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PLACE BRIDGE ACADEMY ACHIEVES MODEL SCHOOL STATUS

Shreveport, LA (April 8, 2013) Ascend Education is pleased to announce that Place Bridge Academy in Denver, CO has been awarded Model School status. The award will be presented at a special event held at Place Bridge on Friday, April 19, 2013.

The Ascend Math Model School Program was created to honor schools that implement Ascend Math with fidelity and integrity and hold them up as leaders in Ascend Math and models for others. The program seeks to celebrate the students' and school's success while providing the opportunity to share best practices with others. The Model School program encourages educators to build a network of knowledge, sharing with other educators the challenges they face and the strategies they use to overcome these challenges with the help of Ascend Math®.

The educators at Place Bridge Academy are master implementers of Ascend Math. They regularly set ambitious goals and use data to monitor student progress and improve upon their success.

With more than an 80% ELL population and students speaking 60 different languages Place Bridge Academy may be the most multi-cultural school in the nation. Place Bridge is also a magnet school for mild/moderate and multi-intensive needs students. Many of their students had fallen well behind in math and needed help. During the first half year using Ascend students averaging 68.9% on a pre-assessment grew to 93.6% on their post assessment. Since then, Place Bridge students have continued to excel.

"As a school leader, it is exciting to see a program that meets the needs of our diverse student population, as well as support the work of our classroom teachers. Ascend Math has fulfilled both these criteria" said Brenda Kazin, Principal of Place Bridge Academy.

As a model school, Place Bridge Academy will have the opportunity to share best practices with other educators and districts who will likely benefit from their knowledge and experience. On April 19, 2013 they will host an event coinciding with NCTM (National Council of Teachers of Mathematics) sharing their strategies for success with educators nationwide. Educators in the Denver area and/or attending NCTM are invited to the event. Interested educators should call Ascend Education at 1-877-843-0277.

About Ascend Math®

Ascend Math® is a research based instructional resource in which students have proven to achieve two or more grade level gains in a six month period. This web- delivered individualized intervention resource identifies skill gaps, prescribes targeted instruction, and motivates students to achieve their maximum performance and potential.

Ascend Math is written to Common Core and state standards. Instruction is delivered in a logical math sequence and students can progress at their own pace and track their own progress and success. Ascend Math® is currently used by hundreds of schools and districts serving tens of thousands of students throughout the U.S. and Canada. Visit www.ascendmath.com

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