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AMERICAN QUALITY SCHOOLS HOSTS ALL-STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY *Topics Included High Order Thinking Skills and Data-Driven Instruction*

CHICAGO – October 11, 2012 – American Quality Schools (AQS) held its first All-Staff Professional Development Day of the 2012-2013 academic year on October 5, 2012, at Thea Bowman Leadership Academy High School campus in Gary, Indiana. More than 275 teachers, social workers, deans, and instructional aides from nine AQS campuses were in attendance. Each staff member attended four separate professional development workshops of their choice, which covered topics such as higher order thinking skills, data-driven instruction, new state-mandated teacher evaluation tools, behavioral management, differentiated instruction, reading and math strategies, and cultural competence.

“We received positive feedback from faculty and staff about the sessions,” said Patricia Yadgir, AQS Vice President of School Programs. “More than 80% ranked the workshop presenters very highly or highly, and the majority indicated they gained much practical knowledge for use in the classroom. Faculty and staff also provided helpful suggestions for additional topics and improving future professional development sessions.”

In addition to All-Staff Professional Development Day, AQS faculty and staff have opportunities to enhance their skills and knowledge by completing courses offered through the AQS Professional Development College, and PD activities held every Wednesday afternoon at their respective schools. In response to the success of the new structure of October's all-staff training, AQS plans to increase the frequency and offerings of All-Staff Professional Development Day for the 2013-2014 academic year.

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American Quality Schools believes in the innate capacity of every child to succeed. This capacity is fostered through high academic and personal standards, respectful and orderly schools, competent and dedicated faculty and staff, involved and caring parents and administrative and management leadership creating a climate and culture of continuous improvement and a commitment to high and measurable standards of excellence. Based in Chicago, AQS currently manages a portfolio of eleven charter and contract schools in Illinois, Indiana, and Missouri.