

Principal Kafele (Intro)

Principal Baruti Kafele, a highly regarded urban educator in New Jersey for more than 20 years, has distinguished himself as a master teacher and a transformational school leader. As an elementary school teacher in East Orange, NJ, in addition to being named the East Orange School District and Essex County Public Schools Teacher of the Year, Principal Kafele was a finalist for New Jersey State Teacher of the Year and a recipient of the New Jersey Education Association Award of Excellence.

As a middle and high school principal, Principal Kafele led the transformation of four New Jersey urban schools, including "The Mighty" Newark Tech—which went from a low-performing school in need of improvement to national recognition, and which was recognized three times by U.S. News and World Report as one of America's best high schools.

One of the most sought-after school leadership experts and education speakers in America, Principal Kafele is impacting America's schools! He has delivered over two thousand conference and program keynotes, professional development workshops, parenting seminars and student assemblies over his 34 years of public speaking. An expert in the area of "attitude transformation," Principal Kafele is the leading authority on providing effective classroom and school leadership strategies toward closing what he coined, the "Attitude Gap." He is the author of eleven books, including his six national best sellers—*Closing the Attitude Gap*, *Motivating Black Males to Achieve in School & in Life*, *The Teacher 50*, *Is My School a Better School BECAUSE I Lead It?*, *The Principal 50* and *The ASPIRING Principal 50*. His latest book, *The ASSISTANT Principal 50* was released in May, 2020.

Principal Kafele is the recipient of more than 150 educational, professional, and community awards, including the prestigious Milken National Educator Award and the National Alliance of Black School Educators Hall of Fame Award. He was inducted into the East Orange, New Jersey Hall of Fame, and the City of Dickinson, Texas proclaimed February 8, 1998 Baruti Kafele Day.

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Books

- *The ASSISTANT Principal 50 (Brand New)*
- *The ASPIRING Principal 50 (New)*
- *Is My School a Better School BECAUSE I Lead It? (New)*
- *The TEACHER 50*
- *The PRINCIPAL 50*

- *Closing the Attitude Gap*
- *Motivating Black Males to Achieve in School and in Life*
- *A Handbook for Teachers of African American Children*
- *A Black Parent's Handbook to Educating Your Children*

YouTube Channels

- *Message to a New and Aspiring Principal*
- *Message to a Teacher*
- *Message to Your Son*
- *Principal Kafele Speaks to Educators*