

# Principal Kafele's Biography

Award-winning educator, internationally-renowned speaker, educational consultant and best-selling author, Principal Baruti Kafele is on fire! He's on a personal mission to motivate, educate and empower educators, parents and children toward the elimination of the *attitude gap*, the world over.



A highly-regarded urban public school educator in New Jersey for over twenty years, Principal Kafele distinguished himself in the classroom and as a school leader. As an elementary school teacher in East Orange, NJ, he was selected as the East Orange School District and Essex County Public Schools Teacher of the Year. He was also selected for Who's Who Among America's Teachers six times. As a middle and high school principal, he led the transformation of four different schools, including "The Mighty" Newark Tech, which went from a low-performing school in need of improvement to national recognition by the National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education, and U.S. News and World Report Magazine recognizing it three times as one of America's best high schools.

Currently, Principal Kafele is a highly sought-after educational consultant and motivational speaker which enables him to travel extensively throughout America and internationally, spreading his empowering message of *attitude transformation*. A versatile speaker, he regularly conducts conference keynote addresses, professional development workshops for educators, parental engagement seminars and student motivational assemblies. Recognized as one of America's leading authorities on professional development strategies for motivating Black males, he is the author of the best-selling book, *Motivating Black Males to Achieve in School and in Life*. He is also the author of *A Handbook for Teachers of African American Children*, *A Black Parent's Handbook to Educating Your Children (Outside of the Classroom)* and his newest title, *Closing the Attitude Gap*, is forthcoming in September, 2013.

Principal Kafele is happily married to his wife Kimberley and is the proud father of his three children, Baruti, Jabari and Kibriya. He earned his B.S. degree in Management Science/Marketing from Kean University where he graduated summa cum laude, and his M.A. degree in Educational Administration from New Jersey City University. He is also the recipient of over one hundred educational, professional and community awards which include the prestigious Milken National Educator Award in 2009, the New Jersey Education Association Award for Excellence in 2011 and the City of Dickinson, Texas proclaiming February 8, 1998 as Baruti Kafele Day.

Contact Principal Kafele today to speak at your next conference, in-service, event or program at: 201-424-0201 or [bkafele@earthlink.net](mailto:bkafele@earthlink.net)