MICHAEL D. TOTH

Inspiring educators to build world-class schools

Michael D. Toth is founder and Chief Executive Officer of Learning Sciences International. Formerly the president of the National Center for the Profession of Teaching, a university faculty member, and director of research and development grants, Mr. Toth is actively involved in research and development, gives public presentations, and advises education leaders on issues of leadership and teacher effectiveness, school improvement, and professional development systems. He is the author of Who Moved My Standards? Joyful Teaching in an Age of Change: A SOAR-ing Tale, which received the 2016 Best Books Award in the field of education; and co-author, with Robert J. Marzano, of The Essentials for Standards-Driven Classrooms.

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Speaking Topics

Michael D. Toth addresses teachers, school leaders, and superintendents at national conferences, policy forums, and workshops, including past addresses to the U.S. Department of Education and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. He has been featured on Fox Business Network and in The Huffington Post and quoted in Forbes. Mr. Toth focuses on helping educators understand and implement visionary shifts in educational leadership and practice necessary to meet the demands of a 21st century global workforce. His keynotes and addresses have included:

- “SOARing in the 21st Century: Building Future-Proof Skills for Students”
- “Leadership Tracking Systems of the Future”
- “The Heart and Science of Instructional Leadership: Restoring Joy to Teaching and Learning”

Featured Engagements

ASCD
The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO)
RTM Education Congress
Florida Association of Staff Developers
Leadership Conference (FASD)
Learning Forward
Building Expertise (International Marzano Conference)
CCSSO Annual Policy Forum
Florida Department of Education
US Department of Education
Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Convenings
EVSC eRevolution Conference
National Summit for Principal Supervisors
Maine Superintendents Association
Who Moved My Standards?
Joyful Teaching in an Age of Change.
(LSI Publishing, 2016)

Toth pens a touching parable to inspire educators to tackle rigorous new standards with renewed confidence and enthusiasm. Teaching becomes easier and more joyful as students take responsibility for their own learning and peer collaboration. This engaging story and classroom tools help educators and learners SOAR to engaged, relevant, and rigorous learning.

The Essentials for Standards-Driven Classrooms: A Practical Instructional Model for Every Student to Achieve Rigor
(LSI Publishing, 2017)

Co-author, with Robert J. Marzano and Carla Moore

Teacher Evaluation That Makes a Difference: A New Model for Teacher Growth and Student Achievement
(ASCD, May 2013)

Co-author, with Robert J. Marzano

School Leadership for Results: Shifting the Focus of Leader Evaluation
(LSI Publishing, 2015)

Co-author, with Robert J. Marzano and Beverly G. Carbaugh
Michael has the ability to capture audience engagement because the content of his presentation is so powerful. Educators understand that our classrooms have not evolved at the same rate as everything else around us, and it is time for a change. His use of “Old Economy” and “New Economy” simplifies a very complex transformation that must occur across the nation.

I look forward to working with Michael and his team to reshape the delivery of instruction in Caroline County, resulting in higher rates of student achievement. Our classrooms need to increase rigor, provide every student with a voice, and hold every student accountable for their own learning. Caroline County is going to achieve that through its work with Learning Sciences International under Michael’s direction.

—Dr. Patricia Saelens, Caroline County Public Schools Superintendent
We need to create ‘future-proof skills’ for today’s students. The reality is that Artificial Intelligence is developing so fast that 50% of existing jobs will be automated in the next 10 years. Our economy has evolved faster than our education system. So in addition to creating academic competencies, how do we as educators build the new workforce competencies? We work with schools to show them how.

“SOARing in the 21st Century”

Watch a video of Michael presenting at:
https://youtu.be/qxLE4M3TGSc