

# Professional Development Workshop

*Tamer Higazi, B.A. (Hons), B.Ed., shares rhetorical 'best practices' in his acclaimed PD workshop entitled...*

## Integrating Debate & Public Speaking Principles in the Classroom

### About the Instructor



Tamer Higazi, B.A. (Hons), B.Ed. is a seasoned classroom teacher, riveting public speaker and respected educational consultant, specializing in critical thinking and persuasive speaking. As founder and former coach of the Pickering College debate and public speaking team, Tamer led his school's foray into competitive debate. In the span of just three years, his debate team made a big splash in the CIS Fulford Debating League of Ontario, compiling a long list of impressive speaking accolades along the way. It was through this experience that Tamer discovered some illuminating debating and public speaking principles. He applied these principles in his classrooms (even during detention periods) and found they worked like a charm. He discovered that if structured properly, debating and public speaking actually comes quite naturally to most students.

*We know that knowledge is power and language is power. Mix them together, add a pinch of critical thinking, and savour the results!*

*For any teacher or administrator considering the implementation of debate and public speaking into their curricular or co-curricular program, I am pleased to recommend Mr. Higazi's workshop as an effective way to provide insight, guidance and teacher-friendly techniques that can be readily applied.*

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