



Dr. Salome Thomas-EL

"Principal EL"

Best-Selling Author and International Speaker

to Speak at Griffin RESA/South Metro
Summer Leadership Conference

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Griffin RESA is pleased to announce that Dr. Salome Thomas-EL, aka Principal EL, the best-selling author and international speaker, will keynote at the 2022 Griffin RESA Summer Leadership Conference.

"Stop praying for a lighter load, and start praying for a stronger back." This is the mantra of Dr. Salome Thomas-EL, aka Principal EL, an award-winning teacher, principal, and internationally recognized educator. Principal EL believes that resilient teachers and leaders take risks, make courageous decisions, and challenge the status quo. They understand that teaching is not easy, it's hard work, but it's good work. As passionate educators, we are able to make a difference in the lives of our students and ensure they are all exposed to an engaging curriculum and effective teaching. In his thought-provoking presentations, Principal EL shares how we can develop positive relationships and foster a supportive school culture so teachers and leaders can focus on the protective processes that impact and build resilience in all of our students. Principal EL brings a powerful combination of passion, caring, and leadership to craft a refreshing, common-sense road map for parents, teachers, and administrators to help kids achieve their dreams, no matter the odds.

Principal EL has been a teacher and principal since 1987. He received national acclaim as a teacher and chess coach, where his students have gone on to win world recognition as Eight-Time National Chess Champions. Principal EL is currently a K-8 school leader in Wilmington, Delaware and speaks to groups around the world. He was a regular contributor on the "The Dr. Oz Show" and is the author of multiple best-selling books.

Principal EL has addressed over 100,000 teachers, administrators, school staff, board members, parents, students and community members in the United States, Canada, Nigeria, Trinidad, England, Jamaica, and The Virgin Islands and frequently appears on C-SPAN, CNN, and NPR Radio. He has studied at Cambridge University in England, Lehigh University in Pennsylvania, and holds a doctorate in Education from Wilmington University in Delaware. He has received the Marcus A. Foster Award as the outstanding School District Administrator in Philadelphia and the University of Pennsylvania's distinguished Martin Luther King Award. Educational Leadership and Reader's Digest Magazines recognized Principal EL as an "Inspiring American Icon." Principal EL has also appeared on Good Morning America and "The Oprah Radio Network".

Registration for the conference is going on now and can be easily completed by visiting the Griffin RESA website at www.griffinresa.net. **There are only 12 slots left due to social distancing requirements.**

Special Note: Our 2022 Griffin RESA/South Metro Summer Leadership Conference will once again offer two different types of registrations. Our "Day" registration is for participants who are driving in daily to the conference (Monday, June 6th & Tuesday, June 7th). The "Full" registration includes conference attendance for both days and one night's lodging (Monday, June 6th).



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