



Superintendent Update: March 24, 2014

Quote for the week: “If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant: if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome.”—Anne Bradstreet

### **News for the week:**

I want to wish everyone a happy two day break this Thursday and Friday. I decided to do a very short update to advise our faculty of a tremendous professional development opportunity. This will be going out on Monday, the 24<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of encouraging some of our teachers and administrators to sign up for this particular professional development.

The opportunity I am referring to is Todd Whitaker, who will be speaking at Dunbar Auditorium on July 31, 2014, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon). I want to encourage our teachers to sign up as this opportunity will be open to schools outside our area in the near future and I definitely don't want our teachers to miss out on the opportunity. Teacher will be able to use this offering as a part of the flex day tradeoff. This would be ½ day of flex. Please use the following link to sign up to hear Todd Whitaker on July 31, 2014 at Dunbar Auditorium:

[http://www.escweb.net/ar\\_esc/catalog/session.aspx?sessionId=205254](http://www.escweb.net/ar_esc/catalog/session.aspx?sessionId=205254)

Please go to [www.toddwhitaker.com](http://www.toddwhitaker.com) to become familiar with the work of Dr. Whitaker. He is able to put the work of a teacher and principal in a context which is humorous, but also very helpful. I will guarantee the 3 hour session will fly by. Please enjoy the information below as a short summary of his credentials.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VXCl2fMsdTU&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VXCl2fMsdTU&feature=player_embedded)

Here is another little bit of information.

Dr. Todd Whitaker has been fortunate to be able to blend his passion with his career. Recognized as a leading presenter in the field of education, his message about the importance of teaching has resonated with hundreds of thousands of educators around the world. Todd is a professor of educational leadership at Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Indiana, and he has spent his life pursuing his love of education by researching and studying effective teachers and principals.

Prior to moving into higher education he was a math teacher and basketball coach in Missouri. Todd then served as a principal at the middle school, junior high, and high school levels. He was also a middle school coordinator in charge of staffing, curriculum, and technology for the opening of new middle schools.



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One of the nation's leading authorities on staff motivation, teacher leadership, and principal effectiveness, Todd has written over 30 books including the national best seller, *What Great Teachers Do Differently*. Other titles include: *Shifting The Monkey*, *Dealing With Difficult Teachers*, *10 Minute Inservice*, *The Ball*, *What Great Principals Do Differently*, *Motivating & Inspiring Teachers*, and *Dealing With Difficult Parents*.

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