Keynote Speaker: Dr. Jane Bluestein

Dr. Bluestein has worked with thousands of educators, counselors, healthcare professionals, parents, childcare workers and other community members world-wide on efforts to enhance learning through school climate improvement. She speaks and consults internationally specializing in programs and resources geared to providing practical and meaningful information, training and hope in areas related to school climate improvement, relationship building, effective instruction and guidance and personal development. Jane is an award-winning author of countless books, among them Creating Emotionally Safe Schools and The Win-Win Classroom: A Fresh and Positive Look at Classroom Management. Jane is a former inner-city classroom teacher, crisis-intervention counselor, teacher training program coordinator and volunteer with high-risk teens. She currently heads Instructional Support Services, Inc., a consulting and resource firm in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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