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Barry MacDonald's message about helping boys' school achievement recently struck just the right chord with school leaders during his keynote address, including Dr. Avis Glaze, Ontario's Education Commissioner and Senior Advisor to the Minister of Education. Dr. Glaze, a woman of influence, has served as Ontario's Secretariat for Literacy and Numeracy and received *The Order of Ontario*; she is widely known for her innovative professional development initiatives aimed toward improving achievement for all students.

Dr. Glaze remarked:



"I commend Barry MacDonald for stimulating focused inquiry and dialogue about the varied learning needs of boys who struggle at school."

Barry MacDonald's compelling presentation is one of the best I have ever seen. His keynote address at the 2008 National Principals' Conference was balanced, insightful and presented with perspicacity.

He offers a framework and an array of strategies that will indeed make a tremendous difference in the lives of boys struggling at school.

Barry is an outstanding speaker who wisely knows the place of attunement and humour, and indeed should be heard by every educator and parent."