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ACHIEVEMENT FIRST PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL SHARES TEACHER CAREER PATHWAY STRATEGIES WITH NEW YORK CITY DISTRICT SCHOOLS

“NYC Collaborates” Workshop Part of First-of-its-Kind Partnership

Event Details

Who: Teachers and leaders from public charter and district schools throughout New York City.

What: Achievement First presents “Developing a Meaningful, Effective Teacher Career Pathway” during an interactive workshop co-hosted by NYC Collaborates.

Where: Brooklyn Borough Hall, 209 Joralemon St., New York

When: Monday, February 11, 5:45 p.m.

February 7, 2013 – NEW YORK, N.Y. – Achievement First, a high-performing network of 22 non-profit, college-preparatory public charter schools in Connecticut, New York and Rhode Island, is co-hosting a workshop to explain its student-focused approach to developing great teachers. The event is organized by NYC Collaborates, a program grown from the city’s district-charter compact and spearheaded by the New York City Charter School Center and New York City’s Department of Education. NYC Collaborates allows educators from district and public charter schools throughout the city to come together and share best practices to improve student achievement for all students. This first-of-its-kind collaboration, which includes workshops at several district and public charter schools in New York City, underscores the benefits of cooperation between all city public schools.

In this workshop, Achievement First will share details about its Teacher Career Pathway, a comprehensive, multi-input approach that offers growth opportunities and recognition to teachers as they progress through five career stages: from intern to master teacher. These stages were developed to celebrate excellent teaching and are accompanied by increased compensation and opportunities for professional development. Achievement First believes, and research shows, that the effectiveness of the classroom teacher is the single most important factor supporting student achievement. Achievement First is excited to share its experience with other New York City schools so that all schools can work to implement effective teacher development strategies.

About Achievement First

Achievement First, a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, currently operates 12 public charter schools in Brooklyn. The mission of Achievement First is to close the achievement gap and deliver on the promise of equal educational opportunity for all children, regardless of race, economic status or zip code. With its college-preparatory focus, the Achievement First approach is attaining breakthrough academic gains throughout its network of 22 public charter schools. In the 2012-13 academic year, Achievement First is educating more than 7,000 students in historically low-performing and underserved neighborhoods in

Connecticut and New York (with Rhode Island opening in 2013).

Achievement First's approach to teaching and learning enables every student to succeed at the highest levels. This involves:

- Providing students with more time on task and intense intervention when they are struggling so that no child falls through the cracks;
- Recruiting and developing successful teachers and school leaders and empowering them to use student data to strategically drive instruction;
- Creating a joyful school culture where it is "cool to be smart" that emphasizes character education and focuses students on college.

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