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Teachscape Helps Educators Use Data to Inform Teaching Practices and Increase Student Achievement

Data-Driven Instruction Series added to Teachscape's Online Professional Learning Suite

SAN FRANCISCO, November 9, 2011 – To help educators and administrators improve how they interpret and use learning assessment data to increase student achievement, Teachscape, the leader in delivering web-based professional learning content, innovative technologies, and expert services to improve teaching practice, has developed the Data-Driven Instruction Series content library. Comprised of four new modules – two for instructional leaders and two for teachers – the series helps educators use data to make informed decisions for planning and implementing effective instruction.

“It is essential for educators to make meaningful use of the student assessment data they have at hand,” said Mark Atkinson, founder and chief strategist of Teachscape. “This series provides strategies necessary to develop and sustain a data-focused culture at both the school and district level, where data is used to make key instructional and programmatic decisions directly tied to the specific needs of students.”

Modules for Leaders

The *Finding Focus and Getting Results* module helps school leaders develop processes related to working with data and implement successful strategies in their current work with data. The *Leading and Supporting Effective Work with Data* module focuses on the most effective ways school leaders can establish, develop, and sustain a data-focused environment in which teachers and other staff at their school are all adept at using data to engage in a continuous improvement process.

Modules for Teachers

The *Data-Focused Instructional Decision Making* module presents opportunities for teachers to practice the process of data collection, analysis, and interpretation, as well as the decision making that results from that work. The *Effective Formative Assessment module* focuses on effective ways to conduct and analyze traditional and alternative methods of formative assessment.

The modules include commentaries on particular topics such as formative assessment and reading, writing and mathematics instruction.

Teachscape Professional Learning Suite

The Data-Driven Instruction Series is one of eight online content libraries in the Teachscape Professional Learning Suite. The libraries are organized into 44 separate topics that include 124 modules, including the four new modules being announced today. The modules contain more than 2,500 videos and more than 10,000 learning resources. To learn more about Teachscape's Data-Driven Instruction Series and Professional Learning Suite, visit <http://www.teachscape.com/products/professional-learning-suite>.

About Teachscape

Teachscape uniquely combines innovative technology, engaging content, and expert services to develop great teachers. From its Classroom Walkthrough technology to its powerful web-based content delivery platform to its online master's programs, Teachscape's award-winning products and services have been inspired by its dedication to sparking transformative change in teaching practice. Since 1999, Teachscape has worked with schools and school districts, charter networks, archdioceses, universities, and state education departments to measurably and continuously improve the effectiveness of teachers and instructional leaders to produce gains in student achievement. Teachscape's partners include the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Stanford University, the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, Charlotte Danielson, and Kogeto to help shape its vision, its products, and its strategies. To learn more about Teachscape and its complete collection of professional development offerings, go to <http://www.teachscape.com>.

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