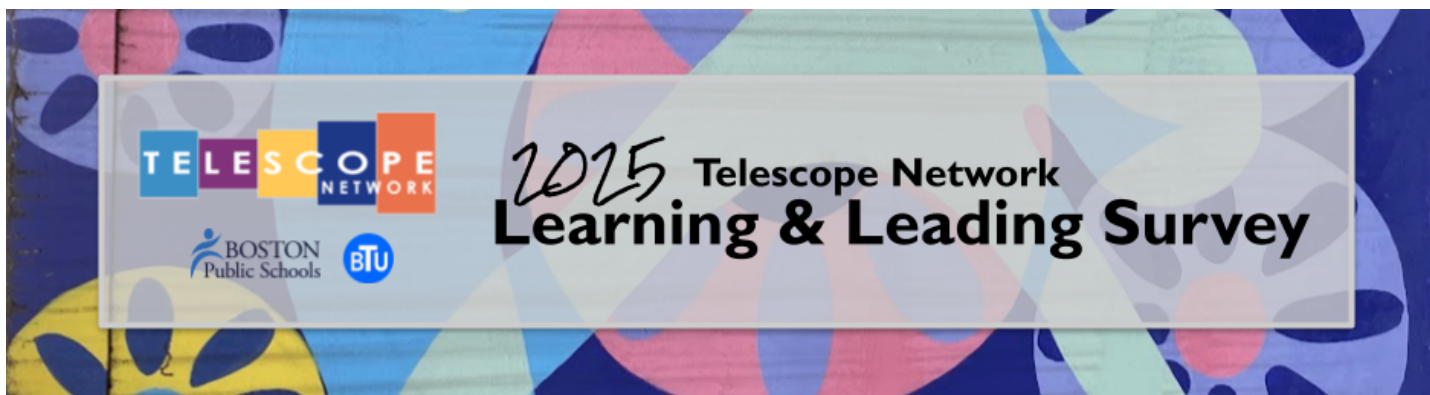




Survey Rationale and FAQ (updated Jan 2025)

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What is the Telescope Network?

The Telescope Network is a partnership between the BTU and BPS to connect educators to learning opportunities, resources, and each other. The Telescope Network is part of the BPS Office of Educator Development & Leadership (OEDL). [More info.](#)

The Telescope Network creates opportunities for BPS educators to connect with peers across the district and learn from each other. To do this work:

- We ASK educators across the district what they want and need to learn next in order to best serve the needs of their students;
- We MAGNIFY effective practices by creating opportunities for effective and reflective educators to share their expertise with their peers; and
- We CONNECT educators to resources, professional learning opportunities, and each other based on their needs and interests.

What is OEDL?

The mission of the BPS Office of Educator Development & Leadership is to provide equitable access to sustaining opportunities for all BPS educators to grow, share, and lead in service of our students, school communities, and the profession at large. OEDL includes New Teacher Development, the Telescope Network, the Teacher Leadership Fund, National Board Candidate Support, and other BPS/BTU programs. [More info.](#)

Who are the Telescope Network team members?

Our team members are:

- Matt Taylor (Learning Hub Manager)
- Alison Mosher & Mark Lonergan (Lead Networkers)
- Malcolm Andrews, Garcie Champagne, Amanda Hathaway, Theresa Garcia de Quevedo, Kadian Simmonds, & Catherine Stoddard (Networkers)
- Paul Tritter (BTU Director of Professional Learning)
- Shakera Ford Walker (BPS Assistant Superintendent for Teacher Leadership)

More about us at bostonpublicschools.org/telescope.

Why are we asking?

Part of our work is to find out *what educators want and need to learn next* in order to best serve the needs of their students. The first part of this survey asks for that. Other questions help us plan programs for this year.

Who will see my responses?

Survey responses will only be shared with the BPS/BTU Telescope Network. Aggregate data will be shared with others at BPS. Names and individual responses will not be shared without your permission. You may skip any questions that you are unable/unwilling to answer. Visit bostonpublicschools.org/telescope for more information.

What will we do with your responses?

We use the results of this survey in several ways: We will report on overall trends through a needs assessment report ([example from 2024](#)). We will use your responses to design professional learning experiences this year. Finally, we will use your contact info to let you know when an upcoming PD is a good fit for your interests.

Why do you ask us to recommend a colleague?

We are always eager to hear about educators who you might like to observe or learn from. We want to hear about BPS colleagues who are EFFECTIVE (doing things that other BPS educators should hear about) and REFLECTIVE (able to talk about how they do what they do). Additionally, we are committed to spotlighting educators who reflect the diversity of our students and our city. Please consider recommending a colleague of color. We use your recommendations to recruit presenters, facilitators, and hosts for peer observations.

Additional information: [Survey Link](#), [Data Codebook](#)

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Contact us telescope@bostonpublicschools.org

See also:

[Telescope Website](#)
[Examples of our PD](#)