



Dr. Debbie Silver

Dr. Debbie Silver is a brilliantly funny, beautifully insightful, and boldly authentic speaker, author, and educator. She has dedicated her life to understanding learning and growth behavior and has become a world-renowned and empowering speaker.

Through her research, her outreach, and her humor, Debbie seeks to help teachers find the joy in the daily job of teaching so that children can embrace the satisfaction and pride of knowledge, growth, and self-worth.

With 30 years spent as a teacher, staff development instructor, and university professor, Dr. Silver doesn't just know her way around the classroom – she is deeply familiar with the challenges educators face at every level.

Debbie co-wrote the 2014 bestseller, *Deliberate Optimism: Reclaiming the Joy in Education*, and her most recent best-selling book, *Teaching Kids to Thrive: Essential Skills for Success*, Dr. Silver and co-author Dedra Stafford illustrate how SEL (social and emotional learning) instruction can be woven into all subject areas at levels preK-12.

Her mission is to remind teachers of how important they are in the lives of children, highlighting both learning theory as well as tools for communication. She firmly believes that teachers need to be having fun, and staying in touch with their passion, to make their biggest impact in the classroom.



Conference Sessions

Friday, April 26, 2023

Keynote 10:45-11:45 AM

Deliberate Optimism: Reclaiming the Joy in Education

1:00-2:30 PM

From Exhaustion to Empowerment: Building a Culture of Well-Being in Early Childhood Settings