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KIPP Houston Adopts TeachBoost as Its Teacher Development Technology Platform

Network-wide expansion will enable greater insight into teacher growth trajectories and instructional leadership capacity.

New York, NY—TeachBoost today announced a partnership with KIPP Houston to provide its instructional leadership platform to all educators network-wide.

TeachBoost works with school systems to help identify the critical actions educators can take to attract, develop, and retain those outstanding educators who will move the needle on student achievement.

KIPP Houston will use TeachBoost's evaluation, coaching, and reporting tools to centralize the network's processes, streamline its protocols, and track performance and growth across its staff.

TeachBoost began its partnership with KIPP Houston in 2014, when KIPP Northeast Preparatory school leader Gillian Quinn implemented the software in her school. Quinn is widely regarded as an innovative leader, and her advocacy for the platform encouraged broader adoption across eleven more KIPP Houston schools over the 2015–16 school year.

"It's critical that our teachers receive frequent, meaningful, normed feedback—that's how we develop our staff and grow a stronger school," shares Quinn. "With TeachBoost, we're able to observe, deliver feedback, and see the growth our teachers are making. We use TeachBoost's Insight reports to track growth over time, and those Insights help us validate our instructional coaching cycle. As a result, our teachers improve dramatically throughout the year."

"From the outset, our work with KIPP Houston has been consistently rewarding," says Jason DeRoner, TeachBoost's CEO and Co-Founder. "School and network leaders approach evaluation and coaching from the standpoint of continuous growth and development, rather than orienting the work around punitive measures. We are excited at this expansion of our long-standing partnership with the network, because we have a shared vision around high-impact instructional leadership."

"We are excited to partner with Teach Boost both standardize, enhance, and automate our teacher observations," says Chuck Fimble, Chief People Officer at KIPP Houston. "Teacher observations are the heart of a teacher appraisal system, and most importantly, the foundation

of teacher development so all KIPP teachers can grow stronger in the classroom. TeachBoost gives us the tools to accomplish this.”

In addition to performing teacher evaluations on the TeachBoost platform, KIPP Houston schools leverage TeachBoost’s flexibility and customizability to model through software their unique approaches to instructional leadership and educator development. We profiled one such example of a personality-filled observation framework in a [blog post](#) for The Launchpad.

“The role of technology in the growth and development process is *not* to do the work of the instructional leader, but rather to leverage automation, accelerate evidence collection, and embed expertise when and where educators need it most,” adds DeRoner. “The TeachBoost platform ensures that KIPP Houston’s instructional leadership initiatives provide the insights and resources needed to foster growth and development, as well as to build capacity and improve educators.”

About KIPP Houston: KIPP, the Knowledge Is Power Program, was founded in Houston in 1994. Houston is KIPP’s largest region, with 24 public schools serving nearly 12,500 students and an additional 1,200 alumni in college and beyond. KIPP is on a mission to develop in underserved students the academic skills, intellectual habits, and qualities of character necessary to succeed at all levels of pre-kindergarten through 12th grade, college, and the competitive world beyond. Students achieve their dreams by following two important rules: Work hard. Be nice. Learn more at kipphouston.org.

About TeachBoost: TeachBoost provides a customizable, best-in-class instructional leadership platform that empowers instructional leaders to develop their team to its greatest potential. In districts and school systems around the world, TeachBoost’s observation, coaching, and professional development tools streamline evaluations and formative feedback to save time, shorten the feedback loop, and support educators according to their unique needs. Learn more at teachboost.com.

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