



A Union of Professionals

**QuEST 2007**

Quality Educational Standards in Teaching

## **Strong Teams Build Strong Schools**

*(Prerequisite: Registered as a district team and team member; see registration form.)*

Whether your team is starting a partnership to improve schools or working to strengthen your existing partnership, this mini-institute will provide opportunities for union leaders and district administrators to learn and to work together. Hear from experts and practioners about how to start partnerships that produce results and how to sustain those partnerships. Union locals and district administrators will share their experiences in working together to develop strategies for school improvement, expand professional development opportunities for staff, and reach out to parent and community partners. Learn about the resources available from the AFT to help union locals and districts assist schools in designing and implementing changes. Throughout QuEST your team will: create a workplan; attend daily debriefing sessions that focus on issues affecting your district; share experiences with other teams; and access AFT staff on issues confronting your school(s).

Wednesday, July 11, 2007

1. Getting started-Deciding to work together is only a baby step toward working together to improve schools. Learn how other municipal groups, including schools, forged partnerships for change and quality improvements.
2. Identifying your critical issues
3. How local unions and districts formed their partnerships-presentations by two districts on why and how they work together to improve student achievement

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4. Getting the resources you need
  - a. ER&D
  - b. Effective Leadership Institute
5. Making the most of QuEST
  - a. Learn about the opportunities available at QuEST
  - b. Spend time planning your QuEST schedule

Teams will have an opportunity to plan their work throughout QuEST with daily debriefings sessions where they can focus on issues affecting their district; share experiences with other teams and access AFT staff and QuEST experts on issues affecting your team.