

# 2011 National Dropout Prevention Network Conference

## Keynote Speakers



### Monday, October 10, 2011

#### **Dr. Daniel Domenech, Executive Director, American Association of School Administrators**



Daniel A. Domenech has served as executive director of the American Association of School Administrators since July 2008. Domenech has more than 36 years of experience in public education, twenty-seven of those years served as a school superintendent.

Prior to joining AASA, Domenech served as senior vice president for National Urban Markets with McGraw-Hill Education. In this role, he was responsible for building strong relationships with large school districts nationwide. He also served for seven years as superintendent of the Fairfax County, Va., Public Schools, the 12th largest school system in the nation with 168,000 students. Throughout his teaching and administrative career, Dr. Domenech has demonstrated effectiveness in the context of ethnically diverse populations.

Domenech has served as president of AASA, the New York State Council of School Superintendents, the Suffolk County Superintendents Association, and the Suffolk County Organization for Promotion of Education. He was the first president and cofounder of the New York State Association for Bilingual Education. In addition, Domenech has served on the U.S. Department of Education's National Assessment Governing Board, on the advisory board for the Department of Defense schools, and on the board of directors of the Association for the Advancement of International Education.

### Tuesday, October 11, 2011

#### **Dr. Debbie Silver, Award-winning author, speaker, consultant**



Dr. Debbie Silver is an award-winning educator, 30 year veteran of the classroom, staff development instructor, and university professor. Her numerous recognitions include being named the Louisiana State Teacher of the Year. She has been privileged to teach on almost every grade level.

Dr. Silver has authored numerous educational journals and delivered conference keynotes in 49 states, Canada, Europe, and Asia. She has been a featured teacher for the PBS OnLine Teacher Chat and for KDS Knowledge Delivery Systems.

Debbie Silver's book, *Drumming to the Beat of Different Marchers: Finding the Rhythm for Teaching Differentiated Learning*, was recently updated and re-released by Incentive Publications. Songs she co-wrote with Monte Selby are featured on his CD's. She is married to Dr. Lawrence Silver, and together they are the proud parents of five sons.

Through story-telling and humor, Dr. Silver consistently encourages attendees to remember the powerful impact delivered by educators into the lives of students. With the use of research-based theory, poignant stories, and hilarious characterizations, her goal is to connect with the souls of all who are involved in education.

### Wednesday, October 12, 2011

#### **Dr. Stephen Sroka, Author, speaker, and President of Health Consultants**



Dr. Stephen Sroka is an internationally recognized speaker, trainer, author, teacher and educational consultant on sex, drugs and violence prevention education. He is an Adjunct Assistant Professor, School of Medicine, Case Western Reserve University. He has worked in schools (K-12) worldwide for over 30 years, including several school systems with high profile shootings. He retired as a teacher and member of a crisis response team from the Cleveland Public Schools.

Dr. Steve received the Outstanding School Health Educator Award from the American School Health Association, was selected the Walt Disney Outstanding Health Teacher of the Year and he was inducted into the National Teachers Hall of Fame. His spirited presentations stressing the importance of "Just Say Know" and the "Power of One" have resulted in guest appearances on many TV programs, including the Oprah Winfrey Show, as well as coverage in many newspapers including USA Today.

He is married and has four daughters and two grandsons. His most meaningful "award" was his six-year-old daughter telling him that he was smarter than the cartoon character, Inspector Gadget. Obviously, his wife does not agree.