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Thanks for continuing to read about what's happening at Achievement First. If you have further questions about your Gmail settings, check out the Google Support page [here](#).

Brooklyn Bridge March

The Achievement First community will soon participate in an historic event in support of our schools, students, and families—and, even more importantly—in support of preserving a parent's right to choose an excellent education for his or her child. On the morning of Tuesday, October 8th, Achievement First will take part in a march across the Brooklyn Bridge alongside parents, students and staff members from public charter schools across New York City. We anticipate between 10,000 and 20,000 people marching together in an inspirational show of strength, support, and unity.

Virtual Professional Development

Classroom Routines and Expectations

Great teachers know the importance of creating a detailed, written, comprehensive plan for their classroom routines and expectations. Watch Achievement First's co-CEO and Superintendent, Doug McCurry, lead a session that will help you turn wasted minutes into purposeful and focused learning time. Then download resources to learn how to plan, in detail, the "what" and "why" for an expectation or routine you can use in your practice today! Watch, download and join the conversation at #classroomroutines.

Sign up [here](#) to take part in this professional development opportunity.

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Leadership Corner

Check out these [best practices](#) for coaching conversations with teachers. If you're looking to grow as a [leader](#), consider joining our team! The first school leader [application](#) deadline is November 12th.

Amistad Academy Graduate Comes Home to Teach



At Achievement First, we're proud to welcome our alumni back to our classrooms. Check out this [video](#) from NBC Connecticut to learn more about Alexandria Blackwood, an Amistad Academy alumna and AF Hartford Academy Elementary second-grade teacher, as she explains how Achievement First inspired her to serve as a leader in our communities.

Featured Opportunity

From the Desk Of ...



Regional Superintendent

Darryl Williams

"From the Desk Of ..." provides inside perspectives from some of the most high-performing leaders in ed reform. This month features Darryl Williams. Darryl is a native New Yorker who fell in love with education

through Brighter Choices Charter Schools in Albany, NY. After serving in many instructional roles at Brighter Choices, Darryl joined our team as a regional superintendent this fall. If he's not in schools, you'll probably find him cheering at his kids' soccer games or practicing Tae Kwon Do with his whole family.

Learn more about what motivates Darryl [here](#).

Use Our Teaching Resources



Quantitative, logical, critical thinking is essential to our students' success in the world. Use the resources below to push your students' mathematical skills forward.

Support your elementary students as they learn to compare and order numbers using this [lesson plan](#).

Push your middle school students' understanding of congruence and similarity using this [lesson plan](#) on reflection.

Challenge your high school students as they begin to explore algebra, using this [unit plan](#) on function modeling.

To download more Achievement First resources in all subjects and grade levels, visit our [resources page](#).

Use Our Interactive Rubrics

Setting ambitious goals for your students and striving to meet them

2014-15 Secondary Math Teachers

Start Date: July 2014

Location: New York and Connecticut

Our secondary math teachers develop rigorous lessons to drive quantitative and critical thinking skills. Achievement First supports math teachers with robust teacher professional development, data-driven planning sessions, and one-on-one coaching. Learn more and apply [here](#).

We also have a variety of openings remaining for the 2013-14 school year. To learn more about our available teacher and leader roles, click [here](#).

Network Support Featured Opportunity

Executive Director, Emerging Charter Management

Organization (CMO) Support

Start Date: Immediate

Location: Flexible, preference for Brooklyn, NY or New Haven, CT

The executive director of emerging CMO support is charged with identifying the best practices of the partnering organizations and creating an innovative program to train the next generation of CMO leaders. The executive director will develop and train a cohort of eight to 12 emerging CMO CEOs, with an emphasis on leaders of color who have a strong record of student achievement and are poised for future growth. Learn more about this opportunity and apply [here](#).

We are always looking for talented individuals to join our Network Support team. View current Achievement First Network Support opportunities [here](#).

Share the REACH Out

If your friends or colleagues would be interested in using our resources and following our news, encourage them to sign up to receive our

requires accurate and ongoing assessment of their skills. Use the two interactive writing rubrics below to evaluate your middle school and high school students' writing and push the needle on student achievement.

Middle School [Rubric](#)

High School [Rubric](#)

Meet us on the Road



Throughout the year, our team visits cities across the country in search of teachers and school leaders who are passionate about creating high-quality experiences for urban students. Below are cities we'll be visiting soon; please [email](#) us to learn more.

October 5 - Watertown, MA

October 5 - New Haven, CT - TFA All-Corps Event

October 15 - New Haven, CT - Yale Education Industry Fair

October 18 - New York, NY - Special Education Collaborative

October 24 - Providence, RI - TFA All-Corps Event

November 2 - Durham, NC

November 9 - Nashville, TN

November 16 - Colorado Springs, CO

Other Ways to Learn More

Check out our calendar of upcoming events [here](#).

Follow us on Facebook [here](#).

Watch Achievement First videos [here](#).

Read the AF Chalkboard Blog [here](#).

To view previous newsletters, click [here](#).

monthly newsletter on this [website](#). See the bottom left-hand side of the page.

Our Mission

The mission of Achievement First is to deliver on the promise of equal educational opportunity for all of America's children. We believe that all children, regardless of race or economic status, can succeed if they have access to a great education.

Achievement First schools will provide all of our students with the academic and character skills they need to graduate from top colleges, to succeed in a competitive world and to serve as the next generation of leaders for our communities.

Diversity & Inclusiveness

At Achievement First, we believe that closing the achievement gap is an economic and moral imperative. It is the civil rights issue of our time. In carrying out our mission, Achievement First must ensure that our team is composed of individuals who, through their talent, commitment and understanding of both student needs and effective teaching, can ensure all of our students succeed in accomplishing these big dreams. Diversity and inclusiveness are critical to our mission.

Read why Achievement First has named diversity and inclusiveness one of our top five priorities for the 2013-14 school year [here](#).

