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Tony Wagner is a Senior Fellow, Human Capital at The Conference Board. In this role, Wagner supports the Human Capital Practice which includes The Conference Board Human Capital ExchangeTM, research, conferences, webcasts and programs in a broad spectrum of human capital areas.

In addition to serving as a Senior Fellow, Wagner is also the first Innovation Education Fellow at the Technology and Entrepreneurship Center at Harvard, where he researches and writes about how parents, teachers, and employers can develop the capacities of young people to become innovators. He consults and speaks around the world on the challenges of transforming education for the 21st century.

Wagner describes himself as a “recovering” high school English teacher and school principal, having spent the first fifteen years of his career in schools. More recently, he was founder and co-director of the Change Leadership Group at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, where he worked for more than a decade with colleagues to research and develop methodologies for leading change in education systems. Wagner also served as Senior Advisor to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for the first eight years of their education grant making.

Wagner is the author of more than three dozen articles and five books, including the best-seller *The Global Achievement Gap*, which was published in 2008. His forthcoming book, *Creating Innovators: The Making of Young People Who Will Change The World*, will be published in April 2012 by Scribner/Simon & Schuster. He also recently collaborated with Bob Compton to make a documentary film about Finland’s outstanding education system*The Finland Phenomenon*. Wagner earned a Masters of Arts in Teaching and Doctorate in Education at the Harvard University, Graduate School of Education.

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