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**Hopatcong, NJ - Durban Ave. School**

**Title Motivation from D. West**

Cynthia Randina, Hopatcong Superintendent of Schools, Announces –

Mr. Duane “D” West is a well-known motivational speaker. He is known from the Maury show, Oprah, and countless morning news shows. He tells about his childhood in order to motivate and show that everyone can succeed. Mr. West overcame many obstacles in his life such as: being homeless, having no heat or hot water, holes in his shoes, and being a “little guy”. He was able to overcome these obstacles by believing in himself, and listening to his teachers and mother when they told him that he could do anything he put his mind to.



This is the same message D. West conveyed to our fourth and fifth grade students at Durban Avenue Elementary School. This assembly was filled with motivation and self-esteem boosters. The students at Durban Avenue will surely remember his message of respect, leadership, and anti-bullying.

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If you would like more information on this topic, or to schedule an interview with Cynthia Randina, Superintendent of Schools, please call JoAnne Murray at 973-398-8801 or email at [jmmurray@hopatcongschools.org](mailto:jmmurray@hopatcongschools.org).