



AI in Special Education

It isn't coming... It's here!

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Richard Capone is the CEO and Co-Founder of Let's Go Learn, an edtech company focused on personalized, data-driven learning to help all students succeed. With over 20 years in the field, he partners with schools nationwide to provide tools that support both general and special education. His goal is to give educators the insights they need to make informed decisions for every learner.

Agenda

- **AI Basics Terms**
- **Setting Up AI for Success**
- **Demonstration**
- **AI on the Horizon**
- **Q&A**



Who is Let's Go Learn?



2000

Founded by
**Dr. Rick McCallum
& Richard Capone.**
McCallum ran the
Reading Credential
Program at UC
Berkeley.

2001

Launched one of the
world's first K-12
"computer-adaptive"
assessments.
Initial release ran on
a modem!

**Guiding
Principles**

- Students are not single scores
- Educators need to drive development
- Be the best in ed-tech diagnostics

**Ongoing
Mission**

- Lower the threshold for personalization
- Support data-focused educators

Why AI is a Seismic Shift



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Scale, Speed & Impact

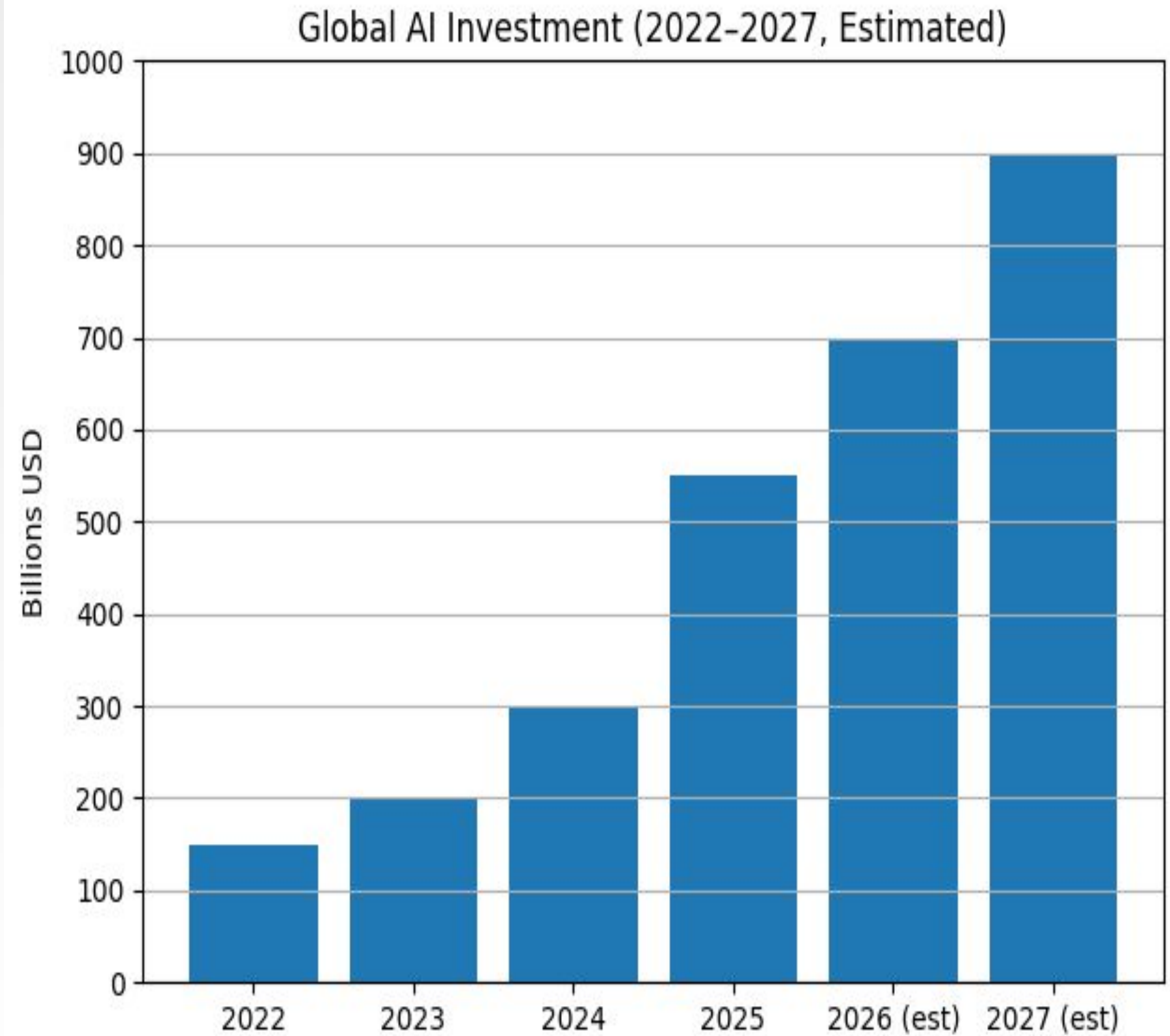
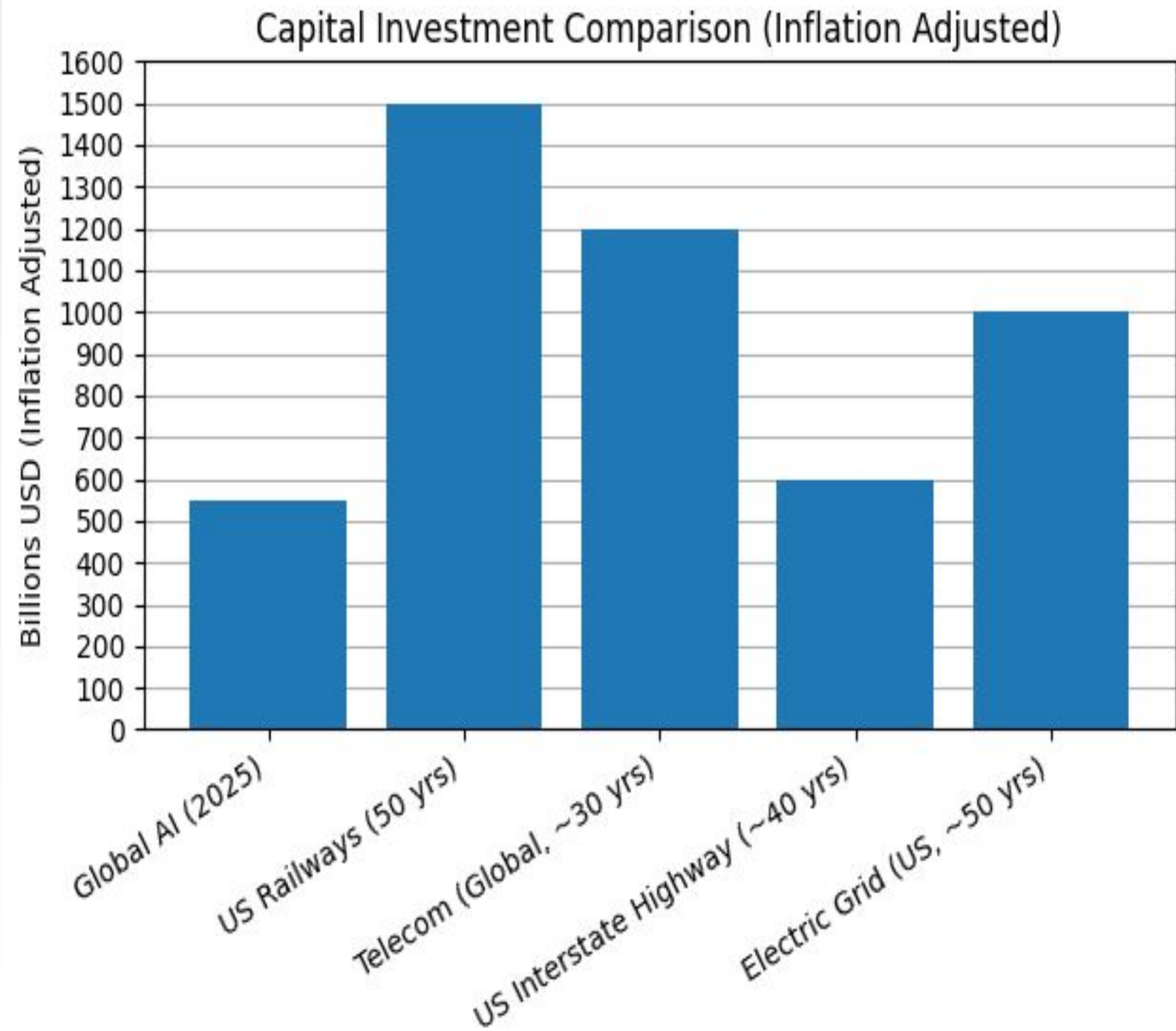
*“AI is probably the most important thing humanity has ever worked on. I think of it as something more profound than electricity or fire.”
- Sundar Pichai (CEO of Google & Alphabet)*

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Society Changing

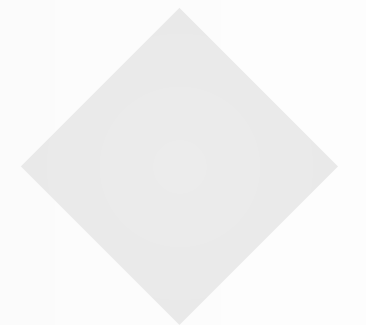
“Artificial intelligence will be one of the most important technologies ever created. It will change every part of our lives.” - Demis Hassabis (CEO, DeepMind)

Capital Investments



Basic Terms

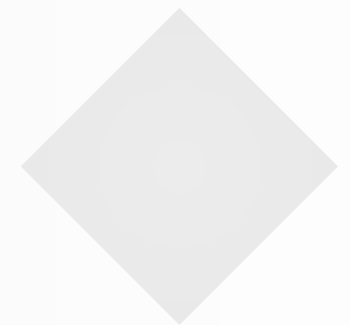
- **AI Hallucinations**
- **Prompt Engineering**
- **Context Engineering**
- **AI Misalignment**
- **Tokens**

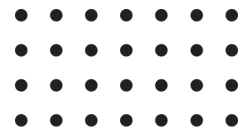


GPT Facts...



- **GPTs vectorize data called “embedding”**
 - **Bank of the river, bank for money, bank your car around the turn**
- **GPTs are “Grown”**
- **Neuronets of GTPs are not totally understood**
 - **It is known as the “black box problem”**
 - **AI is a ghost that mimics being human**
- **Totally open AI have risks**
 - **Legitimate concerns for student interactions**
 - **AI misalignment has not been solved**





The AI Evolution

Special Educators are Ready!!!



Far Left: Our CEO, Richard Capone, moderating the CEC 2025 AI Expert Forum in Baltimore.

GPTs

Generative Pre-Trained Transformers are plentiful and very mature. They use Large Language Models (LLMs) that allow natural speech and contextual interpretation of data.

AI Assistants

AI assistants have higher chances of success. Easier for people to adopt as they fit into existing workflows and jobs. Lower risk of error in a high-compliance industry.

AI Agents

Can act autonomously. Requires trust and access to sensitive information and user-level accounts.

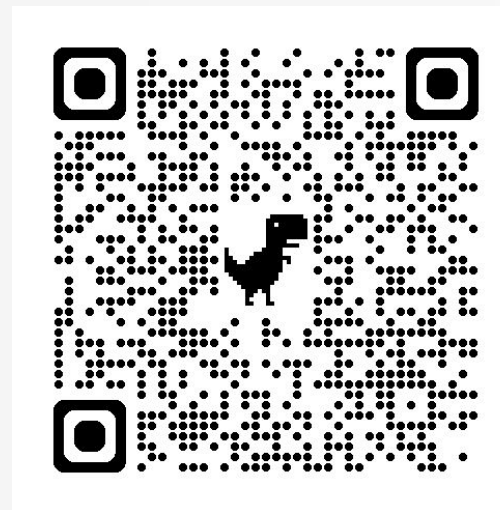
AGI

Today AI is narrow AI. Artificial General Intelligence can do any intellectual task that a human can do. Median timeline 20-40 years.

A Safe K-12 Strategy

Human Expertise. AI that Assists.

- **Human in the Loop**
- **Support existing workflows first**
- **Then move to bigger changes**
- **“AI Assistants” Strategy**
- **LGL acts as a firewall or buffer**



Our AI Strategy Slide Deck

The LGL AI Assistants



LCE Assistant

Lina

Can help find Life Centered Education lessons. Knows all lesson objectives and more. Trained customizing and writing lesson plans.



Learning Plan Assistant

Airma

Will process diagnostic math and reading de-identified student data to help with summaries, next steps, PLAAFP writing, SMART goal selection/writing, and more.



Reading Assistant

Dora

Can guide you on next steps using each student's de-identified data. Knows the details of DORA and its sub-tests.



Lesson Plan Assistant

Luna

Will generate research-based lesson plans grounded in best instructional practices. Teachers can leverage their capabilities to effortlessly differentiate and modify these plans to meet specific student needs, and to create necessary lesson materials.



Support Assistant

Kia

General purpose platform support. Direct access to our knowledge base database.



Behavior Assistant

Beamer

Supports teachers and BCBA's in analyzing student behavior data and determining next steps.



Math Assistant

Adam

Can analyze the detailed de-identified student math data to help guide you in supporting a student. Supports ADAM and DOMA Pre-Algebra assessments completed by any student.





Foundational Data Layers

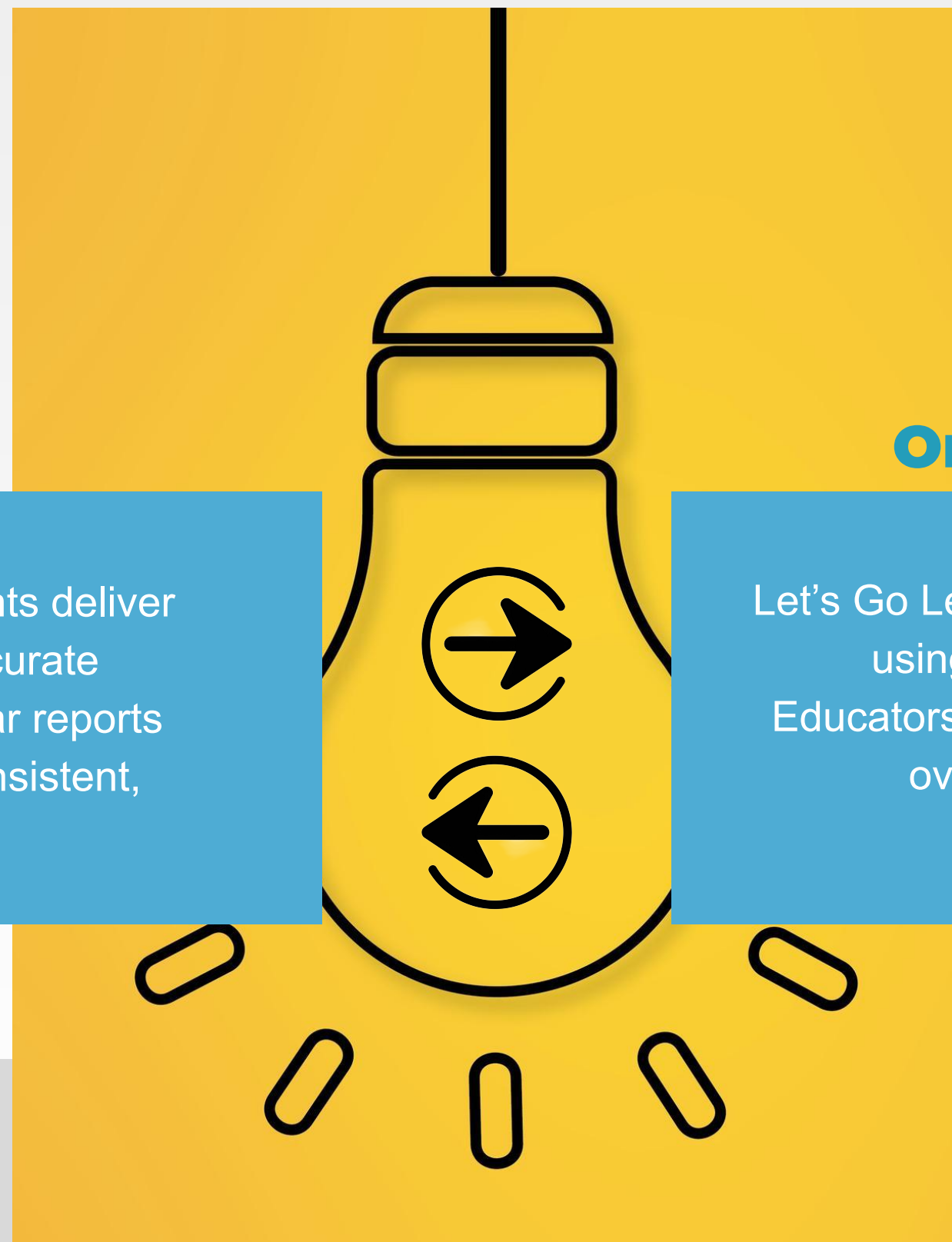


Present Level Identification

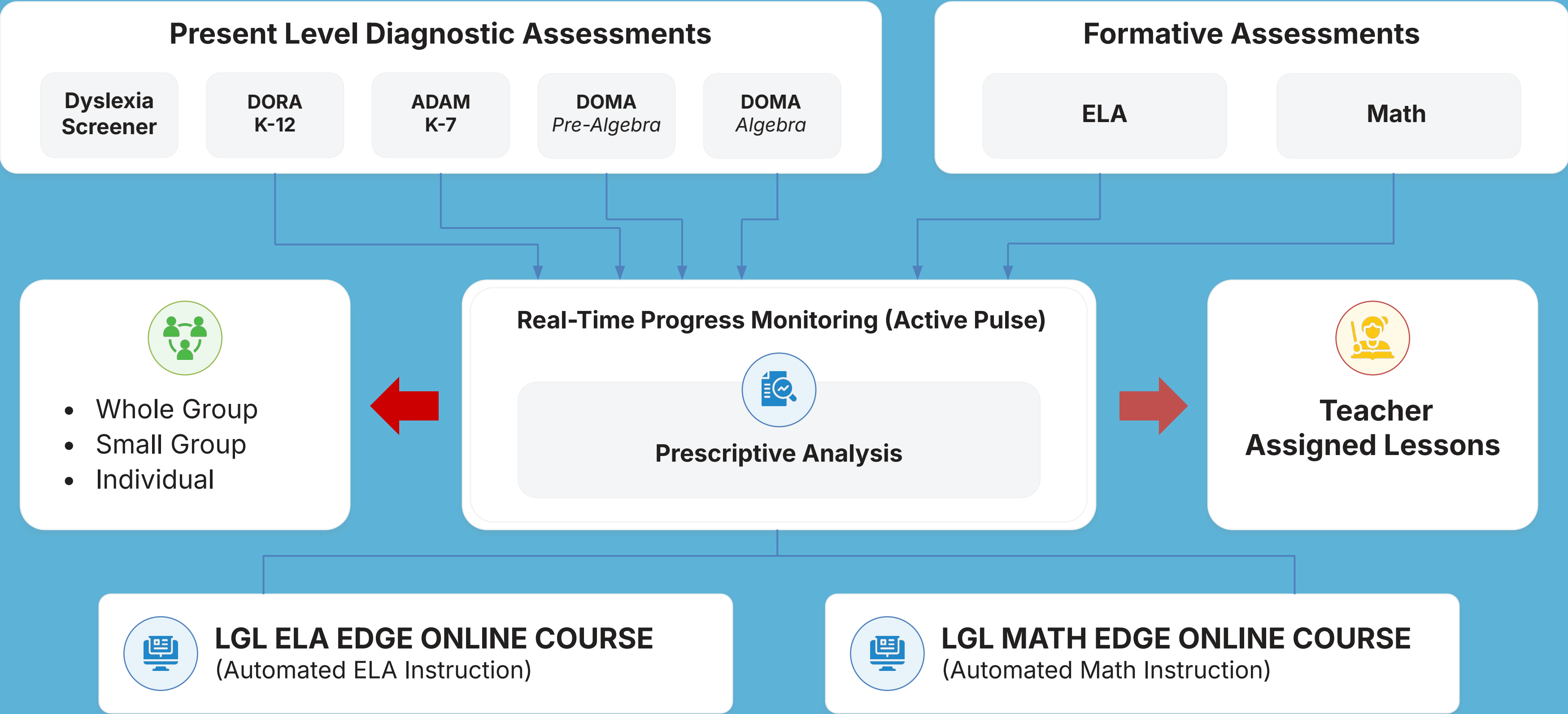
Let's Go Learn's diagnostic assessments deliver real-time, skill-level data to support accurate PLAAFP statements. Teachers get clear reports with narrative summaries, ensuring consistent, data-driven IEPs across the district.

Progress Monitoring & On-Going Present Levels

Let's Go Learn tracks student growth automatically using valid, standards-aligned assessments. Educators can monitor progress toward IEP goals over time—no spreadsheets or guesswork required.





Online Platform Components



Setting the Contextual Stage!

Diagnostic Model of Assessment

Reading Subskill 

Zone of Proximal Development 

LGL Targets Each Student's ZPD in Reading



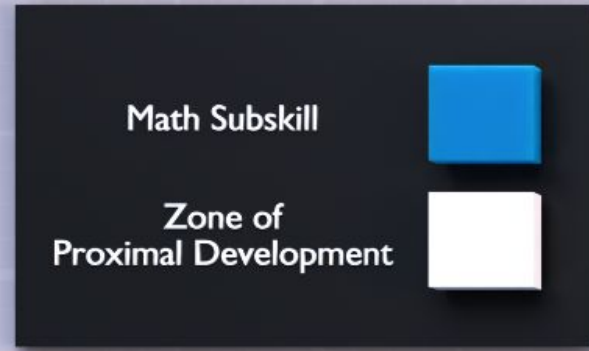
High Frequency Words Phonics Word Recognition Spelling Vocabulary Comprehension

Sequenced Skills



Setting the Contextual Stage!

Diagnostic Model of Assessment




LGL Targets Each Student's ZPD in Math



SCHOOL DATA SCREENSHOT

- **Grade Level Score** indicates the level the student aligns with in mastery of this strand.
- **Mastery of this Sub-Test** lists all students that have mastered this skill. Great for scaffolding learning and identifying peer-tutors!

 Section/Construct	Raw Score	Grade Level Score
<input type="checkbox"/> Students will identify the place value of decimals.	6	5.9
<input type="checkbox"/> Xavier Salazar		
<input type="checkbox"/> Students will identify thousands, ten-thousands, hundred-thousands, and millions.	5	4.9
<input type="checkbox"/> Lucy Orbitz		
<input type="checkbox"/> Sam Whitney		
<input type="checkbox"/> Jason Howard		
<input type="checkbox"/> Janice Monterey		
<input type="checkbox"/> Students will identify the expanded form of a given number.	4	3.9
<input type="checkbox"/> Ayen Marid		
<input type="checkbox"/> Students will identify thousands, ten-thousands, and hundred-thousands.	3	3.5
<input type="checkbox"/> Students will identify place value in three-digit numbers.	2	2.9
<input type="checkbox"/> Christopher Ventura		
<input type="checkbox"/> Students will identify place value in two-digit numbers.	1	1.9
<input type="checkbox"/> Todd Diaz		
<input type="checkbox"/> Zach Johnson		
<input type="checkbox"/> Angela Garcia		
<input type="checkbox"/> Xena Syvester		
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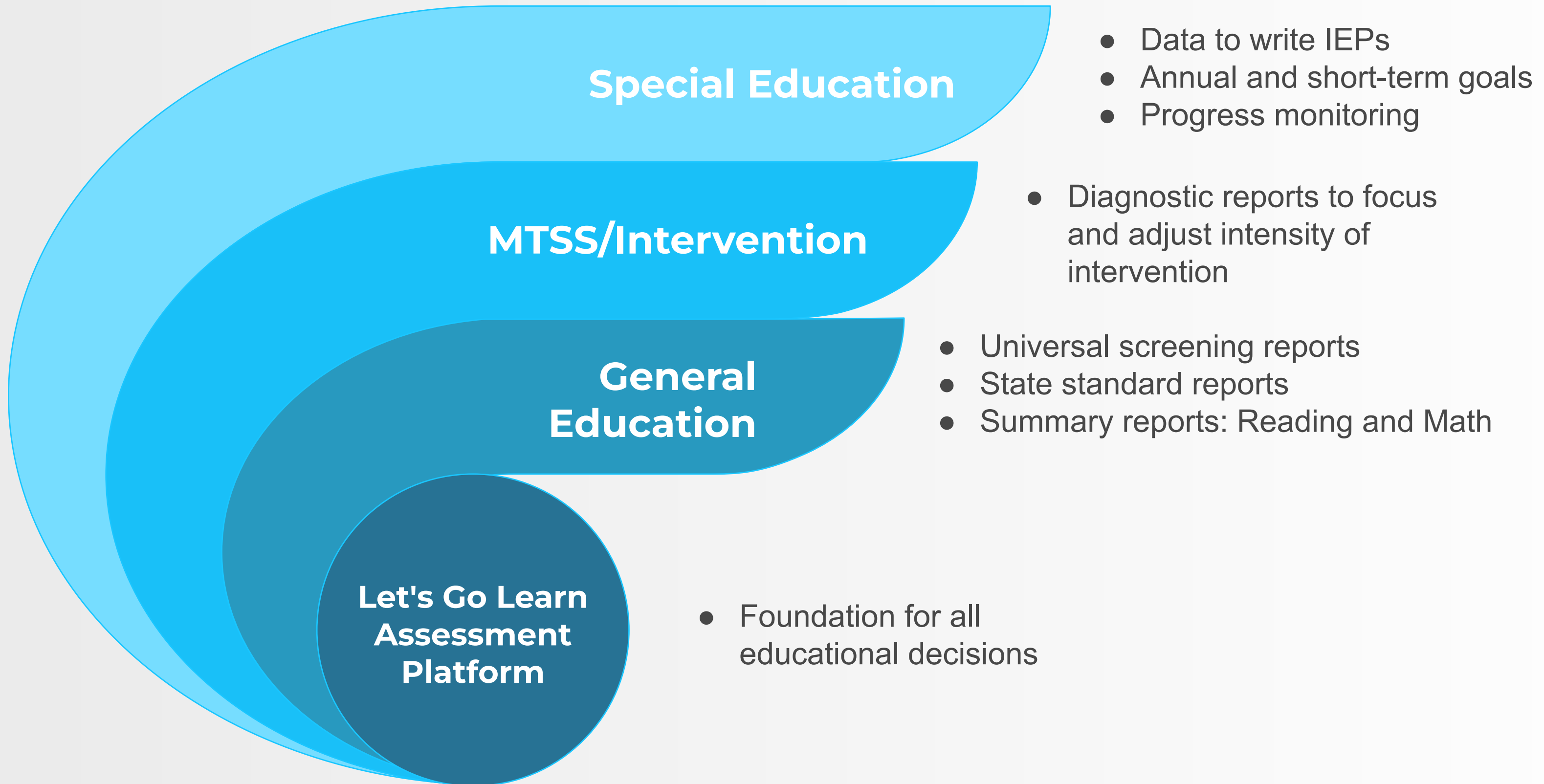




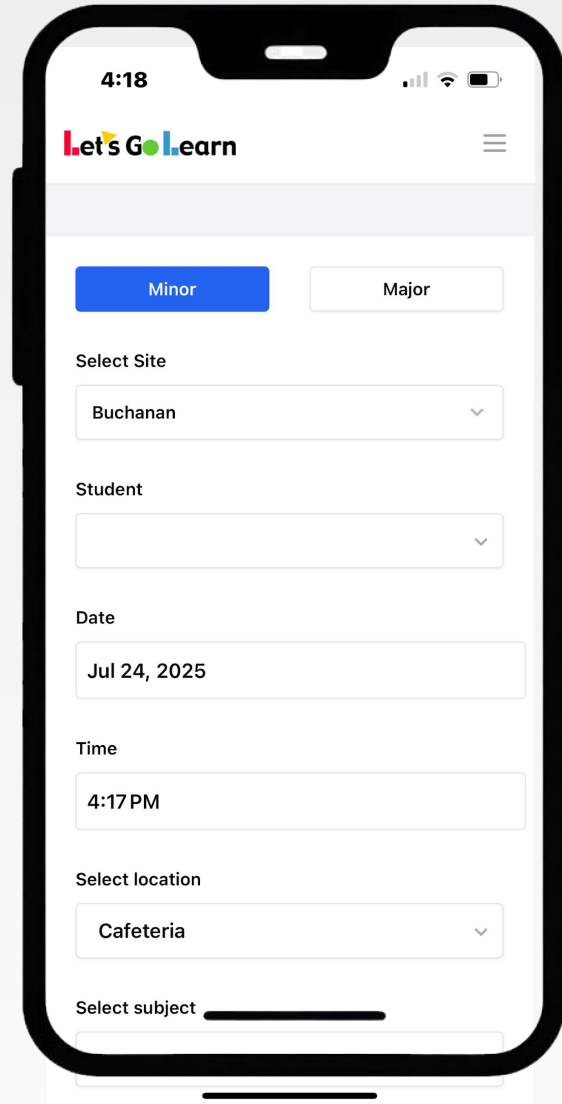
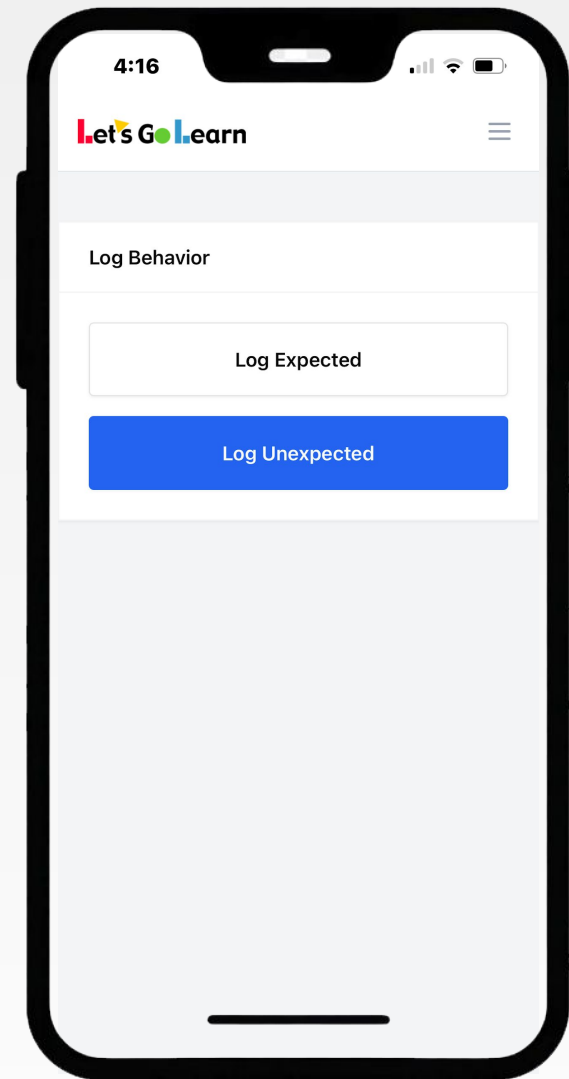
The LGL Special Education Process - Human Expertise



Let's Go Learn's Educational Support Structure



System Demonstration



Web dashboard for 'Let's Go Learn' showing 'Math Reports' for the class 'Elm Oth Sif Con (0)'. The dashboard includes a navigation menu, a filter section, and a table of student performance data. A red arrow points to the 'NUM' column in the table.

Grade	Last Assessed	Total Score	NUM	ME1	DAT	GEO	ALG	Reports			
<input type="checkbox"/>	First Name	Last Name	Grade	Last Assessed	Total Score	NUM	ME1	DAT	GEO	ALG	Reports
<input type="checkbox"/>	Todd	Diaz	4	08/20/2024	1.81	2.4	0.67	1.25	2.25	0	Reports
<input type="checkbox"/>	Edward	Garcia	4	08/30/2024	2.43	2.5	3.14	1.5	0.6	3.13	Reports
<input type="checkbox"/>	Angela	Garcia	4	08/30/2024	1.86	0.6	2.22	1.5	3.5	1.5	Reports
<input type="checkbox"/>	Betina	Guerrero	6	08/20/2024	4.08	4.81	3.86	2.83	3.5	3.13	Reports
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jason	Howard	5	08/20/2024	3.22	3.5	2.89	2.83	3.3	1.5	Reports
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ricardo	Jaramillo	6	08/21/2024	3.91	4.05	3.71	3.25	4.08	3.63	Reports
<input type="checkbox"/>	Zach	Johnson	4	08/20/2024	1.33	0	0	2.17	2.75	1.75	Reports
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ayen	Marid	5	08/20/2024	2.54	2.7	2.89	2.33	2.5	0	Reports

Step 1

Present Levels Identification

LGL diagnostics feed academic de-identified data directly to Airma

Step 2

Curate Student Documents

Teacher can optionally upload all existing docs (accommodations, disability statement, etc.) to expand context.

Step 3

Auto-Written Narratives

Airma drafts compliant PLAAFPs and SMART goals instantly. Teachers can easily review and expand.

Airma



Contextual AI for Teachers

Step 5

Real-Time Monitoring

Quizzes provide instant compliance & updated present levels for the teacher, AI, and each student's custom course.

Step 4

Teacher Time Reallocation

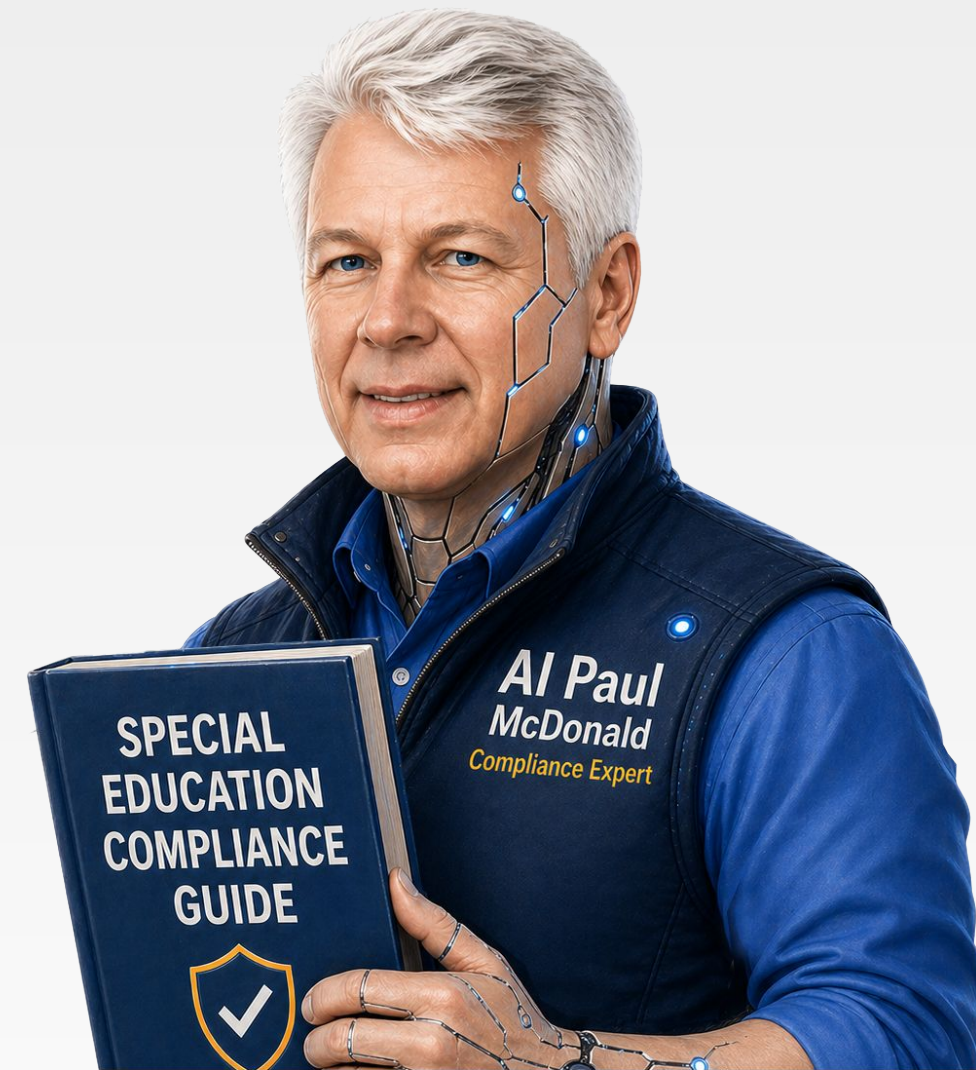
The LGL personalized ELA/Math courses and Airma's lesson planning assistance reduces teacher workload and stress.

Two New Contextual “Expert” AI Assistants



Beamer

Will use incident behavior data to help teachers with next steps, writing BIPs, parent communications, etc.



AI Dr. Paul

Trained on Federal, State, and Local District SPED regulations and policies. Flat PD fee for set up and maintenance.

Expert Contextual Data Layers

- 1. Expert Data - Federal IDEA**
- 2. Expert Data - State Regulations**
- 3. Reference Data - District Compliance Manual**
- 4. System Instructions (per AI Model)**
 - a. Priority of data, checks, warnings, etc.**
- 5. Determine Access**
 - i. Intranet, via SaaS provider, etc.**
 - ii. MCP* allows assistants to be shared**



* Model Context Protocol

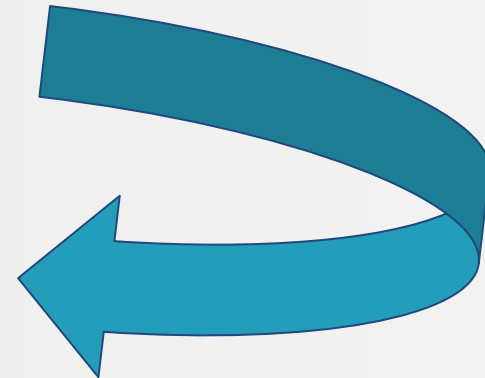
Questions and Answers

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AI 101 Basics
Webinar with
CEC (1 hour)



Free initial Implementation strategic support planning session for any attendee from today.
e.g. Implementing sped compliance regulations, need help adjusting PBIS implementation, behavior core audit planning, etc.

