



## MTASCD Summit

July 31, 2017

Helena, MT

Welcome to the 2017 Montana ASCD Educators Summit. Thank you to SAM for partnering with us to kick off the SAM Summer Institute. We are excited you have chosen to share, collaborate, learn and network. The mission of MTASCD is to build and foster collaborative partnerships to produce meaningful, effective and timely professional learning for all educators. We are pleased to present Principal Baruti Kafele who will challenge us to be the best leaders we can be, regardless of whether you are a teacher leader or an administrator at the state, district or school level.

Today you will learn about “The Intentionality of School Leadership” with a keynote focused on Kafele’s work to “inspire excellence.” We have two afternoon breakout sessions planned for you, one focused on Kafele’s work *The Teacher 50* and the other focused on *The Principal 50*. We’ll talk briefly about the Montana Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development (MTASCD), and what this vibrant organization can do to support you. Finally, we’ll share meeting information about an informal professional learning group called MTASCD Best Practices that meets quarterly to discuss all things related to curriculum and instruction.

Thank you again for joining us today! We trust you will leave with positive energy and enthusiasm for the 2017-18 school year.

-Robin Arnold, President, MTASCD

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**Monday, July 31**

**Room:**

7:00 - 7:45	Registration & Hot Breakfast	<i>Capitol</i>
7:45 - 8:00	Welcome & Overview of Program Robin Arnold, Principal, Morning Star Elementary, MTASCD President	<i>Executive</i>
8:00 - 9:45	General Session -- Principal Kafele <i>- The Intentionality of Effective School Leadership</i>	<i>Executive</i>

In this empowering keynote address, Principal Kafele takes school leaders on a self-reflective journey that will force them to view, with a critical eye, who they are as the leaders of their schools including the *intentionality* behind all aspects of their practice. Principal Kafele will challenge school leaders to look deep within themselves for greater meaning and understanding of their own personal value and worth to their schools.

9:45 - 10:00	Break	<i>Foyer</i>
10:00 - 11:45	General Session Continued -- Principal Kafele	<i>Executive</i>
11:45 - 12:45	Lunch	<i>Executive</i>
12:45 - 1:45	Breakout Session I <i>-The Teacher 50: Critical Questions for Inspiring Classroom Excellence</i>	<i>Executive</i>

An empowering, introspective session that takes teachers on a self-reflective journey designed to challenge them to think deeply and critically about their current practices relative to how they inspire classroom excellence. Teachers will discover numerous ideas for strengthening their practice and investing in student success. This workshop is an indispensable must for teachers who want to give their absolute best in the classroom at all times and under all circumstances.

1:45 - 2:00	Break	<i>Foyer</i>
2:00 - 3:00	Breakout Session II <i>-The Principal 50: Critical Leadership Questions for Inspiring Schoolwide Excellence</i>	<i>Executive</i>

Principal Kafele makes the case that building a learning environment that inspires schoolwide excellence can never be overstated; particularly in lower-performing schools. In this high-energy, highly-engaging session, Principal Kafele will challenge school and district leaders to look critically within themselves through reflective questions about their leadership practices relative to how they inspire energy, excitement and enthusiasm for learning throughout their buildings daily. He will lay out the touchstones for maintaining strong leadership habits, inspiring excellence and collaboration in others, and engaging an entire school community in striving to be the best.

3:00 - 4:00	MTASCD Annual Member Meeting	<i>Executive</i>
4:00	Adjourn	

# Principal Kafele

Recipient of the National Alliance of Black School Educators Hall of Fame Award, the New Jersey Education Association Award of Excellence and the prestigious Milken National Educator Award, Principal Baruti Kafele is ON FIRE! He has distinguished himself as an award-winning educator, an internationally-renowned speaker and a best-selling author.

As an elementary school teacher in East Orange, NJ, Principal Kafele was selected as the East Orange School District and Essex County Public Schools Teacher of the Year. As a middle and high school principal, he led the transformation of four different urban New Jersey schools, including “The Mighty” Newark Tech, which went from a low-performing school in need of improvement to national acclaim, which included U.S. News and World Report Magazine recognizing it as one of America’s best high schools.

One of the most sought-after education speakers in America, Principal Kafele has delivered more than 1000 conference keynotes and professional development workshops since leaving his principalship in 2011! An expert in the area of “attitude transformation,” Principal Kafele is the leading authority for providing effective classroom and school leadership strategies toward closing what he coined, the “attitude gap” - defined as, “the gap between those students who have the WILL to achieve excellence and those who do not.”

A prolific writer, Principal Kafele has written extensively on professional development strategies for creating a positive school climate and culture, transforming the attitudes of at-risk student populations, motivating Black males to excel in the classroom and school leadership practices for inspiring school-wide excellence. In addition to writing several professional articles on these topics for popular education journals, he is the author of eight books which include his national best-sellers, *Closing the Attitude Gap*, *Motivating Black Males to Achieve in School and in Life* and *The Principal 50*. His newest book, *The Teacher 50* was recently released in August, 2016.

Principal Kafele is married to his wife Kimberley, and is the father of their three children, Baruti, Jabari and Kibriya. He earned his B.S. degree in Management Science/Marketing from Kean University and his M.A. degree in Educational Administration from New Jersey City University. He is the recipient of over one hundred fifty educational, professional and community awards which include the City of Dickinson, Texas proclaiming February 8, 1998 as Baruti Kafele Day.



## **MTASCD Board Meetings and Best Practices Calendar:**

September 28-29, 2017

**MTASCD Board Meeting / Science & Engineering Practices, Standards & Materials**  
SAM Office, Helena, Montana

October 18-20, 2017

**Montana Conference of Education Leadership (MCEL)**  
Billings, Montana

November 30 - December 1, 2017

**MTASCD Board Meeting / Whole Child & MTSS**  
Willson School/Morning Star School, Bozeman, Montana

March 1-2, 2018

**MTASCD Board Meeting / Assessment Practices**  
Canyon Creek School, Billings, Montana

June 18, 2018

**MBI Week**  
MSU Bozeman, Montana

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