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## Always On, Always Connected Devices





ALWAYS-ON CONNECTIVITY

ALL-DAY

ALL-DAY BATTERY LIFE



SECURITY



LOCATION AWARE



MULTIMEDIA PERFORMANCE



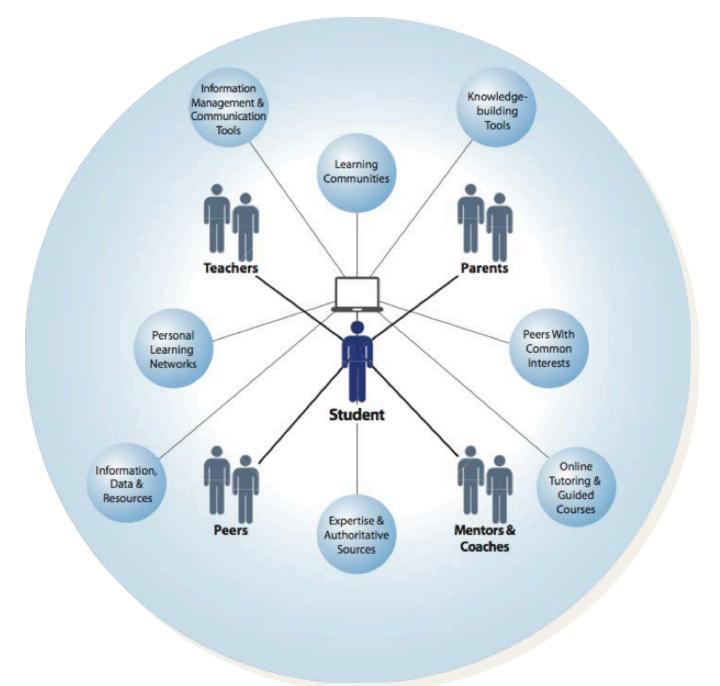
UNPRECEDENTED POWER & SPEED





# Two Types of "Mobile Learning"

- 1-1 Infrastructure in Classrooms
  - Intermediate level of Fishman & Dede
  - Becoming "new standard" rather than laptops
    - Affordable
    - Practical
    - Troubling lack of power
  - BYOD vs school-supplied
- Lifewide Learning
  - Taking device home
  - 3G/4G access an issue
  - Augmenting contexts for learning

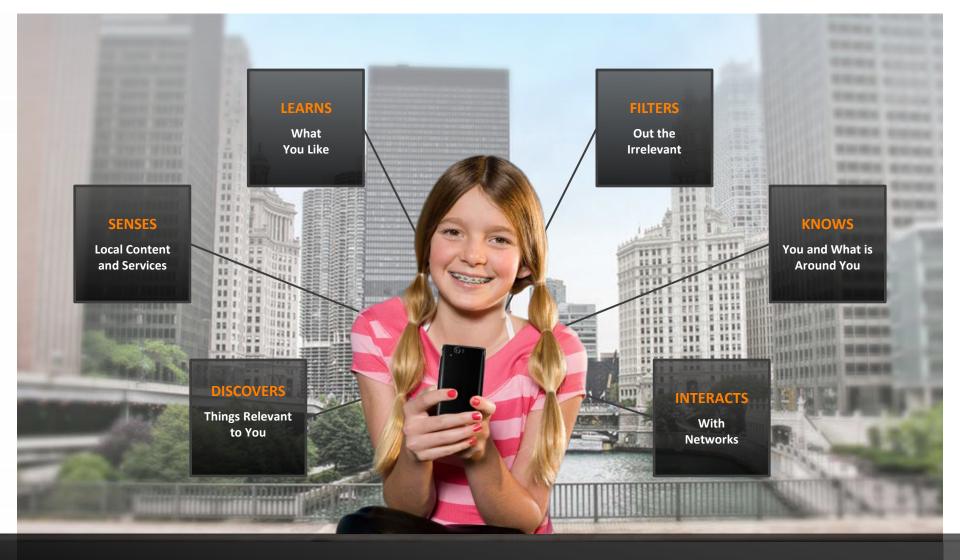


## "Connected" Learning

Learning that is socially embedded, interest-driven, and oriented toward educational, economic, or political opportunity:

- 1) offer engaging formats for interactivity and selfexpression;
- 2) lower barriers to access for knowledge and information;
- provide social supports for learning through social media and online affinity groups; and
- 4) link a broader and more diverse range of culture, knowledge, and expertise to educational opportunity

#### **Cross-over and Incidental Learning**



#### Interface for Your Digital Life

IN THE FUTURE YOUR MOBILE PHONE WILL ACT AS YOUR DIGITAL "6<sup>TH</sup> SENSE"

#### The 8 Essentials for Mobile Learning

- 1. Purposeful **planning** for mobile device usage
- 2. Leveraging mobile-enabled content & curriculum
- 3. Understanding the power of **Internet access**
- 4. Preparing educators effectively
- 5. Securing leadership buy-in
- Building personal learner efficacy and capacity for self-directed learning
- 7. Measuring project results with meaningful metrics
- 8. Creating a sustainable and scalable ecosystem

# Barriers to Mobile Learning in Under-resourced Regions

- Limited availability of electricity
- Limited availability connectivity
  - In particular, high-speed networks
- Cost of hardware and data
- Undesirable teacher salaries, resources, and working conditions
- Large class sizes
- Aligned policies from the national government
- Commercial/non-profit interests not necessarily in accord with educational needs
- Lack of evolutionary path from traditional instruction to transformational pedagogy in school and out

### Mobile: Questions for Shared Reflection

- 1. What strategies might you use to educate the following groups about the potential value of mobile devices/networking as a source of 1-1 computing in school, life-wide learning out of school, and economic development?
  - Parents and community
  - Teachers
  - Donors and the commercial sector
  - Regional and national policymakers
- 2. As you develop a digital infrastructure for the school, what initial choice will you make between:
  - Bring Your Own Device (BYOD),
  - School-supplied devices (low-end tablets with no cellular), or
  - School-mandated devices with a subsidized leasing plan for parents and subsidized home networking?

What are the advantages and the challenges of your choice?

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- 3. Beyond continuing your school's emphasis on basic literacy and numeracy, on what other educational objectives do you plan to focus use of the mobile devices?
- 4. What types of human capacity-building will be most important for your teachers? For the community?
- 5. How will you ensure that your model for improvement narrows rather than widens achievements gaps based on poverty and prejudice?

## **Distributed Education**

Who educates?

- Teachers in school
- Coaches, guides, and mentors in rest of life
- Self-directed learning through access to information and experience everywhere

How prepared?

- Schools of education prepare teachers, coaches, guides, and mentors
- Apprenticeships for each within all settings
- Self-directed learning through access to information and experience everywhere

How orchestrated?

- Social media connect teachers, coaches, guides, mentors and parents
- Event and chat logs are analyzed to diagnose next steps in learning





(Conner Flynn)

### Augmenting Real World Ecosystems http://ecolearn.gse.harvard.edu