



2015 NJASECD Conference
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In Academics, Athletics, and the Arts



KEYNOTE PANELISTS

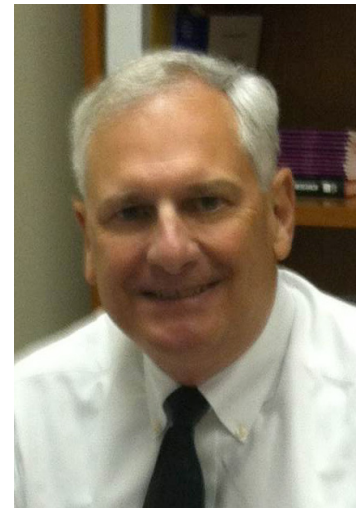


“IN ACADEMICS” – DR. MICHAEL GILBERT

Dr. Michael Gilbert served the Hamilton Township School District, Hamilton Township, New Jersey, as a teacher, principal, and central office administrator for thirty-five years. He is currently the Climate and Culture Specialist for the NJDOE Regional Achievement Center 4, an adjunct professor, and a mentor for new administrators in the Leaders to Leaders Program. He received his doctoral degree in Education Leadership from Seton Hall University. Dr. Gilbert and his wife Judy reside in Lawrenceville, New Jersey, where they raised their three daughters. They are eagerly awaiting their first grandchild in September.

“IN ATHLETICS” – EDWARD CANZANESE

Ed Canzanese enjoyed 39 years as a teacher, coach and administrator for the Cherry Hill School District, retiring on January 1, 2014. As Principal at Rosa International Middle School, Ed was able to work with a great team of teachers who developed their award winning Character Education Program. Highlighting their efforts was Rosa receiving the State School of Character Award in 2008 and 2009 and the National School of Character Award in 2009. His coaching background led him to seek strategies that can be used to develop character in athletics. His work in reforming middle school athletics within the Cherry Hill School System can be found in in Bob Bigelow's 2001 book titled "Just Let The Kids Play." Ed is currently the Coordinator for New Jersey's Leaders to Leaders Program.



“IN THE ARTS” – JAMES J. SARTO III

Mr. Sarto is currently serving as the principal of Benedictine Academy after thirty five successful years serving as high school band director and director of music, supervisor, and administrator at various levels, prior to retiring in July, 2014.

Mr. Sarto earned his BS, MEd., and was a doctoral candidate at Seton Hall University. Mr. Sarto has served as a mentor thru the NJPSA Leaders to Leaders program and is a professional development consultant in the tristate area.

Mr. Sarto is a member of the Executive Board of The New Jersey Alliance for Social and Emotional Character Development, New Jersey Council of Education, ASCD, Phi Delta Kappa, NASSP, BCSSPSA, NAPA, and UNICO National.

Mr. Sarto resides in Pompton Plains, New Jersey with his wife Karen, and four children – Tyler, Matthew, Grace and William.