's philosophy of life is intimately tied to one's philosophy of education and that it is this "philosophical identity" which ultimately distinguishes those who find joy and passion in the teaching profession from those who find drudgery and simply pick up a paycheck every two weeks. In his one hour and forty-five minute lecture/workshop entitled: ***"Why Am I A Teacher?: Developing a Philosophical Identity"*** he will compellingly invite his audience to participate in a series of introspective exercises that are designed to help educators better know themselves and the professional path upon which they have embarked. For anyone serious about the teaching profession, this is an experience not to be missed.

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