

COMMENTS FROM SUPERINTENDENTS

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**

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 give 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**

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**

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**

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**

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**

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**

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**

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

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

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**

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. **Doug Wilson, Superintendent, Marana Unified School District, Tucson, Arizona**

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

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**

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

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 inspired, engaged and motivated. **David W. Flowers, Superintendent, Zavalla ISD, Texas**

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**

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**

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**

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**

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 Ellisor, Superintendent, Broken Bow ISD, Oklahoma**

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**

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**

A can't miss speaker – great job – great message! **John Raymond, Superintendent, Saranac Lake, NY**

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**

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

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**

Billy Riggs' speech to our 4,000 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 ISD, Texas**

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**

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**

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**

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

One of the most inspirational professional development opportunities we have ever 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**

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

COMMENTS FROM TEACHERS AND PRINCIPALS

Wow! The best in-service I've ever attended. You were the best speaker I've ever heard because you were directly speaking to me, a teacher. **Aurelia Ogles, Teacher, Leesburg High School, Leesburg, Florida**

Makes the agony of teacher in-service fun and inspiring! **Chris Shima, First Grade Teacher, Hermosa Beach City School District, California**

Fabulous... so true... right on!!! Your words count for LIFE, no matter what your profession. Thank you for super-charging my "want-to" for this upcoming school year! The best program I've ever witnessed. **Julie Williams, Teacher, Texarkana ISD, Texas**

It was the best 2 hours presentation I've been to in a VERY long time. **Donna Holmes, 2nd Grade Teacher, Lukfata School, Oklahoma**

Thank you for such a GREAT motivational show to the teachers and support staff of Bartlesville Public Schools! Your message was awesome and our teachers are still buzzing about how great they felt after the show. People are still talking about our best Back-to-School Rally ever! **Dianne Martinez, Principal, Hoover Elementary School, Bartlesville, Oklahoma**

I have never seen such an awesome presentation! It helped me realize even more how much teaching means to me and how I can influence a child's life. Billy is a wonderful motivational speaker! **Jan McDougal, English Teacher, Wellman-Union ISD, Texas**

Normally I zone out for motivational speakers. But with Billy I didn't even WANT to take out my iphone and play "Angry Birds!" **Kelly Bartilson, Teacher, Woodridge Local Schools, Ohio**

Riveting from beginning to end. Wonderfully relevant. Without doubt the most captivating and enjoyable motivational presentation I've ever attended. **Jim Julhauser, Assistant Principal, Las Cruces Public Schools, Las Cruces, New Mexico**

This show was the most entertaining, funny, and touching I have seen in a long time!! **Sabine Tyler, School Readiness Advocate, Crescent City, California**

Very entertaining and thought-provoking. Best in-service we have ever had! It has given me a new attitude to start a great school year!! **Cindi Avol, Math Teacher, Huntington Beach, California**

“Engaging! I was mesmerized throughout the program. The best motivational program I’ve ever seen.” **Rhonda Smith, Dean of Academics, Liberty High School, Texas**

“Not only were our Teachers of the Year entertained, they were moved by your remarks. We heard many RAVE reviews from teachers who left inspired and re-energized to go back to their own classrooms and strive for success by focusing not on themselves, but on the students. You were a voice of inspiration.” **Bill McCausland, Chief Operating Officer, Texas Excellence in Education, University of Texas**

Fantastic opportunity for me to focus and believe in my abilities and why I love what I do! **Renee Shepherd, Carver Middle School, Leesburg, Florida**

I enjoyed it immensely! It was very motivational, positive messages were awesome and inspiring and I enjoyed the laughter. My passion for what I do was reawakened! **Susan Lara, Head Start Education Specialist, Scurry Community Service, Snyder, Texas**

“You hit home run after home run! I get reminded by my students why I teach. It’s nice to be reminded by an adult that is not close to the situation.” **Julie Graves, Teacher, A+ Academy, Dallas, Texas**

“This was a wonderful mixture of humor, magic, and good common sense that can be directly applied in the classroom.” **Abbie Cumbie, ESL Interventionist, Liberty ISD, Texas**

Very dynamic! Transitions (using magic) to every topic were appealing and appropriate. Highly motivational and captivating. **Cecilia Stark, Teacher, Broken Bow ISD, Oklahoma**

Best Superintendent Day Motivational speaker I have ever heard in 10 years as an educator. **Dermott Morgan, Physical Education Teacher, Petrova Elementary School, Saranac Lake, New York**

Billy’s program is a bottle full of emotions! I laughed and I cried, and was intrigued from beginning to end. **Dana Linker, Special Ed Director, Meadow ISD, Texas**

Positively fascinating! What a great way to start the year. **Lynette Eichenlamb, Teacher, Hermosa Beach City School District, California**

Just absolutely the best hour-and-a-half I've spent in a LONG time! **Sissy Moore, Librarian, Franklin County, Alabama**

Great speaker! The best ever!! **Barbara Jacobs, Second Grade Teacher, Barton-Lexa Schools, Arkansas**

Unique combination of magic, humor, speaking, singing and constant movement to communicate the essence of becoming a great educator. **Michael Neely, Teacher and Coach, Liberty High School, Texas**

Very motivational!!! No matter how long one has taught, he inspired all of us to make a difference in the lives of students. **M. Gregory, Teacher, Lake Travis ISD, Lake Travis, Texas**

At a time when I was leaning toward retiring, you've given me the inspiration to reconsider! Thank you! **Adreanne Rodriguez, Teacher, Mission CISD, Texas**

It was funny, moving and inspiring. I will definitely have a better attitude for the rest of my life!! **Linda R. Cabellon, Teacher, Pasadena USD, California**

The best speaker I've ever heard! Loved him!! Please bring him back! He's awesome and totally hilarious! **April Farley, Librarian, Alamogordo High School, Alamogordo, New Mexico**

Two words: LOVED IT!!!! You gave me the spark I needed to stop focusing on the things that don't really matter. It's about the students, not me! THANK YOU. **Kri Shon Long, Teacher, Moulton Elementary School, Lawrence County Schools, Alabama**

Great concepts. Brilliantly delivered. **Gary Johnson, Teacher, Fruitland Park Elementary School, Leesburg, Florida**

So profound, appropriate, and meaningful! **Dolores Gable, Principal, Rio Hondo Elementary School, Downey USD, California**

Best staff development speaker we have ever had in Huntington Beach CSD!!! **No name given, California**

Billy Riggs is like having inspiration on tap!!! **Matt Kodama, Teacher, Pasadena USD, California**

I laughed so hard I peed my pants! Really! I'm not kidding! **Jayme Glaros, Teacher, A+ Academy, Dallas, Texas**

This was my 31st first day talk. By far the best ever! The use of humor, realism, and practical ideas was believable and useable. **Dick Zemahr, Phys. Ed. Teacher, Saranac Lake High School, Saranac Lake, NY**

Best back-to-school presentation since I've been here! (This is my 10th year). This type of encouragement and entertainment is truly refreshing. **Melinda Lyons, Holloman Intermediate School, Alamogordo Public Schools, Alamogordo, New Mexico**

EXEMPLARY!!! UN-BELIEVEABLE! Keep up the great attitude! **Regina Hudspeth, Teacher, Zavalla ISD, Texas**

Billy is AWESOME! He uses a realistic approach for school districts!!! His presentation is funny, interactive and magical!!! **Ty-Ann Gray, Physical Education Teacher, Woodridge Local Schools, Ohio**

Wow!!! Outstandingly entertaining and meaningful!!! **Randi Bern, Counselor, Marble Falls ISD, Texas**

Very captivating. Best presentation ever! Didn't look at the clock once! **Christine Adams, French Teacher, Saranac Lake High School, Saranac Lake, New York**

Great presentation! I feel that I can take on the world!! (Or at least the kids in my classroom!). **Sheri Valentine, Teacher, Marble Falls ISD, Texas**

Wonderful! The best in-service our district has ever had. I have never laughed so much and felt inspired at the same time! **Melissa Forrowy, Fourth Grade Teacher, Altus, Oklahoma**

The best motivational speaker I've ever heard! Okay, the ONLY one! But WOW! Excellent vehicle to present matters which are serious. Enjoyable and engaging. **Beckie Loe, High School Teacher, Prescott, Arkansas**

Billy is a jack of all trades. He can do a lot of different things all at once. Great, amazing speaker, educator and entertainer. **Roselle Justo-Sales, Teacher, A+ Academy, Dallas, Texas**

Nice presentation! I was ticked off that we were going to take a half-day to watch a magician, but you have an excellent message! Excellent. **No name given, Music Teacher, Woodridge High School, Cleveland, Ohio**

Excellent presentation and message! This applies to all walks of life. Billy keeps it interesting and fun. Thank you for being here today. **Shaun McDowell, Teacher and Coach, Fort Bend ISD, Texas**

WOW! You were the best speaker I've ever heard. The best because you spoke to ME, a teacher. **Aurelia Ogles, Teacher, Leesburg High School, Florida**

Thank you! Lucky to have heard your talk. All teachers are!!! **Allison Dimitri, Teacher, Pasadena USD, California**

This was the best presentation I have attended in 22 years in education. It was humorous, poignant, relevant and extremely entertaining. **Bill Cluckey, Teacher, Saranac Lake High School, New York**

Great speaker!! Very entertaining! I laughed so hard I started crying! **Tiffany Halbarcher, Teacher, Crosby ISD, Houston, Texas**

My attention was on Mr. Riggs at all times. Great inspirational speaker!!! **Kim O'Brien, Teacher, Hermosa Beach, California**

The most amazing speaker and educational professional I have witnessed. **Jason Wamsanz, Physical Education Teacher, Petrova Elementary School, Saranac Lake, New York**

Billy Riggs was so interesting I forgot to get my knitting project out – kept everyone engaged – no one left! **Kay Standefer, Seventh Grade Teacher, Mountain View Middle School, Alamogordo, New Mexico**

Definitely encouraging and uplifting - and sobering at the same time. Reminded me of my duty as a teacher. Thanks. **Melanie Verner, Elementary School Teacher, Crosby ISD, Houston, Texas**

I wish all students could have teachers that make them believe in themselves as you made us believe in ourselves today! Thanks so much! **Sherry Smith, Math Teacher, Franklin County Schools, Alabama**

I didn't know if we could top last year's speaker or not! But we did!! **Ella Murray, Kindergarten Teacher, Altus, Oklahoma**

Entertainment!! Light-hearted, but not a Pollyanna lecture that leaves you sick to your stomach. **Timi Bledsoe, Kindergarten Teacher, Altus, Oklahoma**

A workshop that caused me to think less about what I need and more about what my students need. **Katherine Morton, 6th Grade Teacher, Florida**

Your program was awesome!!! I'll never forget it! It's where the heart is!!! **Eva Jean Woods, Teacher's Assistant, Stonewall Public Schools**

Fascinating, funny, and far-reaching in thought and motivation. **Patti Ross, Dean of Student Learning, Bakersfield College, California**

You are an inspiration and incredibly talented. Your message is powerful and important. Thank you for what you are to the world!! **Michelle Emmons, Second Grade Teacher, Marble Falls ISD, Texas**

You are everything a motivational speaker should be!!! **Lori Koch, Kindergarten Teacher, Hermosa Beach Elementary, California**

You are so passionate about igniting teachers to love and believe in their students and in themselves, as well!!! **Therese Cauchon, Teacher, Pasadena USD, California**

I love including personal experiences and I so much appreciate that everything you said tied into who we are supposed to be. Thank you! Last year, I fell asleep during the presentation, but I enjoyed this so much! **Laura Leigh Jackson, Pre-K Teacher, Altus Public Schools, Oklahoma**

This was a dynamic presentation! The way you related each topic to a magic trick or a life experience made it interesting. **Helena Vickers, Teacher, Carver Middle School, Florida**

By far the best presentation I've ever sat through! Motivational, informative, entertaining, truly beneficial. **Doug Isaacs, Teacher and Coach, Sasakwa Schools, Oklahoma**

This was the first convocation OR motivational speaker I have ever enjoyed. Thank you so much!! **Phil Duffy, Teacher, Crosby ISD, Houston, Texas**

You friggin' rock, Dude! Love the honesty. Teachers need to be hit between the eyes like this. **Ron Bert, Vian ISD, Oklahoma**

I have never laughed so hard and thought so deeply at the same time! **Crystal Cosper, Third Grade Teacher, Stonewall Public Schools, Oklahoma**

Entertaining, spellbinding, useful, uplifting. **Patti Prewett, Teacher, Muldrow High School, Oklahoma**

Hysterically relevant! **Vicki Scarborough, Second Grade Teacher, Altus, Oklahoma**

Very compelling. You motivated me to be better than I've ever been before. The best program I've ever seen at an in-service. **Cheryl Humphries, Teacher, Franklin County Board of Education, Alabama**

"A presentation that appeals to even the most A.D.D. teacher! (You know the ones I mean!)" **Melissa Johnson, Teacher, Muldrow Public Schools**

“Relevant, entertaining, uplifting and memorable.” **Linda Whisenant, High School Spanish Teacher, Muldrow High School, Oklahoma**

“WOW! Super Duper! The presentation was an eye-opener and so motivational, too!” **Mildred Scott, Paraprofessional Aide, Prescott Elementary School, Prescott, Arkansas**

“Great motivational in-service! Really makes me excited to start back!” **Emily Blanton, Teacher, Franklin County Schools, Alabama**

“I’ve seen this speaker on PBS; he is very impressive on TV and in person – WOW! What insight, used in an awesome way to help so many people. Thanks!” **Karen Meeh, Elementary Teacher, Muldrow Elementary School, Oklahoma**

“The time flew by but the lessons will last for many years to come. Great motivational program.” **Merl Abel, Teacher, Morongo Unified School District, Palm Springs, California**

“Exciting, high energy, the guy who sat next to me usually never stops talking but this time he was captivated! Great job.” **Robert Brunk, Coach, Muldrow High School**

“The best in-service we’ve ever had! Wonderful program. Gave me things to think about not only in the classroom but also in my home with my children and husband.” **Brendi Karlorec, Assistant Band Director, Prescott Public Schools, Arkansas**

A very powerful message delightfully laced with humor. **Lori Price, Principal, Wewahitchka Elementary School, Gulf County Schools, Florida**

Awesome, Awesome, Awesome!!! **Jen King, Pre-K Aide, Altus Public Schools, Oklahoma**

Thanks for reminding our staff that you must have purpose and a focus to our cause – educating students. **Beth Bogue, Fourth Grade Science Teacher, Joshua Springs Christian School, Yucca Valley, California**

COMMENTS FROM CLASSIFIED (SUPPORT) STAFF

The best I’ve ever seen or heard (and I’m 67 years old). Bravo! **Ruedelle Moreau, Special Education Secretary, Central Office, Sheldon Independent School District, Houston, Texas**

This was the most enjoyable and informative session I have attended in the sixteen years I have been here. **Lee Daunais, Maintenance and Safety Director, Saranac Lake Central School District, Saranac Lake, NY**

This show was the most entertaining, funny, and touching I have seen in a long time!! **Sabine Tyler, School Readiness Advocate, Crescent City, California**

Excellent presentation! In my 44 years it has been the best! Keep up your good work. **R.C. Salinas, Librarian, Rio Grande City, Texas**

Amazingly captivating! Holds the audience throughout. Hits the mark with our message. **Doug Miller, Director of Facilities, Indiana University of Pennsylvania**

Great message! The best ever. Love the entertainment and magic tricks. THANK YOU for not being boring! **Amanda Diaz, Public Education Information Management Systems Clerk, Clint ISD, Texas**

You were excellent. I wish I had heard these things when I was in my 20's. I will use it for influencing my grandchildren, though. **Debi Wagner, Administrative Assistant, Joshua Springs Christian School, Yucca Valley, California**

Truly inspiring! Thank you for sparking that light within me again! **Christina Mancha, Head Start Community Outreach, ESC Region 19, Texas**

This was the best program I have seen. **Bryan Keith, Stores Clerk, Saranac CSD, Saranac Lake, NY**

Your program was great. Kept you on the edge of your seat, but all in keeping up with the program. **Liz Crum, Bus Driver, Sheldon Independent School District, Houston, Texas**

I needed to get up and go to the bathroom but I didn't want to miss anything! How do you do that to an audience? **Nancy Peterson, Computer Assistant, Altus Public Schools, Oklahoma**

Wonderful presentation. The best! I hope every single school district will get this presentation. **Graecila Gonzales, Clerk, Hillside Elementary School, El Paso, Texas**

The best two hours I've spent in my whole life!! Billy was funny but had an awesome message about attitude! My life has turned around! **Virginia Schnarky, Food Service Director, Minnesota School Nutrition Association**

SO engaging and dynamic! Thanks for helping us remember that our attitude DOES make a difference. Truly awesome!!! **Barbie Britt, Dyslexia Specialist, Eanes ISD, Austin, Texas**

I thought he was great! Very entertaining and inspirational. I could listen to him for HOURS! Didn't look at the clock once! **Sabrina Gaines, Paraprofessional, Byng Schools, Oklahoma**

Amazing! Very motivational, hilarious, busted me up! Very enjoyable. I wish we had invited more people. **Mandi Custer, Administrative Assistant in Engineering and Construction, Indiana University of Pennsylvania**

Spectacular!!! It was like being on a roller coaster with all of the slow/fast, up/down! **Jamie Munro, BSTA Coordinator, Pasadena USD, California**

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, New York**

Very entertaining as well as informative. The best I've ever seen. Excellent presentation. **Ray Vrael, Custodial Supervisor**

The magic tricks are a plus, not to mention the audience involvement. I loved his spunkiness and would definitely return for more! **Rachel Barraza, Accounting Clerk, Clint ISD, Texas**

You knocked their socks off! The evaluations rated your session the highest of 14 we had during the conference! ...stuff they could apply to their work instantly. **Elaine Hunt, Industry Advisory Chair, North Carolina School Food Service Association**

I think Billy is just AWESOME! I keep picking up my jaw from the floor – and laughing a lot! Well worthy my time. Love it! **Gloria Mirabal, Paraprofessional, El Paso ISD, Texas**

This was awesome! I cannot believe what an inspiration he is. Was wonderful! Everyone should have the opportunity to see him. **Patty Sathre, Food Service Director, Amoka Hennepin Independent School District #11**

You were great! The time went fast. I could have listened to you forever! **K. Feran-Wall, Food Service Coordinator, Minneapolis Public Schools**

The most interesting speaker of the conference! Makes you motivated to have a good attitude. Especially liked the way you made so many references to school food service. **Carol, Student Nutrition Assistant, Rochester School District**

Thanks for reminding our staff that you must have purpose and a focus to our cause – educating students. **Beth Bogue, Assistant Administrator, Joshua Springs Christian School, Yucca Valley, California**

What a great inspiration! Gave me lots of things to think about. You're a positive influence and I needed that. **Bubbles Greene, Kitchen Helper and Cashier, Duluth Independent School District**

I've never laughed so hard and been so moved!!! **Jeanine Bowman, Food Service Director, Benson Public Schools**

Very informative! I received useful thoughts and ideas to help me perform my job and interact with my employers every day. **Dennis Snyder, Maintenance Supervisor**

The best motivational program I've ever seen. That says it all. **Kathy Bulkley, Custodian, Texas Middle School, Houston**

You are so sneaky! But the best program I have ever attended. Thank you for being here. I hope we all will have a better life because of this day! **June Bean, Secretary, Valliant Middle School, Valiant, Oklahoma**

Never dull. Wonderful class!!! Many blessings to you for inspiring us as you do! **Sue Eddings, School Nurse, Zavalla ISD, Texas**

You gave me a reality check today. It's important to believe in yourself and to remember that every time I go to work it's because every student makes a difference and I MUST BELIEVE IN THEM! **Neomi Vargas, Paraprofessional, Sunset High School, El Paso, Texas**

THANK YOU! I appreciate the fact that you make a point that regardless what you do, you do affect all children! **Tonia Carter, Food Service Director, Holly Creek Elementary School, Broken Bow, Oklahoma**

One of the best, best inservice meetings ever! Very motivational, interesting, AWESOME meeting! **Irma Rodriguez, Paraprofessional, El Paso ISD, Texas**

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"What a great inspiration! Gave me lots of things to think about. You're a positive influence and I needed that." **Bubbles Greene, Kitchen Helper and Cashier, Duluth Independent School District, Minnesota**

"I've never been close enough to actually see the eyes of the performer. Billy Riggs has so much passion in his eyes he has truly inspired me to have that look in my own eyes, and in my heart!" **Teri A. Luedtke, Cafeteria Manager, Dickinson Independent School District**

Very enjoyable, powerful message. Definitely gave me a challenge for myself! Exactly what I needed! **Lori King, Nutrition Assistant, Warwick School District, Lancaster, Pennsylvania**

I would like to extend to you a tremendous thank you from the Arkansas School Nutrition Association. Your message or your showmanship could stand alone, but to couple your awesome show with a great message brought to life an incredibly moving experience for our people. **Jason Carter, Treasurer, Arkansas School Nutrition Association**

"I enjoyed Mr. Riggs greatly. He was very entertaining and informative at the same time. He kept me captivated for 2 hours – not an easy task!" **Loretta Whitling, Food Service Manager, Waller ISD, Texas**

"Incredible!!! Never seen anything like it!" **Laurel Johnson, Lead Cook and Manager, STMA High School**

"This was absolutely inspirational! He was entertaining and wonderful. He was also extremely comical and very pleasurable just to listen to." **DeEtte Criswell, Cook, Guthrie CSD, Texas**

"I could have listened to you so much longer. You were great. I hope I can implement all your suggestions. I am a very positive person, but you sure opened my eyes. Thanks." **Peggy L Barner, Food Service Director, Sugar Valley Rural Charter School, Pennsylvania**

"Very awesome!! I'm going home as a believer in the things you said!!" **Sandra Martinez, Child Nutrition Coordinator, Southwest Schools, Houston**

"You have a very creative way of showing how important a good attitude is. Laughed 'til my sides hurt!!" **Natalie Stenger, Food Service Coordinator, Minneapolis Special District #1 Food Service**

"Loved it!! Laughed 'til I cried!!" **No name given, Food Specialist, Forest Lake ISD #831**

"A great presentation. Very informative and kept you on the edge of your seat." **Daniel Palko, Food Service Director, Blacklock Valley School District, Pennsylvania**

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Motivational program that applies to anyone no matter what your background or job. Excellent! **Gail Hollenbeck, Director of Dining Services, Springfield School District, Pennsylvania**

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"Great presentation! Very uplifting and entertaining. Food for thought, much to take back to my employees." **D. Dickerson, Director of Child Nutrition, Cleveland ISD, Texas**

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"It was entertaining, happy, useful, motivating, funny. Did I mention USEFUL?!?" **Wilma Luther, Food Service Director, Indiana**

"Awesome! Very entertaining and with a great message!" **Sarah Lowell, RD, Pasadena ISD, Texas**

"Funny. Very exciting, interesting. Learned a lot and very knowledgeable speech. Music and lyrics were fabulous. It really lifted my spirits...." **Betty Valdez, Cafeteria Worker, WISD, Texas**

"Unbelievable!! What a great positive speaker! You can't help but smile." **Tina Wade, Executive Director, Willow Creek ISD School Nutrition**

"This was the best program I've ever seen. You were great!!" **Virginia Munos, Child Nutrition Manager, Hempstead ISD, Texas**

"I really enjoyed Billy's show! He's funny, entertaining, and very knowledgeable. I learned a lot." **Nola Hughey, Elementary School Cafeteria Manager, Martinsville MSD, Indiana**

"This has been the most upbeat motivational speaker I've heard in a very long time. Loved every minute!" **Debbi Ellis, Cafeteria Manager, Aramark**

"Your presentation was great and it provided us with many nuggets to think about. I will take the things that I've learned to my district." **Dewy T. Smith, Field Supervisor, School District of Philadelphia**

“Very entertaining, but more importantly, very informative and useful information.” **Laura Lucas, Asst. Nutrition Manager, Ossco ISD #279**

“You were great! Your thoughts were SO true and were truly motivational!”
Patsy Garza, School Kitchen Manager

“Very entertaining while still interesting and informative! Excellent!!” **LeAnna Muckenhirn, Asst. Food Service Director, Anderson Schools, Indiana**

“He is an exceptional, motivating, sharp, hilarious speaker! Over the top and very, very funny!” **Teresa White, Foodservice Manager, Village Elementary, East Allen Community Schools**

“What an amazing way to present a motivational message for all! Fun for all levels! Appropriate for all!” **Sandy Fitzner, School Nutrition Supervisor, Katy ISD, Texas**

“Entertaining, inspiring, and downright fun!” **Jolene Sanderson, Cafeteria Manager, East Allen County Schools**

“It was awesome!!! I cannot believe what an inspiration he is! Was wonderful. Everyone should have the opportunity to see him.” **Patty Sathre, Site Supervisor, Nonoka Hernon Food Services, District 11**

“I was very entertained. The best presentation I’ve ever been to. Very informative.” **Lisa Alvarado, Food Service Director, New Home ISD, Texas**

“I thought your presentation was great!! It was entertaining but so informative and thought-provoking.” **Janta Rainey, Food Service Administrator, Southwest Community Christian Academy, Houston**

“You really got me thinking about the level of service I provide the students.”
Connie Roberts, Cook, Anderson Community Schools

“A great blend of humor, magic, and information to get the point across!”
Barbara McKain, Symore Public Schools, Cook, Indiana

“I’ve got a headache from laughing so hard! I especially loved the funny song!”
Lori Mangrum, Manager, MSD of Decatur Township, Indiana

“The first motivational speaker to hold my attention. I had to use the restroom the last hour but didn’t want to miss anything!” **Kathy Graham, Child Nutrition Supervisor**

"The best I have seen in 15 years!" **Le Smith, Child Nutrition Supervisor, Klein ISD, Texas**

"Thank you for opening my eyes to see what the women see in me during some of our bad times. I will now start trying to dream again!" **Lynn Hale, Cafeteria Manager, Levelland, TX**

"I thought your presentation was great and it made me think of ways to handle my ladies in the kitchen better." **Kathy Carrale, Cafeteria Manager, Brazosport ISD, Texas**