

## National Boys' Education Conference K-12

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### Boosting boys' achievements

#### The minds of boys: Helping our sons do their best in school and in life

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Dr Gurian will focus on four crucial elements of male educational excellence:

1. **Understanding** of the male learning style. This male learning style is a part of the boy's growing brain *and* is socialized by a boy's environment and society.
2. **Helping schools** help boys learn well. Boy energy and boys' brains crave certain elements of teaching and learning that schools can strategically build into their pedagogy and practice.
3. **Helping parents** and communities ensure good schooling for their sons. Boys need and want their parents, extended family, mentors and other community members to augment the hard work done by teachers and schools.
4. **Practical strategies** and teaching techniques that have been proven to work in schools, classrooms and homes via the action research of the Gurian Institute. These practical steps can be immediately used in your community.

Michael will present results of brain scans, focusing on both similarities and differences in the ways boys and girls learn, how boys process emotions, and how boys develop motivation and self-confidence. Providing state-of-the-art research, his presentation is a passionate and practical guide to teaching and caring for boys in today's complex educational world.

#### BioNote

The people's philosopher, psychologist Dr Gurian has an uncanny ability to bring together people and scientific ideas. He has pioneered efforts to bring neuro-biology and brain research into the lives of parents and teachers through stunning research-based publications such as *The minds of boys*, *Boys and girls learn differently*, and *The wonder of boys*. An engaging speaker, Dr Gurian is passionate about sharing his knowledge in an effort to help parents and teachers create the right learning environments for boys, to develop deeper understanding on how boys' are motivated to learn, and to offer strategies for using the arts and athletics to teach boys.