

Your closing keynote speech for the **Oregon School Board Association** at our annual convention exceeded our highest expectations.

You created an atmosphere among our membership that helped rekindle their enthusiasm for doing what's best for children. The past few years in Oregon public education has taken a financial "beating." The majority of our school districts have received less funding than required which results in school board members having to make difficult decisions.

Your comments certainly contributed to our membership, leaving the convention with a renewed spirit and a "we can do it" attitude.

—Max Janikowski, Board Development Specialist, Oregon School Boards Association