



Meet **JACK BERCKEMEYER**

A nationally recognized presenter, author, and humorist, Jack Berckemeyer began his career as a middle school teacher in Denver, Colorado. After only two years, he was recognized as the outstanding educator at his school and in his district. Then in 2003, Jack received the Outstanding Alumni Award from the Falcon School District. Jack has also served as a judge for the Disney American Teacher Awards and has served on the selection committee for the USA TODAY All-Teacher Team. Jack has a master's degree in Middle Level Education as well as an administrator's degree.

For 13 years Jack served as the Assistant Executive Director for the National Middle School Association. He is the owner of Berckemeyer Consulting Group where he has presented in hundreds of school district and conference settings both nationally and internationally. Jack is known not only for his keynotes and workshops but is also highly regarded as one of the best long-term professional developers in the country. Jack is best-practice focused and research-based. He is in high demand and enjoys working with districts that truly want to see measurable changes. As the former owner of *NUTS and BOLTS—the Never Boring Conference for Educators* Jack continues to support and promote this amazing conference so that realistic and practical hands-on tools and best practices can be offered to educators and schools throughout the country.

He is the author of *Managing the Madness: A Practical Guide to Middle Grades Classrooms*; *How to Do Virtual Teaching Even If You Have a Face for Radio*; *The What, Why, and How of Student-Led Conferences* (with Patti Kinney), and *H.E.L.P. for Teachers* (with Judith Baenen); along with numerous educational articles. His book, *Successful Middle School Teaming*, was released fall of 2022 and is the companion guide to, *The Successful Middle School: This We Believe*. In addition, he is the lead author of the comprehensive professional development curriculum: *Elements of Effective Teaming*. His most recent book, *Deliberate Optimism: STILL Reclaiming the Joy in Education*, co-authored with Dr. Debbie Silver, was released in early 2023.

Jack lives in Denver, Colorado and has no pets or plants.

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