## Keynote Speaker: Mr. John Perricone

## Why Am I a Teacher?





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## Developing a Philosophical Identity

With over thirty 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 address

## "Why Am I A Teacher?: Developing a Philosophical Identity"

Mr. Perricone will ask teachers to reflect upon the profundity of their mission as educators.

He will provide insights, guidance, and philosophy (through practical, interactive exercises and discussions) that speak to the very soul of what it means to truly inhabit the identity, acumen, artistry, and passion of being a teacher.

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