


**SCHOOL BOARD COMMUNICATION**

<b>Title:</b>	American Productivity Quality Center		
<b>Date:</b>	March 25, 2013	<b>Item Number:</b>	Worksession
<b>Administrator:</b>	Steve Atwater, Ph.D. Superintendent of Schools		
<b>Attachments:</b>			

Action Needed   
  For Discussion   
  Information   
  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

One of the three focus areas of our strategic plan is organizational excellence. The goals that are tied to this area are designed to improve our efficiencies. The American Productivity Quality Center (APQC) is a nonprofit founded in 1977, that expanded to include education groups in 1998. Districts are using APQC process and performance management to increase efficiencies and eliminate waste and redundancies. APQC's work with districts has consistently led to savings.

Fred Bentsen, senior vice president for APQC, will present an overview of how his organization works with a school district. He will make a brief presentation and then take questions. Mr. Bentsen will also be present for dinner. Finally, my leadership team and three of our principals will spend the day with Mr. Bentsen on Tuesday. He will share with us how to analyze district processes. We will then identify which of these most needs attention.

Thanks to Assistant Superintendent Dusek who did much of the legwork to initiate this partnership.

**ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION**

N/A