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NSBA's TLN Member Districts Participate in Teachscape Professional Development Study

Districts to provide valuable feedback on new customizable professional learning platform 'Teachscape XL'

SAN FRANCISCO, February 27, 2009 – Teachscape and the National School Boards Association (NSBA) have chosen three Technology Leadership Network (TLN) member districts to participate in a semester-long study of the professional learning platform, Teachscape XL. The districts participating are Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools (NC), Guilford County Schools (NC), and Greater Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools (TN).

As part of the agreement, Teachscape will provide free use of Teachscape XL, the new custom publishing tool, and six families of content resources at no cost. Participating districts will share their experiences through online surveys throughout the pilot project and at a focus group during the National Education Computing Conference (NECC) in June 2009.

“TLN districts are known for their leadership in innovative practices with technology, and this partnership provides us with access to their expertise to help us expand on our products over time,” said Cheryl Williams, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives. “With the data collected from participating districts, we can better understand the impact a customizable learning platform for instructional leaders has on professional learning communities.”

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Teachscape XL is a Web-based platform that takes high-quality online teacher professional development resources and makes every element of those resources—the text, the videos, the interactive elements—individual items in a massive, searchable training library.

Coaches, teachers and instructional leaders can reassemble learning modules and case studies within Teachscape XL with ease or create new resources of their own using content development and coaching tools found in the program.

About NSBA's TLN

NSBA's Technology Leadership Network (TLN), founded in 1987, is the district networking program that offers a complete package of benefits, and is an innovative way to bring the school board, administrators, and the district technology team together to glean the best practices from other districts and to make well-informed technology decisions. More than 350 school districts, education agencies, and colleges of education benefit from this remarkable support system. For more information about the NSBA Technology Leadership Network, visit www.nsba.org.

About Teachscape

Teachscape is a technology-enabled school effectiveness company that provides research-based, data-driven, job-embedded professional learning for educators throughout a school system. As a strong proponent of the National Staff Development Council's standards, Teachscape's mission is to integrate 21st century skills into every teacher's day. Teachscape has partnered with respected institutions including Stanford University, McREL, the Concord Consortium, the University of Texas and others to shape its approach to professional learning. For more information, visit Teachscape at <http://www.teachscape.com>.

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