



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Contact:** Kati Elliott  
KEH Communications  
410-975-9638  
[kati@kehcomm.com](mailto:kati@kehcomm.com)

Brian Fawkes  
Teachscape  
415-369-3131  
[brian.fawkes@teachscape.com](mailto:brian.fawkes@teachscape.com)

### **‘Teachscape Instruction| Desktop’ Provides Educators New Options for Managing ‘Classroom Walkthrough (CWT)’ Data**

***Application adds netbooks, laptops and tablet PCs to number of devices used for classroom walkthroughs***

**SAN FRANCISCO, March 9, 2010** – Teachscape, the leader in the development and delivery of outcomes-based instructional improvement and professional development programs for educators, has expanded the number of devices usable for collecting CWT data with the launch of Teachscape Instruction | Desktop. The application allows users to gather instruction data through classroom walkthroughs on a netbook, laptop or tablet PC, with or without an Internet connection. This application expands the number of devices that can be used for in-field observations and allows educators to upload data to the district’s reporting tool whenever they have access to the Internet.

Used in conjunction with Teachscape’s Classroom Walkthrough program and Data Collection Tool, the Teachscape Instruction | Desktop application was created to help solve the issue of limited Internet access in schools. While offline, desktop users can enter and save walkthrough data. Saved responses may be edited at any time before being uploaded to the Teachscape server. The data will be stored on the device until the computer is within range of a wireless or Ethernet connection, at which time the data will be uploaded to the Teachscape servers.

“Classroom Walkthrough is a powerful tool for assessing best practices and instructional areas that could use improvement. Principals and instructional leaders often times do not have access to handheld devices to accomplish walkthroughs,” said Erin Walker, vice president of professional services at Teachscape. “With Teachscape Instruction | Desktop, educators can input data collected during classroom walkthroughs from both

online and offline devices. We want to make classroom walkthroughs as easy and flexible to use as possible, and because of this we continue to develop tools that take advantage of multiple technologies.”

Teachscape Instruction | Desktop comes on the heels of Teachscape Instruction | Mobile for the iPhone and iTouch which launched in February 2010. Additional devices usable with the Data Collection Tool include BlackBerry, Palm and Windows Mobile.

The new application will assist users who prefer a larger screen format to the tiny display characteristics of handheld devices. Administrators use CWT to fill out surveys of instructional look fors in the classroom. Data from the surveys is then combined to look for trends in instruction. With Teachscape Instruction | Desktop users can view required or unanswered questions on a survey, view more options for pages, and use survey filters for quicker access.

### **Pricing and Availability**

Teachscape Instruction | Desktop is currently available at no additional charge for Teachscape CWT license holders. The application is available on Windows XP (SP3) and Windows 7 for PC Netbooks and PC Laptops. For Macs, users can access the application using MAC OSX. For more information, visit [www.teachscape.com](http://www.teachscape.com). To download the application, visit <http://download.teachscape.com/instruction>.

### **About Teachscape**

Teachscape provides industry-leading solutions, technology and services, for K12 and higher education markets. For schools, Teachscape provides data-driven, outcomes-based software solutions and services that increase student achievement by improving instructional leadership and practice. For teachers, Teachscape delivers unparalleled online, graduate educational experience through programs developed by some of the foremost experts in the field.

Teachscape has partnered with respected institutions including the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Stanford University, McREL, the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, the Concord Consortium, the University of Texas, Houston, and others to shape its approach to its programs for schools and for teachers. For more information, visit Teachscape at <http://www.teachscape.com>.

###