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Dr. Scherer has earned an M.A. in Education, a M.S. in psychology and a Ph.D. His doctoral degree is from Vanderbilt University. Joseph Scherer is the Principal/Managing Director of the National Education Dialogue (NED). This endeavor is a continuation of the past fifteen years where he co-founded and managed the District Management Council (DMC) and the Superintendents' National Dialogue (SND). These fifteen years have been committed to defining a common language for improving education with a view to the future and supporting Superintendents of Schools entering and participating in the larger public discussion regarding what it means to educate our children.

Dr. Joseph Scherer has spent nearly twenty years working in Washington, DC. Dr. Scherer first came to Washington as an intern with the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Children and Youth. The Institute for Educational Leadership selected him for a fellowship with the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Following a second year in the U.S. Office of Education, Scherer was appointed to head up the Washington Office of the National PTA. He left the PTA to accept the position of Associate Executive Director of the American Association of School Administrators (AASA) and concluded his association management as the Executive Director of the National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA). He has managed a gubernatorial campaign, worked with elected officials in two state legislatures, Tennessee and Minnesota and has taught from middle school (Minneapolis Public Schools) through graduate school where he served as an adjunct professor at the University of Pennsylvania's Graduate School of Education Mid-Career Doctoral Program.