Pete Hall – Wednesday Keynote Speaker

Pete Hall, veteran school principal, proudly offers professional development trainings, workshops, mentoring support, keynote addresses, and other educational consulting services full-time. After a teaching career that spanned three states and included primary, intermediate, and middle-school positions, Mr. Hall served as principal of Anderson Elementary School in Reno, Nevada. When he took over Anderson Elementary in 2002, it was one the only school in Nevada to have failed to make AYP for four consecutive years. Two short years later, it was the only Title I school in the state of Nevada to earn "High Achieving" designation. Subsequently he served as the principal of Sheridan Elementary, a Title I school in Spokane, which earned accolades from the Washington State Office of the Superintendent for its growth and achievement, and as principal of Shaw Middle, another Title I school in Spokane, which earned recognition for its college & career readiness indicators and growth.

His leadership works include authoring over a dozen articles on leadership and publishing three books, *The First-Year Principal* (Scarecrow Education, 2004), *Building Teachers’ Capacity for Success: A collaborative guide for coaches and school leaders* (ASCD, 2008), and *Lead On! Motivational lessons for school leaders* (Eye On Education, 2011). His fourth book, *Teach, Reflect, Learn: Building your Capacity for Success in the Classroom*, is a member-benefit book scheduled for release by ASCD in April, 2015.

For his tenacious and courageous leadership, Mr. Hall has been honored with ASCD’s Outstanding Young Educator Award (2004), Nevada’s Martin Luther King Jr Award (2005), and Phi Delta Kappan’s Emerging Leaders Award (2009), among others. He was appointed to the Governor’s Commission on Excellence in Education (in Nevada, 2005) and was selected to sit on the National Education Association’s Great Public Schools Indicators Advisory Panel (2010-2011). He holds a National Principal Mentor Certificate from NAESP and serves as a trainer and coach for NAESP’s PALS mentoring program. He has worked as a personal consultant/motivational coach for professional athletes, weekend golfers, stand-up comedians, firefighters, business executives, custodians, and more. He speaks and consults internationally through this consulting firm, EducationHall, which he established in 2004 with his wife, Mindy, who is an outstanding kindergarten teacher.

**Keynote Presentation: Every Bird Can Sing!**

Blending a sense of humor with a sense of professional obligation, Pete Hall shares the true rags-to-riches of Anderson Elementary, a turnaround school at which he was principal in Reno, Nevada. Anderson, once the only school in Nevada to fail to make AYP for four consecutive years, transformed into the only Title I school in the state to earn a High Achieving designation under Pete’s leadership. How did they do it? What were they keys? Which of his experiences are replicable and meaningful for today’s school leaders? Here the answers to these and more, as Pete tells tales from the trenches and inspires participants to go forth with a renewed sense of hope and enthusiasm for the challenges ahead!