Appendix C – Questionnaire for Completers in Year 1 Prepared by the University of Chicago Survey Lab

Professional Development Program Evaluation Survey

First are some questions about your enrollment in the program.

1. Please rate each of the following as a reason you enrolled in the program

	1-3 Main reasons	Secondary reasons	<u>Not</u> reasons
A. You liked the idea of being in a program with colleagues from your school	1	2	3
B. To improve your math knowledge	1	2	3
C. To meet teachers from other schools	1	2	3
D. Other teachers at your school who were enrolling urged you to join them	1	2	3
E. Your principal urged you to enroll	1	2	3
F. Free tuition	1	2	3
G. For your long-term career progress	1	2	3
H. For immediate application to teaching work	1	2	3
I. For math endorsement credit	1	2	3
J. Other, please specify	1	2	3

2. All teachers initially enrolled with others from their school. Which of the following was true for you?

- 1 You still had colleagues from your school during the entire program
- 2 All others dropped out leaving you as the *only* teacher from your school in the program

3. Are any of the teachers with whom you first enrolled still at your current school?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

4. As part of the program, you received guides to organize analysis of student math status such as the "math path" and ISAT Problem Solver guides, and charts to use to plan your instructional priorities. Please rate these materials below.

	Not at all			Very
A. Was it easy to use the guides?	1	2	3	4
B. Did you find the use of the guides helpful at the time?	1	2	3	4
C. Do you still find the materials helpful?	1	2	3	4

As part of the program, a project facilitator made visits to each school to assist teachers with using the program resources. The following questions ask for your evaluation of this aspect of the program.

5. Did you get as much of the facilitator's time as you needed?

- 1 Yes
- ₂ No

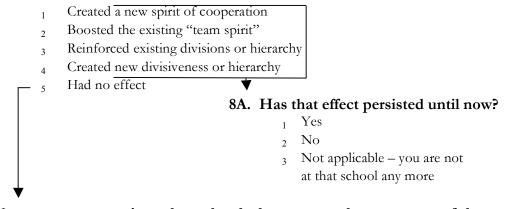
6. How helpful was the facilitator during the times you interacted?

Not at all helpful				Extremely helpful	Never interacted
1	2	3	4	5	-4

7. Did the facilitator's work increase the value of the courses and materials?

- ¹ Yes, quite a bit
- ² Yes, somewhat
- 3 No, the materials and courses would have been just as valuable without the facilitator's input

8. What effect did the facilitator's work have on cooperation among math teachers at your school?



Now are some questions about the algebra courses that were part of the program.

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Poor	8			Excellent
1	2	3	4	5
9B. Please rate Poor	the algebra cour	rse instructor Mr. Lyn	in	Excellent
1	2	3	4	5

	Not at all	A little	Moderatel y	Very much
A. Helped you learn your subject matter better?	1	2	3	4
B. Provided you with teaching strategies?	1	2	3	4
C. Linked you to a support group of teachers?	1	2	3	4
D. Provided useful teaching resources?	1	2	3	4

10. How much do you think the algebra courses ...

11. Please rate your level of effort in the courses. Your honest response will help us develop realistic expectations for this type of program.

	None	Some	Half	Most	A11
A. How much assigned homework did you do?	1	2	3	4	5
B. How much homework did you turn in on time?	1	2	3	4	5
C. How many class sessions did you miss?	1	2	3	4	5

The program also included a course on assessment.

13. Please rate the instructor for the assessment course.

Poor				Excellent
1	2	3	4	5

14. How much do you think the assessment course ...

	Not at all	A little	Moderatel y	Very much
A. Provided you with useful classroom strategies?	1	2	3	4
B. Linked you to a support group of teachers?	1	2	3	4
C. Increased your teaching effectiveness?	1	2	3	4

Finally, we have some questions that ask you to assess the program overall.

15. Please rate the value of the various aspects of the program below.

	Least Valuable				Most Valuable
A. Formative evaluation guides	1	2	3	4	5
B. Teaching guides	1	2	3	4	5
C. Student activity guides for problem- solving and writing about math	1	2	3	4	5
D. Project facilitator visits	1	2	3	4	5
E. Graduate courses in algebra (3 courses)	1	2	3	4	5

F. Graduate course in assessment (1 course)12345

16. To the best of your ability, please indicate whether the program prompted you to use the following teaching techniques *more* or *less* often or whether the program had no effect on your use of these techniques.

Due to the program, do you use the following	A lot less	A little less	The same (no effect)	A little more	A lot more
A. Peer interaction teaching methods (peer tutors, peer coaching, pair students, study groups, group projects, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5
B. Student-initiated cognitive and meta-cognitive techniques (math journals, write out steps, draw pictures/diagrams of problem-solving process, students create own problems, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5
C. Practice (students apply new skills to a variety of problems)	1	2	3	4	5
D. Teacher-interactive instruction (one-on-one teaching, model problems for students, small group instruction)	1	2	3	4	5
E. Teaching to multiple learning styles (manipulatives, models, visuals, technology)	1	2	3	4	5
F. Reframing techniques (break problem into smaller parts, fewer or simpler problems, re-state problem, re-teach lesson with different approach)	1	2	3	4	5
G. Applications and practical examples (real world applications, relate math to student's lives, story problems, projects)	1	2	3	4	5
H. Affective Domain (positive reinforcement, verbal encouragement and patience)	1	2	3	4	5
I. Assessment (use oral as well as written exams, re-testing, look for error patterns)	1	2	3	4	5
J. Teacher instruction of cognition (math path, flow charts, teach students to "undo" problems, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5

17. What are the most important things the program did for you?

18. How, if at all, is the program continuing to have an impact on your teaching today?

19. Would you encourage or discourage other teachers from taking part in similar programs?

- Encourage 1
- Discourage 2

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20. If you had it to do over again, would you still enroll?

	1-3 Main reasons	Secondary reasons	<u>No</u> reaso
A group-building, bonding experience with teachers inside your school	1	2	3
A chance to communicate and share ideas with teachers outside your school	1	2	3
Practical value in the classroom	1	2	3
Credential for advancement	1	2	3
Increased own knowledge, skill	1	2	3
Other, please specify:			

No ----2

	1-3 Main	Secondary	<u>Not</u>
	reasons	reasons	reasons
Doesn't fit in with school schedule	1	2	3
Too much work in general	1	2	3
Too stressful while working	1	2	3
Not helpful for teaching	1	2	3
Not challenging enough	1	2	3
Other, please specify:			

21. Is there anything else you wanted to say about the program?

THANK YOU for your assistance! Your cooperation helps us to evaluate and improve programs like these.

Please return the survey in postage paid envelope provided.

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