

SCHOOL SUPERINTEDENT TESTIMONIALS

On behalf of Billy Riggs, Master *DIS*-illusionist!

In my 40+ years in education, your opening day program was the very best I have ever attended – everyone in attendance can't stop talking about it! Thank you so much for your inspiring message delivered in an extremely entertaining context! We're off to a great start! Every school district should experience such a motivational get-together as you provided to us last week. I'm not sure if I mentioned it to you, but this was my last "opening day" as I am retiring after this school year. I wanted to leave them with an opening they would remember for a long time and you delivered! A few of my district colleagues have come up to me already and said they feel sorry for whoever replaces me as they will have to top your program and that won't be easy! I told them all that I doubted you could be topped. **Paul M Rigda, Superintendent, Elyria City School District, Ohio**

This was my 45th first-day in-service program. It was truly the best ever! I have never experienced teachers and staff giving any guest speaker a standing ovation as you received. Your presentation was truly fantastic, inspirational and magical! Many staff members thanked me for bringing you into our district. **Charles Earling, Superintendent, Monroe Township Public Schools, Williamstown, New Jersey**

One of the best motivational and inspirational programs I have ever been associated with. Just awesome! **Gene Burton, Superintendent, Rockwall Independent School District, Rockwall, Texas**

Extremely uplifting and absolutely invigorating! **Antoinette Cavanaugh, Superintendent, Elko County School District, Elko, Nevada**

Outstanding! The most effective in-service I've attended in 20 years as an educator! Billy Riggs understands our youth and what it takes [for teachers] to motivate them. **James Feil, Superintendent, Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District, Michigan**

Excellent, very rewarding and entertaining. Like no other speaker I've ever seen. Inspirational and motivational. **Doug Buchanan, Principal and Interim Superintendent, Lasara ISD, Lasara, Texas**

Thank you so much for the Back-to-school program you presented for our entire school system staff. The balance of magic and motivation in your message was perfect. In my 30 years of education, this was by far the best opening of school program I have witnessed. **Ed C. Nichols, Jr., Superintendent, Decatur City Schools, Alabama**

*Excellent presentation filled with valuable information to motivate all of us who so strongly believe in public education. **Jim Gottinger, Superintendent, Lake Geneva Schools, Wisconsin***

*Excellent program. I always enjoy messages that are positive, entertaining and thoughtful. **Jim Lotts, Superintendent, Parker USD, Arizona***

*Message is very direct and makes any serious educator consider their role in making a difference in lives of children. **Pete Everson, Superintendent, St. Ignace Area Schools, Michigan***

*Teachers and staff usually hate Professional Development days. With speakers like you, everyone will look forward to learning on those days! You were so engaging for everyone, from the part-time custodians to the high school advanced mathematics teacher. The magic was awesome but your message really spoke to our staff, providing a boost we wouldn't have had without you. Best of luck to you as you continue to inspire others! **Dr. Carol Maher, Superintendent, Marshall Public Schools, Marshall, Missouri***

*Billy's presentation was effective beyond my hopes. The many e-mails and phone calls thanking us for having him were proof of the power of his message. **Jeff Seymour, Superintendent, El Monte Public Schools, Los Angeles, California***

*Excellent presentation that made you think while keeping you laughing. **Austin Thacker, Superintendent, Frankston Independent School District, Frankston, Texas***

*Billy's presentation drives home the importance of teachers loving children. His performance is inspiring, funny, and pragmatic and his use of illusions to emphasize educational tenets made this year's in-service one our best ever. **Randall K. Little, Superintendent, Escambia County Schools, Alabama***

*Billy Riggs transcended the norm when he delivered the convocation message to our certified and support staff. Humorous, challenging, professional and practical he has a message that resonates with all. His presentation stretched our thinking and deepened our understanding that every child we teach needs our total acceptance and genuine caring, because we are the 'keeper of their dreams'. **Dr. Thomas L. Richey, Superintendent, Henderson County Schools, Kentucky***

*"Billy Riggs was wonderful! He delivers a great message with lots entertainment and fun. He was just what we needed for our group. He was not only inspiring and fun, he gave my staff practical information they can use in their jobs." **Dr. Marlin Berry, Superintendent, Olathe Public Schools, Kansas City, Missouri***

Billy Riggs is a wonderful, encouraging and motivational speaker. His magic entertains as he motivates everyone to meet the needs of the students. **Lee Miller, Superintendent, Jackson County Schools, Florida**

I have always been skeptical of motivational speakers, but you are the very best I have ever heard. Excellent! **Winston Brooks, Superintendent, Albuquerque Public Schools, New Mexico**

Outstanding presentation that includes all school employees in his powerful message and presentation. Thank you for being an inspiration to our whole staff. **Gerald Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Lumberton Independent School District, Texas**

Magical! Spellbinding! Uplifting! **Walter Wallace, Assistant Superintendent, Grenada Hills Charter School, Grenada Hills, California**

Fabulous! Informative, interesting, humorous, motivational! You left us wanting more! **Bill Stewart, Superintendent, Alba-Golden Independent School District, Alba, Texas**

Billy was fantastic! I would recommend him to any school district. He modified his presentation to match our district vision, mission, and goals perfectly. Many of our teachers have said that this was the best Opening Institute we have had in many years. **Cade Douglas, Ph.D., Superintendent, Sevier School District, Utah**

The presentation was very entertaining and the message right on target. I want you to come do a presentation for the students, now. **Leslie Vann, Superintendent, Wellman Union ISD, Texas**

From his illusions to the insightful sharing of his life, Mr. Riggs emphasized that the ability to do great things lies within each of us ... all we have to do is find our 'magic.' His magic is not of the hat and wand --- it's of the heart! **Stephanie Craven, Superintendent, Sheldon ISD, Houston, Texas**

What a smash hit you were! Your combination of magic integrated with your heartfelt delivery reminded us of why we chose to be educators! Thanks for targeting ALL of our employees: teachers, ancillary workers, bus drivers, paraprofessionals and administrators, and stressing how all of them influence students. **Darlene Blair, Assistant Superintendent, Tomball ISD, Texas**

Outstanding and meaningful. Good applied advice for the workplace and life. It was really nice to laugh. **Dennis Runyan, Superintendent, Agua Fria School District, Arizona**

A can't miss speaker – great job – great message! **John Raymond, Superintendent, Saranac Lake Public School District, New York**

Billy reached everyone in the audience: bus drivers, cafeteria workers, custodians and teachers. Everyone left motivated to meet the needs of the students. **Nick Blain, Superintendent, Liberty-Eylau ISD, Texarkana, Texas**

Billy's program was an excellent kick-off to our school year. It wasn't just a home run, it was a grand slam! Our entire staff was engaged and motivated. **David W. Flowers, Superintendent, Zavalla ISD, Texas**

Billy Riggs gets to the heart of education - the students. He makes teachers laugh, think and feel the job of educating our students. **Andrea Hungerford, Superintendent, Springtown ISD, Texas**

I've seen Billy three times now and I always enjoy this presentation. His is the best motivational presentation I've ever seen. I leave feeling more invigorated and ready for a great year. **Brenda Taylor, Superintendent, Gans Public Schools, Oklahoma**

Billy Riggs was awesome, the best motivational program I've ever seen. He brought meaning through the magic and reminded us of the power of believing in each of our students until they can believe in themselves. **Audrey Arnold, Superintendent, White Settlement Schools, Fort Worth, Texas**

Loved the pace of the program and involvement of the audience. Topics really hit home with our staff and it was just what they needed to hear. **Carla Ellis, Superintendent, Broken Bow ISD, Oklahoma**

What a great way to start off the year! The impact a teacher has on a child is not measurable, and their attitude starting out the year is critical. Billy set their attitude high today! **James Henry Russell, Superintendent, Texarkana ISD, Texas**

Excellent. Very well done. It's tough to be humorous and relevant, but you pulled it off. **John Pedicon, Superintendent, Tucson United School District, Arizona**

As a superintendent I am always searching for a speaker who can provide an inspiring as well as funny message. Billy Riggs exceeded my staff's expectation and launched my people into the summer with inspiration. We loved him so much we brought him back for an encore four years later! **Doug Wilson, Superintendent, Marana Unified School District, Tucson, Arizona**

Billy Riggs' speech to our 4,500 school district employees was entertaining, energetic, and encouraging. With his wit and words of wisdom, Billy re-lit a spark

in our educators' souls that is sure to result in a magical year for our students! **Dr. Veronica Guerra, Superintendent, Laredo Independent School District, Texas**

Billy Riggs said exactly the right things to my staff! The message was energetic and motivational and I appreciate it. **Cody Carroll, Superintendent, Meadow ISD, Texas**

The best motivational speaker for teachers prior to school opening. Did a fantastic job. I would recommend him HIGHLY! **Tom Wilson, Superintendent, Barton-Lexa School District, Arkansas**

I have been told by my people that our "New Year Kickoff" was the best in 20 years in St. Helena. The main reason was the Keynote by Billy Riggs. "The Magic of Education" set a very positive tone for the entire 1st week. He said exactly what I hoped he would to launch the new school year. The entire staff loved it. I would encourage you to check out his website, and give him a shot! **Bill McGuire, Superintendent, St. Helena Unified School District, Napa Valley, California**

One of the most inspirational professional development opportunities we have provided for our staff. His humorous approach to motivating teachers is one of a kind and will regenerate their passion for education. **Scott Farmer, Superintendent, Sallisaw Public Schools, Sallisaw, Oklahoma**

If you have not heard Billy Riggs, you have not heard the best inspirational speaker of our times. **Roger Symonds, Superintendent of Facilities, Saranac Lake Central School District, Saranac Lake, NY**

Highly motivational and thought provoking! **Sue Moxley, Superintendent, Lake County Schools, Florida**

Excellent! A special program with so many special messages! **Dr. Harold Hayes, Superintendent, Eldorado Public Schools, Oklahoma**

Billy Riggs' opening day presentation set the stage for our staff to approach the year with a positive attitude in order to have a positive impact on our students. Our staff members have overwhelmingly shared with me how much they enjoyed his presentation and they started the year with a more positive attitude. I can say this has been the best first week of school we have had since I have been in the district. I highly recommend Billy Riggs to your school district. He is an outstanding speaker as well as entertainer. **Leon Smith, Superintendent, Russellville School District, Russellville, Kentucky**

Excellent! The best in-service I've ever seen. Not only full of motivation and excitement, but just what educators need in today's classroom. Dr. Steve Tiger, Superintendent, Ponca City, Oklahoma

Thanks for your great message to our staff at convocation today! Your presentation reinforced many of the things we stress, such as becoming a life changer for kids and the vital importance of attitude and expectations. The addition of your great illusions kept the group engaged and excited throughout your presentation. Thanks again for being with us at GISD! Dr. James M. Largent, Superintendent, Granbury ISD