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**ACHIEVEMENT FIRST WELCOMES 320 NEW TEACHERS
TO THREE-WEEK INTENSIVE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING**

New Teachers and Instructional Leaders Arrive at School Early for New Staff Training

Event Details

Who: New Achievement First teachers and instructional leaders, Achievement First organizational leaders including Co-CEO and President Dacia Toll and Co-CEO and Superintendent Doug McCurry.

What: Achievement First's New Staff Training, a comprehensive teacher training program with sessions including "Teacher Development and Evaluation," "Race and Class," "Rigorous and Daily Assessments," and "Student Engagement."

Where: AF Brooklyn High, 1485 Pacific Street, Brooklyn, NY

When: Monday, July 29 – Wednesday, July 31 (with additional training at the school level until mid-August)

BROOKLYN, N.Y. – Achievement First, a high-performing network of 25 non-profit, college-preparatory public charter schools in Connecticut, New York and Rhode Island, is excited to welcome 320 new teachers and instructional leaders to our intensive New Staff Training program.

While most educators across the country return to schools in late August, Achievement First's new teachers and instructional leaders return to our classrooms in July. During New Staff Training, they gather as a network to learn about instructional excellence, school culture, classroom management and more. After the three-day, network-wide New Staff Training program, participants move to their individual schools to continue working with peers and preparing for a year of high student achievement.

New Staff Training participants include team members who will be joining our existing full-size schools, joining our growing schools or serving as founding team members at our three new schools: AF University Prep High and AF Aspire Elementary in Brooklyn, and AF Providence Mayoral Academy Elementary in Rhode Island.

To learn more about this event or to visit New Staff Training, contact Amanda Pinto at amandapinto@achievementfirst.org.

About Achievement First

Achievement First, a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, currently operates 25 public charter schools in New York, Connecticut and Rhode Island. 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,



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economic status or zip code. With its college-preparatory focus, the Achievement First approach is attaining breakthrough academic gains throughout its network of 25 public charter schools. In the 2013-14 academic year, Achievement First is educating more than 8,100 students in historically low-performing and underserved neighborhoods in New York, Connecticut and Rhode Island.

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.

For more information, please visit <http://www.AchievementFirst.org>.

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