



**INTERNATIONAL SPEAKER, EXCELLENT BREAK-OUT SESSIONS  
FOR STAFF ON PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY**

Many students come into our schools each day with challenges that impede learning. International speaker Kevin Honeycutt joined our staff on a recent Professional Development Day to share his experiences from childhood, including the positive impact that educators made in his journey as he grew up in poverty and attended many cities across the United States. Kevin’s workshop explored how his story might be useful to educators in their teaching practices, and how building relationships with students can make all the difference for student success.

In addition to having this exceptional keynote speaker, there were sixteen other break-out sessions at which staff could focus on topics students might be dealing with including stress, depression, and anxiety; drug or alcohol abuse; homelessness; poverty; and mental illness.

The District is fortunate to have talented WRPS staff and community members who gave of their time and shared their expertise in these sessions. Special thanks goes out to our local United Way agency, Wood County Health Department, Wood County Human Services, Therapy Without Walls, Northwest Journeys, Positive Alternatives, EAP, and the Wisconsin Rapids Police Department for sharing their valuable time with us!

