Teachers who learn digitally are more likely to integrate technology effectively in their own classrooms.

83% of teacher reported greater comfort with technology in their classrooms after blended professional development.1

65% of district administrator believe enhancing teacher effectiveness through professional development has the greatest potential to enhance student achievement.2

With Blackboard’s Collaborate Starter Solution, districts can create professional development opportunities for teachers that are flexible, fun, and convenient while preserving class time and reducing costs. The solution is designed to enable districts to provide efficient and effective synchronous professional development, virtual meetings, and flipped professional learning.

Reduce professional development costs
Maximize your investment with digital professional development by offering virtual meetings that will eliminate travel and onsite training costs.

Respect teachers’ time with flexibility and convenience
Increase teacher efficiency with flexible and convenient professional development that doesn’t cut into personal or class time.

Prepare teachers for digital learning
Teachers who learn with web conferencing and flipped PD are more comfortable experimenting with digital learning in their classrooms.

Preserve Precious Instructional Time
Maximize instructional time keeping teachers in their classrooms by providing digital professional development.

1Metro Nashville Public Schools: Evolution of a Digital District
22014 Project Tomorrow Speak Up Survey Data
Digital tools designed to make learning changes happen
Blackboard brings teaching and learning to life with innovative digital learning technology.

The Collaborate Starter Solution includes:
- Modern, simple, redesigned experience creating a new way to learn
- Fast, quick, convenient, one click start up (runs directly in the browser)
- Fast, sharp application sharing leveraging innovative WebRTC technology
- Rich, personalized, engaging experience with high definition audio and video
- Rapid adoption with minimal hand-holding
- Designed for education, optimized for learning
- Teachers & students can participate using Chromebooks!
- MP4 lesson recording & playback for mobile friendly flipped lessons
- Native, persona based mobile application for anywhere, anytime learning coming soon*
- Commitment to accessibility, eg. supports live closed captioning; working toward WCAG 2.0 AA and Section 508 compliance*

With the new Ultra experience, Blackboard provides a fully redesigned, browser based web conferencing solution built for education, schools have a reliable, simple and convenient digital learning platform that enables rich collaboration with engaging, high quality audio and video conferencing.

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Just saw the most recent version of @Blackboard collaborate, and wow, it looks great.

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