



# BEST Induction Leader Collaborative

Recommended BEST Practices in Response to the Legislative  
Budget Language Change

April 2026



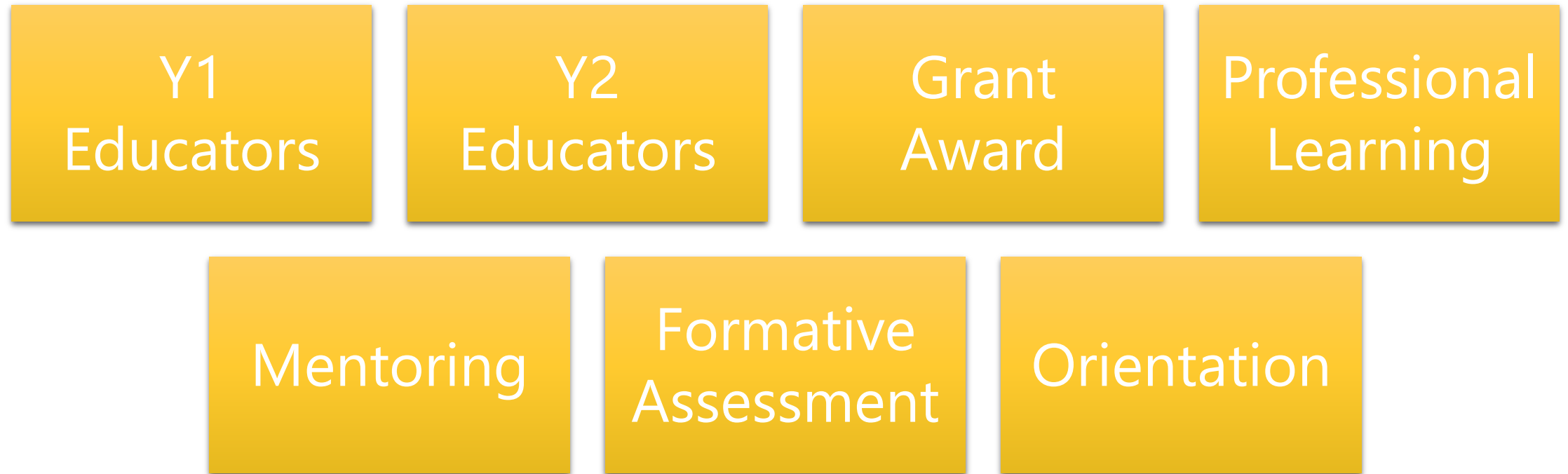


# 2026-2027 Budget Language

- \$11,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and (~~(\$11,500,000)~~) \$9,200,000 of the general fund state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for a beginning educator support program (BEST). The program shall prioritize first year educators in the mentoring program in the 2025-26 school year. During the 2026-27 school year, funding for the program may only support first year educators in the mentoring program.

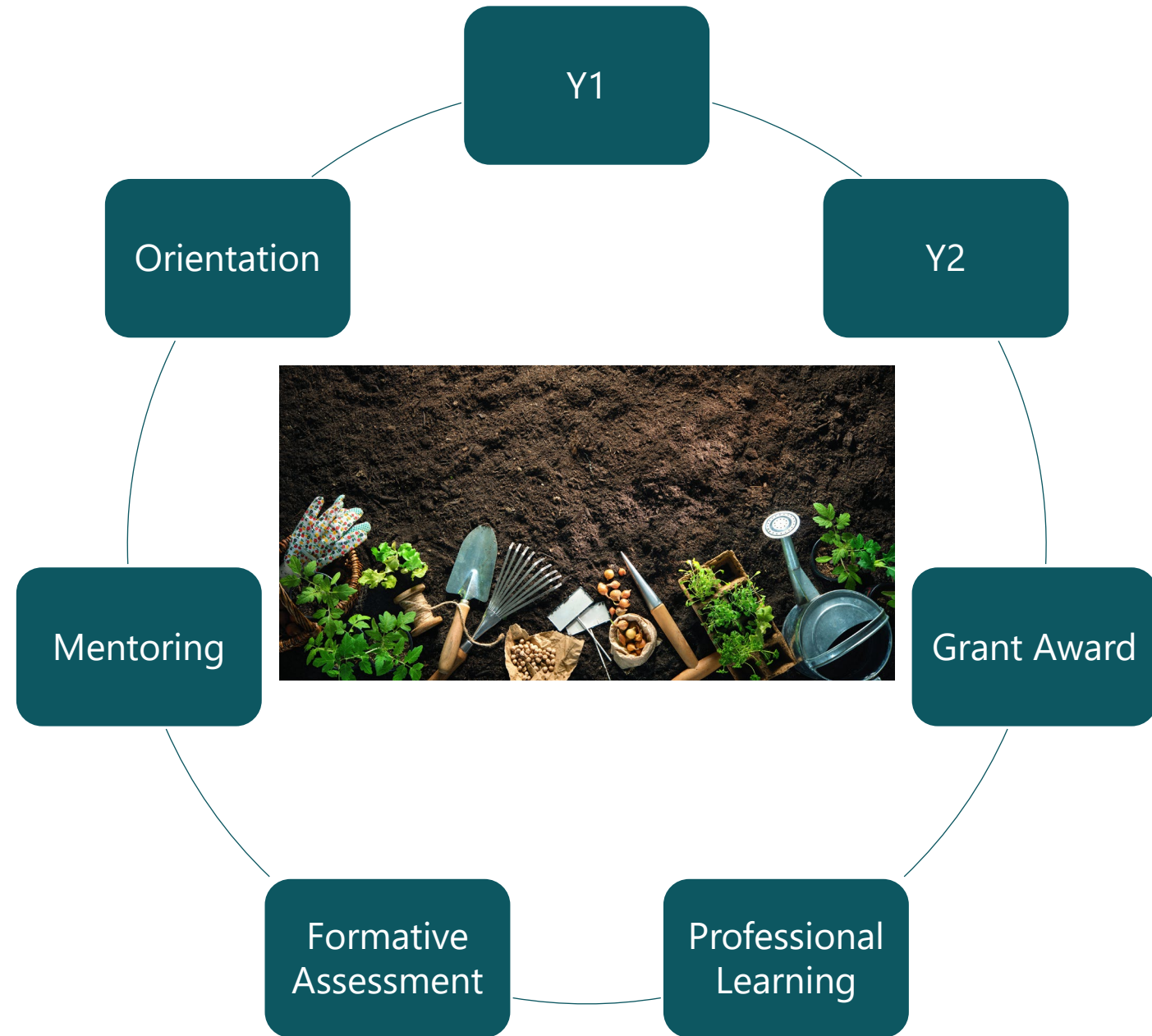


# What may be big on your mind right now?



# Nothing Exists in Isolation

- How can we build **Comprehensive Induction** and enhance **Collective Sense of Responsibility**?
- How do components support each other?





# Reimagining BEST in Support of Y1 Novice Educators

## **Mentor Cadre**

Identify and Build a Mentor  
Cadre

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## **Highly Trained**

Develop and Sustain  
Mentoring Best Practice

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## **Social Learning**

Supports to Y1 Educators Include  
Social Learning Experiences

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## **Peer Collaborators**

Y2 Educators Can Contribute to Y1  
Induction as Peer Collaborators

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# What's Changing? What's Not Changing?

Impacts on Implementation of [Induction Standards](#)



# BEST Induction Standards



Hiring



Orientation



Mentoring



Professional Learning



Feedback and Formative Assessment



Program Assessment





# Breakout Rooms - 15 Min

**What is surfacing for you today regarding Y1 supports, and how might you apply this to your planning for the 2026.2027 BEST Grant application and implementation of practices?**

Select a breakout room to join and collaborate with colleagues of comparable size districts.

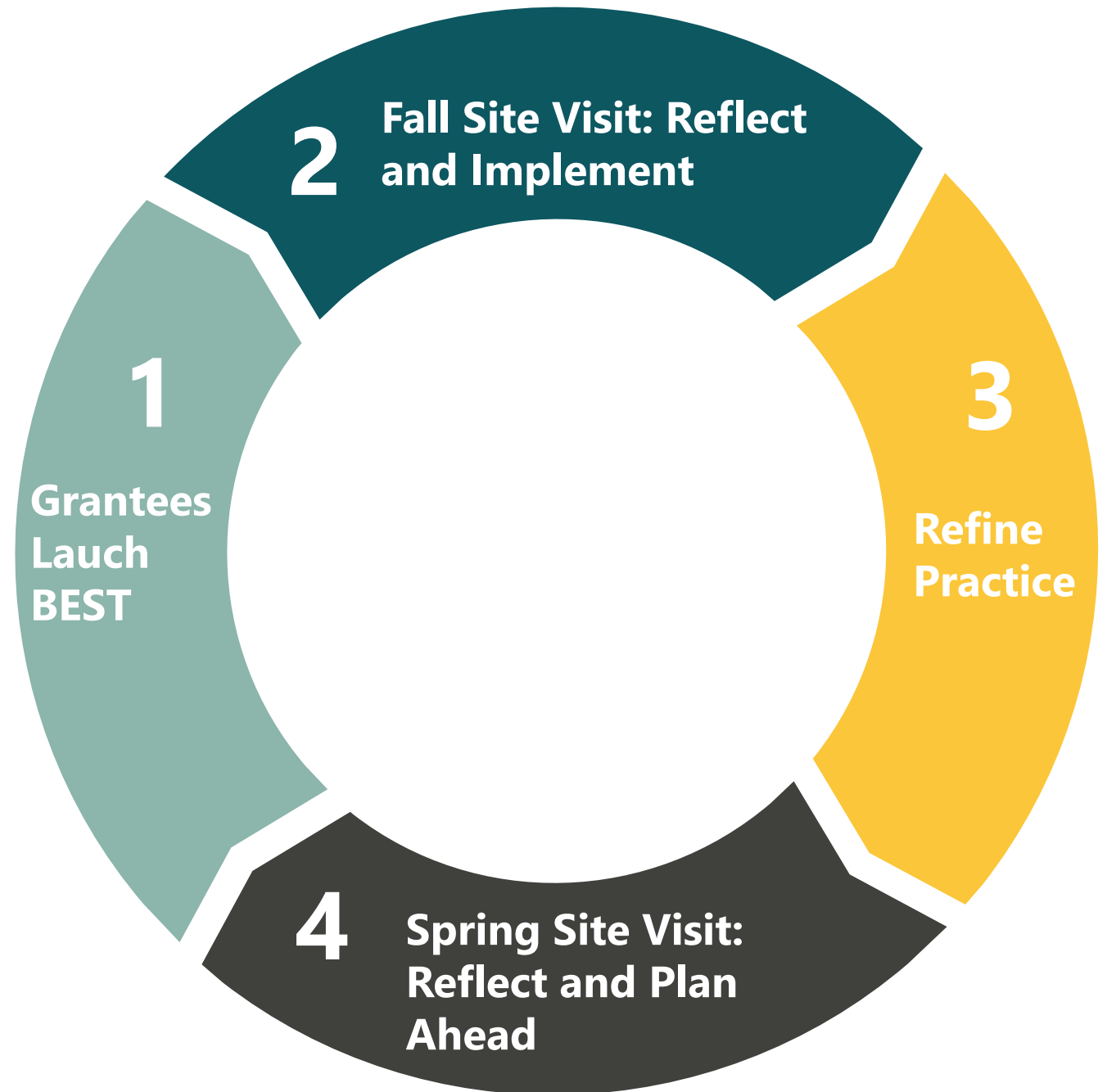
- **Use the Collaborative Agenda to enter questions or thoughts.** BEST program staff will respond to questions entered in the table or in the chat.

We will come back to together in 15 Minutes.



# Induction Coaching Cycle

- Grantees Launch BEST
- Fall Site Visit: Reflect and Implement
- Refine Practice
- Spring Site Visit: Reflect and Plan Ahead
- [Spring Site Report Template](#)





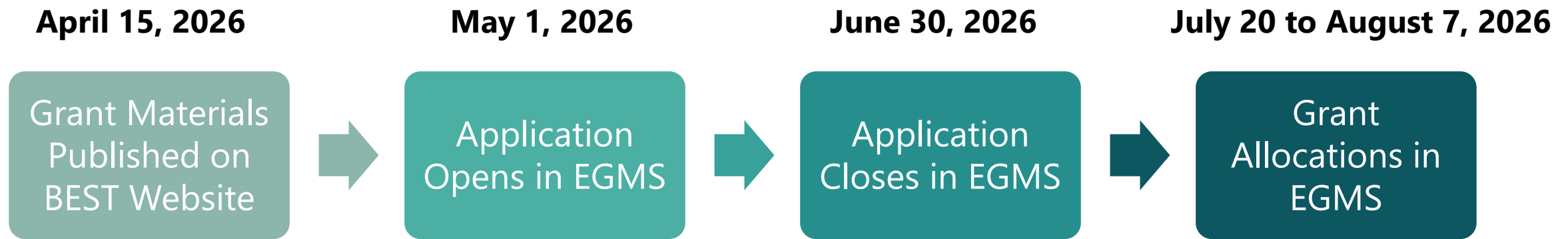
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[2026-27 Events and Training Dates](#)





# 2026-27 BEST Grant Timeline



**Please share your questions in the chat box or unmute.  
Thank you!**



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