# 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

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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

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# 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

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# 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"

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# 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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