



Urbana School District 116

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Nationally Renowned Speaker to Help Welcome Urbana School District #116 Teachers Back to School

Urbana School District #116 teachers and staff are prepared to kick off the school year in style with workshops, presentations, and an inspirational message from author and speaker [John Alston](http://www.johnalston.com/resume.html) (<http://www.johnalston.com/resume.html>) during the Opening Day Inservice to be held August 27, 2007, at Urbana Middle School, 1201 South Vine Street. The theme for the 2007 opening day event is "The Power of Public Education."

The program begins at 8:00 a.m. with the Urbana High School band and chorus providing music in the Urbana Middle School gym. Superintendent Preston Williams will greet the teachers and staff and present an address entitled "The Power of Public Education: Opportunities and Support."

Mr. Alston will then provide the keynote speech "[You've Got Too Much Class.](http://www.johnalston.com/programs_for_educators.html)" (http://www.johnalston.com/programs_for_educators.html) Alston will speak from his personal experiences and will explore how Urbana School District #116 teachers can make a difference in a changing community.

Teachers will then spend the rest of the day in workshops preparing for the upcoming school year.

For more information about the Urbana School District #116 Opening Day Inservice for teachers or to attend the welcome session and keynote address, please contact Mark Schultz at 384-3650 or at mschultz@usd116.org.

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