

2018 NDSBA ANNUAL CONVENTION FEATURED SPEAKERS

Thursday, October 25 – 3:00 p.m.

Opening Session: *Passion! 8 Steps to Reignite Yours*

As professionals, we could all use a little jolt from time to time. This session may be the only time all year when you take a moment to reflect on the things you need to do to reignite the passion that brought you into the workforce in the first place.

World-touring entertainer and actor **Mark J. Lindquist** offers a keynote that is as entertaining as it is enlightening as he sends you out the door on fire.



Audience members will gain an understanding of the importance of an organizational culture that is dedicated to the development of an individual's strengths. The quickest way to reignite a person's passion for what they do is to develop a culture that honors the strengths of the individual and allows them to make major contributions to the organization within their strength zone.

Mark is a nationally recognized motivational speaker and author. He has performed live for over 3 million people in 22 countries and 44 states throughout his career. He is a former sergeant in the United States Air Force and an Afghanistan War veteran who is based out of Fargo, North Dakota.

Friday, October 26 – 8:00 a.m.

General Session: *School Safety—Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow*



In this dynamic, fast-paced, informative and fascinating session, **Michael Dorn** will help dispel many of the common school safety myths that dominate the American media and popular perception of school staff, students, and parents.

Attendees will hear a brief historical overview of major school safety incidents followed by tangible and practical real world action steps to make school a safer place where children can learn more effectively. This session will demonstrate that problems with safety, discipline, and order directly affect test scores using a fact-based rather than fear-based approach to school safety.

As executive director of Safe Havens International, Michael has keynoted hundreds of state, national, and international conferences. He has been a full-time campus safety practitioner for most of the past 35 years and served as a full-time public safety official for 25 years.

In addition to authoring and co-authoring 27 books, Michael has also authored hundreds of articles as well as columns for numerous magazines. Michael's expertise has been routinely utilized by many organizations including the FBI; U.S. Department of Education; National Emergency Management Association; Federal Emergency Management Agency; Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms; U.S. Attorney General's Office; U.S. Department of Homeland Security; and dozens of state police, emergency management agencies, and departments of education.