

# Challenge Accepted

"Inspiring the world, one idea at a time."

### The Problems



Only 37% of high school graduates are college or career ready



75% of teenagers are chronically bored or unhappy in school



Education systems aren't personalized, though technology is ready



Poor streamlining of parent involvement in student progress

## Our Mission



Improve student performance & develop their career skills by making learning fun & interesting inside and outside the classroom



Personalize education by integrating curricula with student passions and effectively engaging parents in their children's learning at school

### **Our Solution**

### Learn playfully

Educational video games result in 40% increased learning over lecture based programs



...a cross-platform educational gaming software...

### **Learn creatively**

75% of students and teachers wish there is a greater focus on creativity in learning

#### Learn together

61% of cooperative learning classes achieve significantly higher test scores than traditional ones

### Learn anywhere

80% of parents say tech makes it easier to become involved in their child's education







### Combining these ideas, our product is...

...with activities designed to spur students' creativity...

...in collaborative, team problem solving settings... ...with tech-infused parent-teacher feedback loops

### **Gamification Software**

Every year ("season"), we release a free-to-play game with our built-in learning system. Game mechanics are designed to promote creativity.

Multiple game versions (with differing ESRB ratings) released simultaneously to target different age groups. Students can play
(un)ranked matches
individually or in teams.
Matchmaking prioritizes
age/location/ELO similarity.

In-game purchases for extra learning/gaming features can be bought. However, game is not pay-to-win.



# Learning System

Curriculum around the world is broken down into its learning outcomes & concepts by geography, grade, subject, and course.



For each concept, questions & activities are rigorously and professionally developed and programmed into our gaming platform.



For classroom use, a built-in courseware system can support grading systems, assignment delivery, course materials, in-class matches, classroom chat/emailing.

Students solve problems, participate in educational simulations, and complete other online learning activities to earn in-game currency to buy game items/upgrades.



For personal study outside game playing, students can access simulations, articles & videos, or ask for human help on the forums or from friends on the platform.

## Personalization & Parental Involvement



Students can choose specific concept(s) & difficulty for contest system to focus on. Other settings include language, problem type, standardized exam prep...etc.



Problems & activities will be adjusted for curriculum in student's location & data-driven user learning profile. Al suggests follow-up concepts, problem sets, and resources.



(Premium) Problems & activities can focus on student weaknesses. More choices in concept choosing. Built-in bot can offer speedy, algorithm generated explanations based on AI & past data.



Parent account allows for parents to track child's progress through curriculum, Al analysis of performance, communicate with classroom teacher, parent vs child matches, send reminders...etc.



(Premium) Parent or teacher made problem sets/activities, custom match set-up by parents/teachers, answer keys/solution manuals, mobile notifications, parent groups, expanded access to classroom features...etc.

## **Platforms**



Jan/18: web client on www.luminerva.com/play

Sep/18: Steam downloadable client



Feb/18: iOS app

Mar/18: Android app



Sep/18: Wii, PlayStation, Xbox games

## Esports & Tournaments

#### **Publicity Tool**



Event broadcasted live online



Suitable for mass media coverage



Competitors become brand ambassadors



Creates an educational spectator (e)sport

#### **Source of Revenue**



Ads: excellent venue for education & entertainment companies



Sponsors: tech companies enjoy sponsoring events & top teams



Tickets: intense gaming makes on-site spectating worthwhile



Merchandise: collectibles & clothing sold at tournament venue

### Revenue Model & Growth

#### **Current** Future



Microtransactions (freemium model)



Events (ads, sponsors, tickets, merchandise)



Partnerships (platform integration with other edtech companies)





Augmented Reality (full-body gaming, environmentally-reactive game content)





Virtual Reality (hands-on activities, language acquisition, soft skills)





Perfected AI (artificial question generation, biometrics feedback, fully gamified courseware)

# Traction & Early Advantage



Multinational staff (7 Canadian, 6 USA, 1 UK, 1 Polish cities): aids in hosting live tournaments & outreach to school districts



## Competitive Advantage

Engagement: short, 30 minute real-time gaming ensures concentration

Personalized & flexible: learning via problem solving integrates seamlessly into any curriculum & self-paced study

Generational shift: new parents raised in video game age = greater proclivity for gamified learning

Fun game design: compelling, strategy based, fast paced game mechanics multiply player enjoyment & reduce churn

Deep social integration: teamwork leads to mutual success rather than incessant nagging of friends on social media

Mass-market appeal: gamified learning resonates with all students (~20% of population)

Focused development: player-first mentality, frequent game updates (based on player requests) instead of releasing new games

# Marketing

Social media's massive popularity among students is a great asset to us.

Segmentation	Students	Parents	Teachers/Administrators
Targeting	Social Media  - Incentivize sharing experiences - Viral marketing	Referrals, Ads, Social Media	Community Service Programs, Referrals, Group Discounts
Positioning	<ul> <li>Elementary/Middle: creativity         &amp; freedom in gameplay</li> <li>High School: Exciting, fun way         to learn &amp; lively competition         - University/Adult: adaptable         curriculum effective for self-study</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Improve problem solving skills + grades</li> <li>Engages child in learning</li> <li>Great streamlining of parent involvement on our platform</li> </ul>	- Alternative to homework/tests - Customized to child: allows 1-on-1 attention - Full curriculum content support cuts down administrative costs - Healthy competition fosters learning

## **Financial Outlook**



Year 5 profit margins



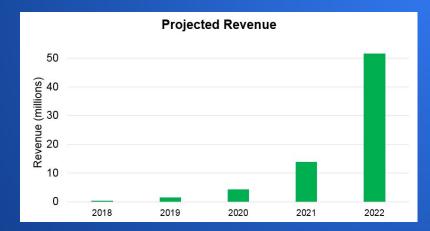
dollars in total addressable market (2018)

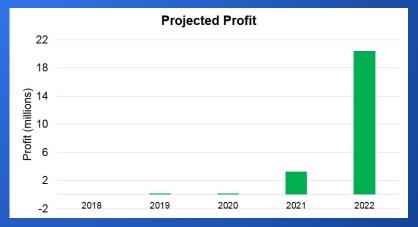


dollars in the beachhead market (2018)



players/users in Year 5





## Our Team



Waley CEO & CFO

- Founder of various nonprofits
- Internationally ranked in math
- University of Pennsylvania



Jordan
Senior Financial Director
- 3 years of nonprofit experience

- Law enthusiast & stocks guru
- Award-winning public speaker



Peter
Software Engineer
- Python, Java, C#, Javascript...etc.

- Full stack developer
- Dalhousie University



Caleb
Education Director
- Huge STEM enthusiast
- International Math Olympiad Medalist
- University of Washington/St. Louis



Shawn
Software Engineer
- C, C++, Python, Swift..etc.
- Nationally ranked programmer
- Simon Fraser University



Elaine
Artistic Director
- Photoshop, Blender, PaintTool SAI...etc.
- Biology & math enthusiast
- 1 yr professional designing experience

## Our Pitch

#### What we need



\$250K Seed



\$1.25M First Stage



\$9M Second & Third Stages



\$10M Pre-IPO

#### What it is for



R&D (web & software) & fixed costs



Market research & marketing campaigns



Hiring part-time & professional staff & interns



Event organizing