

# *The Power of Authentic Connections*

## **AGENDA: Day 1 – Youth Track**

**Tuesday, November 1, 2016**  
Grand Sierra Resort – Reno, Nevada

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.  
(Tahoe Room)

### **REGISTRATION and BREAKFAST BUFFET**

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  
(Reno Ballroom)

### **GENERAL SESSION**

Welcome and Introductions

*Office for a Safe and Respectful Learning Environment (OSRLE)*

Victoria (Vickie) Blakeney, M.Ed.

Marco Erickson, M.S.

Patricia (Pat) Sanborn, MAOD

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  
(Crystal 1, 2)

### **KEYNOTE ADDRESS** Ty Sells

*"The Power of Acceptance"*

Acceptance is a fun, youth-oriented presentation that challenges young people to make positive healthy lifestyle choices. The presentation provides a strength based approach to making wise choices in life, it also challenges students to examine the way they treat others who are "different" from them. Along with making the audience laugh as they learn, this presentation makes five core points:

- **It is perfectly acceptable to make the choice to stay or become drug free**
- **The way we treat others can influence the choices that they make**
- **Cool always changes**
- **Knowledge isn't power, its potential power**
- **It's what we DO with the things we learn where the true power lies.**

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.  
(Grand Salon)

### **BREAK**

Conference Strands:

**Super Friends**

**The Incredibles**

**Transformers**

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Session A1:**

*(Crystal 1, 2)*

**Super Friends**

**“TENspiration: The Attitude to Change your World”**

An autistic student in New York scores 20 points in a varsity basketball game on senior night. A Chinese man stands in front of three tanks in Tiananmen because he believes he is right and his government is wrong. A teacher in a tough school district motivates her students to achieve beyond their wildest dreams. These are all true stories, all memorable, all inspirational. None were an accident. Inspirational moments aren't some fluke that happen every now and again. They are the result of many people making anonymous choices just because they are the right things to do. No one in this world gets anywhere without being challenged and inspired by someone else and we all inspire others without even knowing it. The dictionary gives 5 definitions of inspiration but each of them calls for an action. As leaders, if we truly want to inspire others, we must stimulate thought and provoke action.

*Ty Sells*

**Session B1:**

*(Crystal 4, 5)*

**The Incredibles**

Youth will be involved in leadership development through experiential learning activities.

*Brian Griggs*

**Session C1:**

*(Crystal 3)*

**Transformers**

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*Keith Brown*

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

*(Tahoe Room)*

**LUNCH BUFFET**

1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

*(Crystal 1, 2)*

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

Michael Pritchard

Educates by giving students the tools and confidence needed to make a positive change for themselves and the school community. Using his unique humorous style, he empowers his young audience to listen and influences them to make good choices. Drawing on his 30 years of experience, Mr. Pritchard is able to get students to share their experiences and the results are an improved school community!

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1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Super Friends**

**The Incredibles**

**Transformers**

**Session A2:**  
(*Crystal 4, 5*)

**Transformers**

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*Brian Griggs*

**Session B2 and C2:**  
(*Crystal 1, 2*)

**The Incredibles and Super Friends**

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*Keith Brown*

3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.  
(*Grand Salon*)

**BREAK**

Conference Strands:  
3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Super Friends**

**The Incredibles**

**Transformers**

**Session A3:**  
(*Crystal 4, 5*)

**Super Friends**

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*Brian Griggs*

**Session B3 and C3:**  
(*Crystal 1, 2*)

**The Incredibles and Transformers**

Michael Pritchard uses social/emotional learning that builds caring and safe school communities. Using SEL (social/emotional learning) builds personal skills, character, resiliency and emotional intelligence enabling young people to cope within school communities and achieve their goals. Helps students - set goals, identify obstacles, cope with anxiety, and maintain self-esteem. Student's learn how labeling, prejudice and stereotyping impede the development of empathy - how to recognize warning signs of those in trouble - how to find and use school and personal resources.

*Michael Pritchard*

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
(Reno Ballroom)

**Reflection and Youth Session Debrief** – *Facilitator: Keith Brown*

**Closing Remarks**

Victoria (Vickie) Blakeney, M.Ed.

Marco Erickson, M.S.

Patricia (Pat) Sanborn, MAOD

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
(Crystal 4, 5)

Youth Experiential Learning Activity/Reception  
*Brian Griggs/Marco Erickson*

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## **AGENDA: Day 2 – Youth Track**

**Wednesday, November 2, 2016**

Grand Sierra Resort – Reno, Nevada

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.  
(Tahoe Room)

### **REGISTRATION and BREAKFAST BUFFET**

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  
(Reno Ballroom)

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9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  
(Crystal 1, 2)

### **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

Keith Brown

**not impossible/I'M POSSIBLE:** In this highly relevant and engaging keynote, participants will be given tangible tools on how to maximize their potential. This presentation will focus on Academic Excellence, Character, Life Skills, and Leadership.

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.  
(Grand Salon)

### **BREAK**

10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
(Crystal 1, 2)

### **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

Grant Korgan

*"Turning Attitude into Action: Possibility Through Positivity"*

Record-holding Antarctic Explorer and world-renowned athlete, adventurer, author, loving husband, and motivational speaker, Grant Korgan lives an unlimited life around the globe even after sustaining a life-altering spinal cord injury in March of 2010. With his heart-felt, uplifting, self-empowering, and adventure-driven presentations, Grant shares with his audience the unbound, and often hidden personal power, of overcoming adversity via choosing positivity. Grant shares with his audience the unbound, and often hidden personal power, of overcoming adversity via choosing positivity. **Grant's custom words speak to leadership, teamwork, maintaining your course regardless of obstacle, and doing it all by winning at life through utilizing the endless power of positivity.**

Conference Strands:  
11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

**Super Friends**

**The Incredibles**

**Transformers**

**Session A4:**  
(*Crystal 1, 2*)

**Super Friends**

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*Michael Pritchard*

**Session B4 and C4:**  
(*Crystal 4, 5*)

**The Incredibles and Transformers**

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*Brian Griggs*

12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.  
(*Tahoe Room*)

**LUNCH BUFFET**

1:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
**Session A5, B5, and C5:**  
(*Crystal 4, 5*)

**Super Friends, The Incredibles and Transformers**

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*Brian Griggs*

2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.  
(*Grand Salon*)

**BREAK**

2:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
(*Reno Ballroom*)

**Session A - Youth Led Panel and Presentations**

*Facilitator: Brian Griggs*

4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
(*Crystal 1, 2*)

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS** Erin Gruwell

*“Becoming a Catalyst for Change”*

Erin Gruwell helped 150 of her students - many of whom were written off by the education system - to use the power of education to write a book, graduate from high school and attend college. In her inspiring presentation, Gruwell tells the story of this extraordinary journey - from poverty and despair to hope and promise - with stops at Anne Frank's House and Auschwitz and then on to Capitol Hill and Congress. Erin challenged her students to overcome the seemingly insurmountable problems of poverty, racism, violence. How can we all become role models for tolerance, respect, and cooperation? Erin Gruwell teaches us all how we can become "Catalysts for Change."

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
(*Reno Ballroom*)

**Closing Remarks**

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