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**Dr. Robert W. Simmons III – District of Columbia
Public Schools Chief of Innovation and Research
to Appear on “Beyond Just Talk with S. L. Young” on WOL DC 1450 AM**

Arlington, VA – On Tuesday, August 11th at 11 a.m. EST, the guest on “**Beyond Just Talk with S. L. Young**” will be **Dr. Robert W. Simmons III** who is the Chief of Innovation and Research for the District of Columbia Public Schools.

Dr. Simmons is a former middle school science teacher and administrator in Detroit (MI), Minnesota (MN), and the Dominican Republic. As a highly respected educator, he was recognized with a couple of nominations for the “Walt Disney National Teacher of the Year” and one for the “Whitney and Elizabeth MacMillan Foundation Outstanding Educator Award.”

He’s a member of the nationally recognized social justice collaborative, which provides professional development and also models a commitment to move beyond just celebrating urban achievement. Its other focus is to drive educational equality in schools and communities. Furthermore, Dr. Simmons was part of a team of educators who started a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) focused middle school program for boys, a board member at one of a few public Montessori schools in an urban community, and the founder of a mentoring program for African American boys.

Dr. Simmons is the author of over 30 publications, including: articles in the “Village Celebration” and he co-edited the book “*Talking About Race: Alleviating the Fear*”. Moreover, he’s written and evaluated over \$1.5 million in educational grants. His next book “*Interrupting the School to Prison Pipeline: African American Males as Critical Scholars and Intellectuals*” is part autobiographical, but also offers reflections about the impact of incarcerated fathers on their sons.

As a sought-after motivational speaker, he shares lessons from his challenging experiences living in Detroit – during the height of the crack-cocaine epidemic – in pursuit of a better life that was driven by education. Now, Dr. Simmons tirelessly works to share his life lessons to help others achieve their educational goals.

“Beyond Just Talk with S. L. Young’s” host is honored to have Dr. Robert W. Simmons III – a teacher, urban educator, researcher, innovator in education, and an excellent role model – on the show.

About “Beyond Just Talk with S. L. Young” (facebook.com/beyondjusttalk)

“Beyond Just Talk with S. L. Young” is a 1-hour weekly show which addresses life and business topics from a solution-oriented perspective. “Beyond Just Talk” is a show for anyone who seeks positive, inspirational, and thought-provoking talk.

About Dr. Robert W. Simmons III (robertwsimmonsiii.com)

Obtain information about Dr. Simmons and his work.

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