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Dr. Robert L. Kirton is an educational leader, author, certified leadership coach, and U.S. Navy veteran with more than three decades of experience in K-12 and higher education. As CEO of DNA Educational Solutions, he helps educators and organizations turn evidence and shared priorities into practical action to improve achievement, behavior, and school climate.

His career spans the classroom, school and district administration, and university leadership preparation. He has served as a career and technology education teacher, principal, area superintendent, executive director of schools, and professor of educational leadership. That experience informs his approach to developing leaders, strengthening teams, and connecting professional learning to daily practice.

Leadership That Expands Opportunity

Dr. Kirton founded and helped develop Richland One Middle College, a public charter school that achieved a 100% graduation rate among Black male students under his leadership. His work reflects a sustained commitment to creating pathways for students whose potential is too often overlooked.

Resources That Advance the Mission

He has secured and overseen more than $100 million in grants and resources supporting school facilities, professional development, and student programs. He helps school and nonprofit leaders align funding strategies, partnerships, and implementation plans with the needs of the people they serve.

Life's Lessons. A Legacy of Impact.

Dr. Kirton is the author of *The DNA Blueprint for Educational Leaders* and *A Journey from Risk to Resilience: Turning Obstacles into Opportunities*, which shares his personal story. A companion journal invites young men to tell their own stories, reflect on their experiences, and prepare for the journey ahead. His writing connects a lifetime of learning and service with practical tools for leadership, resilience, and purposeful action.

A Life's Work of Service

A recipient of the FBI Director's Award for Community Leadership, Dr. Kirton actively serves on several nonprofit boards, including Boys Without Fathers in Atlanta, Georgia, where he is Co-Founder and Chief Educational Officer. Helping young people recognize their potential, overcome barriers, and build meaningful futures remains at the heart of his life's work.