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**Great Books Foundation Partners with Teachscape to Offer  
'Classroom Walkthrough' Technology to Customers**

***New research-based indicators focusing on higher order thinking skills  
will be created for 'CWT 3.0' as part of strategic partnership***

SAN FRANCISCO, January 22, 2009 – Great Books Foundation (GBF), a nonprofit educational organization, has selected Teachscape as a professional development partner to offer the Classroom Walkthrough 3.0 (CWT 3.0) technology to its customers. As part of the collaboration, GBF will create custom look fors, or research-based indicators, centered on models of inquiry and higher order thinking skills relative to instructional improvement for CWT 3.0. CWT 3.0 allows building administrators to observe and record classroom teaching strategies to make data-driven decisions for teacher professional development planning and implementation.

GBF has a rich history in providing professional development focused on inquiry, literature discussion, and critical thinking to help teachers increase student achievement in grades K-12. Through the partnership, GBF will use its expertise in the field to develop the new look fors, and will be able to resell the CWT 3.0 professional development program directly to its customers. The foundation will create its own custom training to help instructional leaders use the technology and the new look fors.

“The partnership with Great Books Foundation allows both organizations to combine their expertise to produce valuable, research-based models of instructional practice” said Scott Noon, V.P. of Marketing and Business Development for Teachscape. “As a company we are strategically positioning ourselves to create partnerships of substance.”

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“We have almost 50 years experience providing teachers and students with curriculum materials and professional development that’s been endorsed by the National Staff Development Council,” said Mary Kent Sweeton, V. P. for Marketing and Sales for GBF. “Our partnership with Teachscape helps us close the loop, enabling school leaders to collect objective observational data that teachers can use to improve instruction in thinking skills across the curriculum.”

The look fors, created by GBF, will be available to Teachscape’s CWT 3.0 users at no additional charge once the CWT 3.0 product launches in May 2009. For more information, visit [www.greatbooks.org](http://www.greatbooks.org) or [www.teachscape.com](http://www.teachscape.com).

#### **About Great Books Foundation**

For more than 60 years, the Great Books Foundation has been at the helm of a movement to advance the reading and discussion of great literature in communities, schools, and homes. The foundation publishes stimulating anthologies and related materials, supports the efforts of local book clubs, and promotes a style of discussion that encourages civil discourse. For more information, visit Great Books Foundation at [www.greatbooks.org](http://www.greatbooks.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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