

**BIG IDEAS THAT WILL
CHANGE THE WAY YOU TEACH**

BIG IDEA... Learning & Transfer

Excerpts from Keynotes and Presentations
DR. JACK TIERNEY

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create highly similar contexts for learning those skills.”*



Education is all about transfer!



The notion that what is learned in school... will “transfer” ...to daily life outside of school.

Life outside of school is also frequently about transfer.



The notion that what is learned in one domain will transfer to other domains,
based on assumptions of similarity.

Research and experience strongly suggests that transfer tends to be very specific and requires much greater levels of similarity than is commonly assumed.



A great jazz singer might find herself out of place in an opera and a great opera might find herself out of place in a jazz band even though there is an almost 100% overlap in skills.

In School Jazz Bands sax players learn to play as a five-member section.



In Pro Jazz Bands sax players play as a five-member section.

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Presentation/Keynote: Educating in a Time of Student Empowerment:

In this engaging keynote/presentation Dr. Jack Tierney describes his four-step “FEEL – THINK - PREP – ACT” framework for educating in a time of student empowerment drawing on research and focusing on “big ideas” and “do-able” applications.

Workshop I: Educator Beliefs / Articulation and Consensus Building:

Dr. Jack Tierney engages educators in active discussion around salient issues such as: school shootings and violence, student activism, curricular vs social responsibilities, belief systems, brain-based learning, and facilitates consensus building on school-based responses.

Workshop II: Designing for Student Empowerment: Activity/Lesson Development:

Dr. Tierney guides educators through the process of designing standards-based learning activities, lessons, and curricular modifications that empower students to speak up and participate in civil society.

Workshop III: Facilitating Student Empowerment: Programs and Methods:

Dr. Tierney summarizes recent research and program development and facilitates planning, preparing, and supporting school-sponsored social-conscious student activity.

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