

# HILDERBRAND PELZER, III

The Principal Who Lifted Up One of the Largest Jail Systems Through Education



Hilderbrand Pelzer III didn't just enter the world of educational leadership—he kicked down the door over two decades ago. Principal of not one, not two, but FIVE different schools, this guy is on a whole new level of educator extraordinaire!

But here's where it gets legendary—Philadelphia's correctional facilities, home to one of the largest jail systems in the United States, became Hilderbrand's school community! With a leadership style that is practically magic, he set the bar sky-high for every incarcerated youth.

Transforming school culture wasn't just a goal for Pelzer; it was a mission. He proved that even behind those tough bars, the spark of learning can ignite. Brace yourself for captivating stories with incarcerated youth that will have you on the edge of your seat!

Expectation and opportunity aren't just words for Pelzer; they're the heartbeat of his powerful message that will hit you right in the feels. Ready to be wowed? Dive into Hilderbrand's journey and bring his electrifying energy to your event at [www.HilderbrandPelzer3.com](http://www.HilderbrandPelzer3.com).



## TOPICS

### Criminal and Juvenile Justice System

- Criminalizing Black School Boys
- Juvenile Justice Education
- Cutting Off the Pipeline to Prison

### Equity

- Education Equity for All Students
- Educating High-Risk Students
- Connection between Early Literacy and Juvenile Delinquency

### Leadership

- Committing to Schools with the Most Pressing Challenges
- Reimagining the Preparation of New Teachers
- Leadership: What School Leaders Can Learn from Incarcerated Youth

"Powerful keynote to close out our conference. Thank you for challenging our team to overcome our challenges to unlock the potential of our students."

- Adam Johnson  
North Carolina Juvenile Justice Schools  
North Carolina Department of Public Safety  
Director of Education

## AS FEATURED ON



"Mr. Pelzer's work is truly inspiring and life-changing for the youth impacted. I appreciate his dedication to speak on issues of literacy, dyslexia, teacher preparation, the juvenile and criminal justice systems, and more. His book, *Unlocking Potential*, addresses many of these issues. . . . I highly recommend him to speak to your organization."

- Stacie McClam, JD, M.Ed  
School Dismissed, LLC  
Director & Producer of *Robbed: A Mother's Peril - The Kelley Williams-Bolar Story*

"Hilderbrand Pelzer shares his experience and practice in working with the most at-risk population of incarcerated youth. His educational model is of value to all educational settings as his core belief lies in building relationships with all students."

- Dr. Frank Garritano, Ed.D  
Phoenixville Area School District  
Executive Director of Schools

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