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## **Gwinnett to share its tools for success with “Corporate America”**

Where does the American Productivity Quality Center (APQC) go to learn more about adult professional learning and development? The answer is **Gwinnett County Public Schools**. This Friday, (September 15, 2006), GCPS will host a one-day, world-class professional learning event, at which visiting educators and CEOs will learn about Gwinnett’s success in the area of professional learning, specifically the system’s work to create collaborative, team environments and to tie professional learning to final results.

GCPS is one of five school districts, from the 11,000 school districts in the nation, selected by APQC to share best practices in the field of adult professional learning and development. Specializing in helping organizations succeed in a competitive marketplace, APQC will bring a team of 15-20 educators and corporate leaders to Gwinnett County this week. The visiting group will include representatives from school districts as far away as Plano, TX, to as close as the Atlanta Public Schools. Corporate leaders will be participating as well, representing organizations such as IBM, TrueNorthLogic, Schoolnet, and others.

Gwinnett County Public Schools was chosen to host the meeting due to “a combination of its innovative best practices and its focus on high student achievement” says APQC project manager Travis Colton.

*For more information about this professional learning exchange, please contact Dr. Lea Arnau Director of Professional Learning at (678) 301-7095.*

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