Online Technologies to Enhance MSP Teacher Quality Programs
A Research, Evaluation, and Technical Assistance (RETA) project

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Effective professional development

- Focuses on improving classroom practices and increasing student learning
- Fosters both subject matter knowledge and understanding of learning processes
- Engages teachers in their own development
- Provides time for inquiry, reflection, and discussion
- Involves collaboration and mentoring
- Is integrated into teachers’ daily work
- Provides for ongoing learning
Our RETA project can help you use online technologies to provide more effective professional development programs in your MSP
Online Communications: A Historical Change

- Instant yet permanent
- Traverses time and space
- Rich, multimedia information
- Broadcast and/or interactive
- Allows for individual, community, or mass communications
- Brings a new economics to communication
Online technologies enable you to provide powerful new ways to increase communication, collaboration, and connections among educators.
Online technologies can be used to provide:

- a wider variety of professional development (PD) opportunities
- ongoing communications between face-to-face PD events
- stronger connections between mentors and teachers
- tools to enhance professional learning communities
- new ways for teachers to share information with colleagues
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Online technologies can be used to provide:

- ways to better integrate PD with classroom practices
- opportunities for teachers to use technology in their own learning
- on-demand support for prof devel leaders
- new means to reach teachers with diverse learning styles
- anytime, anyplace interactions among teachers, PD leaders, content experts, administrators, and others
Quotes about online learning for educators

from Sheila Talamo, Assistant Superintendent, Office of Quality Educators, Louisiana State Dept of Education:

- “Online learning provides an added dimension and added value to a good PD program”
- “Online learning provides opportunities for learning that would not otherwise be available to the individuals involved”
- “Online learning has the potential to strengthen and renew ongoing programs”
- “Online learning does not replace face-to-face PD”
EDC can help your MSP

• Understand the nature and potential of online approaches to professional development
• Plan how online technologies can enhance TQ programs within your MSP project
• Navigate through the various approaches & technologies to determine which ones best fit your project needs
• Plan to implement online components of your TQ program
• Develop your organizational capacity to conduct effective online professional development
• Evaluate the effectiveness of online technologies in helping to meet your TQ goals
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