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Seven things you need to know about School Board Leadership

An elected member of the local school board is one of the most difficult jobs in politics. Paying your civic rent can be a lot less stressful serving the community in another area. However, if you are a mind to do so you may want to listen to this presentation. John Abraham, an elected member and former chairman of the board of one of the largest school systems in the country speaks about the seven basic aspects of school board leadership that didn't come from any text book. From campaigning to governing Dr. Abraham addresses seven things to know for leading in one of the most challenging times in the history of education. This talk is designed for would be and existing school board members, superintendents, teachers, and civic leaders.

Media Interviews: Five things you need to know: The vast majority of people are unprepared when the media comes calling...AND IT SHOWS! Most media topics are presented by media professionals and communication experts. However, very rarely do you have a presentation from the interviewee, the one on the receiving end of those questions. John Abraham has provided interviews to the media as a government official addressing the possible adverse health effects of toxic waste in communities throughout the U.S as well providing interviews as an elected member of one of the largest school systems in the country. The five things one needs arose not in the classroom but on the firing lines. You master these five things and you are in the 99th percentile,

Creating High Performance and FUNCTIONAL Teams: John Abraham recruited and coached an outstanding team of environmental public health professionals internationally known for their expertise. As Richard Carmona, former U.S. Surgeon General, said, Abraham "developed two nationally recognized programs that resulted in the elimination of exposure to hazardous substances in numerous communities throughout the U.S. and (these programs) continue to serve as models for environmental public health programs domestically and internationally." Creating high performance and functionality are sometimes mutually exclusive.

John Abraham presents how to accomplish this without having to put the FUN back in DYSUNCTION.

Leadership challenges for the 21st century.

From Ballpark to Boardroom: Lessons for CEOs from a Little League Coach.

Many years ago at the prodding of his wife John Abraham managed his oldest son's baseball team. There were a bunch of 7-8 year-old 'major leaguers in training.' Coincidentally, he became a supervisor at the Centers for Disease Control. In this presentation John Abraham melds the two worlds in an insightful look at the common problems many executives face. What he learned at night from coaching the little kids he was able to apply to the big kids downtown. This presentation provides humorous, inspiring, thought provoking and no-nonsense methods of developing and retaining talent and breaking down the corporate bridges to nowhere.

The Angry Public: They're not mad at you.....YET

In a high tech world we need to find ways to still be high touch. People have access to information now that they didn't have years ago. Moreover, there is a knowledgeable, talented community out there who is an essential piece of the puzzle. Involving the public in decision making is not always an efficient process and it is time consuming. However, when you get to yes the possible synergies that can be created from an interdependent relationship can have immeasurable effects. John Abraham arrived at this solution through many painful and embarrassing moments of addressing community concerns over the possible adverse health effects of environmental releases from hazardous waste sites. John blends his experience through an interactive story telling along with real life solutions.

The Role of Faith Based Groups in Building and Sustaining Civic Capacity in the 21st century. A vibrant community can be sustained by the support of civic and business groups with a common focus. Faith based community groups often times are an afterthought with no meaningful involvement because of perceived political correctness consequences. Faith based organizations have a needed role in public education, local businesses, civic activities, and in everyday life. John Abraham discusses some success stories of faith based involvement in building of civic capacity.

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