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Joe Dombrowski (Mr. D)

Joe Dombrowski is a former classroom teacher who understands firsthand, the heart, pressure, and emotional weight that come with working in early childhood education. Before he ever stepped on a stage, Joe stood where you stand—managing big feelings, impossible expectations, endless energy, and the deep responsibility of shaping young lives.

While Joe first gained national attention through a viral spelling test prank, his truest connection has always been to education and the educators who show up for children every day—often pouring from a cup that feels way too empty.

Drawing from his own years in the classroom, Joe speaks honestly about burnout, comparison, and the exhausting pursuit of being the “perfect” teacher. Through humor, storytelling, and real-life moments, he instantly recognizes educators and reminds audiences that their presence matters, their personality matters, and who they are is not only enough—it’s powerful.

At the Ohio Early Childhood Conference, Joe will deliver an affirming, energizing message educators need to hear: children don’t need flawless educators. They need real ones.



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Friday, April 24

10:45 -11:45 AM

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Be The Educator You Are! Finding Your Authentic Voice in Early Childhood Education