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John speaks yearly at national conferences across America. A focus of his work is the need for states to mount reform initiatives that address every aspect of leadership if lasting reform is to be achieved. This work includes standards, university redesign, professional development, certification, and the improvement of working conditions. John is co-author of two books; *From At Risk To Academic Excellence, What Successful Leaders Do*, and *Creating School Cultures That Embrace Learning: What Successful Leaders Do*, published by Eye on Education. A third book, *Cultivating Schools Where Teachers Lead: What Successful Leaders Do*, is due for release in 2010.