



# **Xueda Education Group**

First Quarter 2014





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# **Overview**



#### **Company**

- Xueda Education Group ("Xueda")
- Established in 2001
- Headquartered in Beijing, China

#### **Business**

 A leading national provider of personalized tutoring services for primary and secondary school students in China

## **Exchange / Ticker**

■ NYSE / "XUE" (Listed and Traded: November 2, 2010)

# Capital Structure (As of May 15, 2014)

■ 1 ADS = 2 ordinary shares

■ Price: \$5.30

■ 52-week Range: \$2.84 - \$7.70■ ADS Outstanding: 61.9 million

■ Market Cap: ~\$328 million

# Selected First Quarter 2014 Financials

- Net Revenues: \$85.3 million, Up 1.6% Y-o-Y
- Sustained Gross Margin of 28.3%, despite opening net 22 new learning centers
- Non-GAAP Net Income: \$4.0 million, Up 30.2% Y-o-Y
- Cash, Cash Equivalents and Short-term Investments: \$220.5 million

# **Value Proposition**



Xueda Education Group is the largest K-12 national provider of personalized tutoring services with most-diversified and widest geographic footprint in China.













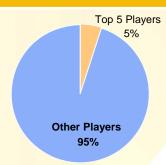


# **Chinese Education Industry**

# **Large and Under-Invested Market**



#### **Highly Fragmented Tutoring Market in China**



Leaders best positioned for market share gains from:

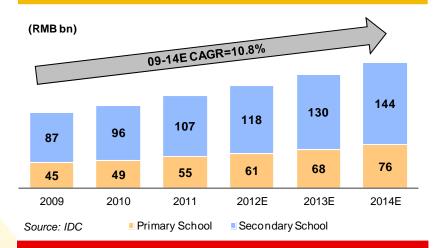
- Regional players
- Individual tutors

#### China Per Capita Disposable Income of Urban Households



Source: China Statistical Yearbook 2013

#### **China's Primary and Secondary Tutoring Market**



#### **Increasing Family Spending**

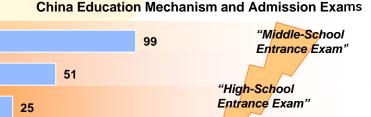
# Education Spending as a Percentage of Family Income 28% 2012 vs. 1985: 13X 14% 7% 1985 1996 2000 2006 2012

Source: Hexun.com (China Education and Research NetWork)/ People's Daily Online

# Chinese Education Industry Examination-Focused Education System Drives Demand



## Why Private Education is so Important in China?



"College Entrance Exam"



Source: Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China

**Primary School** 

Middle School

**High School** 

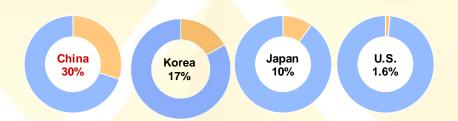
**Bachelor Degree** 

Colleges

#### Education Expenditures as % of Household Income<sup>1</sup>

30% - Nearly 1/3 of household income spent on education

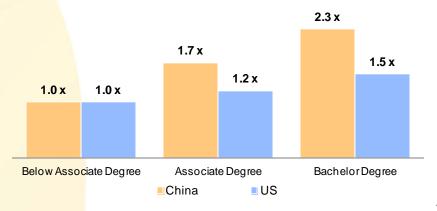
The highest education expenditure ratio in Asia



- 1. Source: Hexun.com, China Education and Research Network, People.com.cn
- 2. US Department of Labor, ChinaHR.com, US Census Bureau, Economist Intelligence Unit, IDC
- 3. Statistics Korea

## **Higher Education = Higher Wage**

#### Average Annual Salary Differentials by Education Degree<sup>2</sup>





# Who We Are



**Our Position** 

■ The largest provider of tutoring services for primary and secondary school students in China, in terms of revenue and nation-wide network

**Our Market** 

- Targeting 210 million students at primary and secondary schools in China as of 2013\*
- China tutoring services for primary and secondary school students market size of around US\$105 billion in 2014\*

**Our Business** 

- Differentiated, personalized tutoring services
- US\$347.0 million net revenues in 2013

**Our Network** 

- Organically developed nationwide network
- Well-diversified 430 learning centers, covering 79 cities as of March 31, 2014

**Our People** 

Average approximately 8,400 full-time instructors, and 16,200 full-time employees during the first quarter of 2014

Our philosophy of "teaching tailored to each student's aptitude" ensures holistic growth

# **Competitive Advantages**



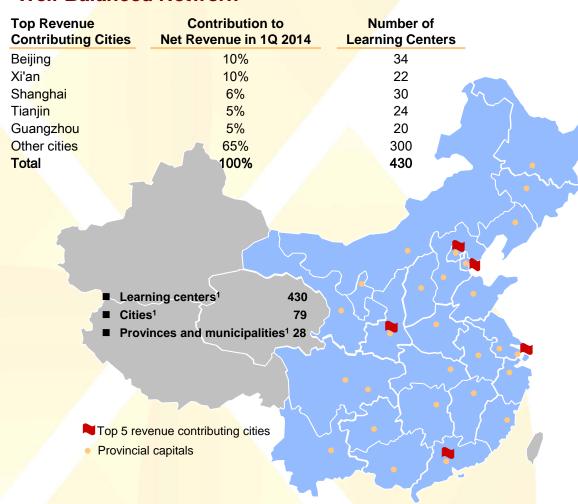




# **Extensive National Learning Center Network**



#### Well-Balanced Network



#### **Dalian Wusi Square Learning Center**



**Learning Center 1-on-1 Interior View** 



**Learning Center Small Group Scene** 





# Scalable Operating Platform (current)



- Advanced proprietary ERP system
  - Real-time tracking of operational metrics Information
- In-depth data analysis to support managerial decision-making

Robust

**Technology** Support

#### **Disciplined Tutoring Process**

- Personalized assessment by trained consultants
- Personalized study plan jointly crafted by education consultant, instructor and study counselor
- On-going communication with parents by study counselors

**Operating Platform** 

- Dedicated research and development team
- Comprehensive educational resource database
- Centralized course development

Centralized Knowledge and Content **Management** 

## **Standardized Operational** Support

- Systematic human resource management
- Centralized procurement and construction management
- Centralized cash collection management







# Differentiated, Personalized Service Model

# **Helping Every Student to Obtain Their Highest Potential**



# WHO WE SERVE

- Every student in primary to high schools
- Every student seeking personalized tutoring





# **WHAT** WE OFFER

- Personalized tutoring experience
- Dedicated service team
- On-going parental involvement
- Well-rounded approach



# **HOW** WE DO IT

- Consultation and Assessment
- Formulation of Customized Study Plan
- Personalized Tutoring
- Delivery of Support Services

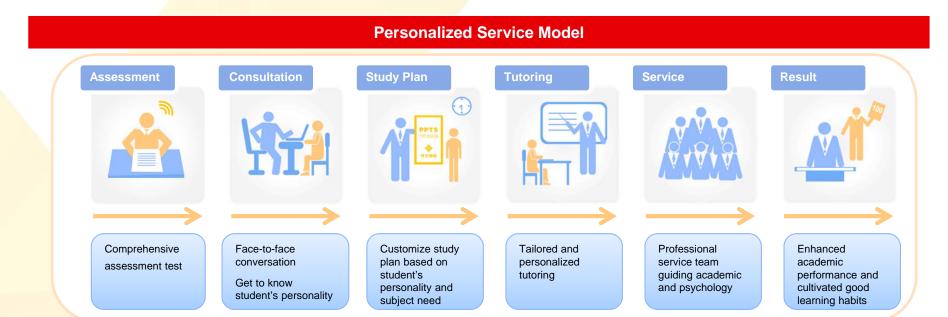






# Differentiated, Personalized Service Model (Cont'd)





#### **Xueda's PPTS System**







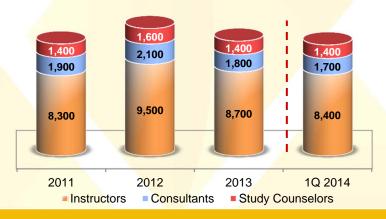


# **Expertise in Building and Managing a Large Full-time Service Team**

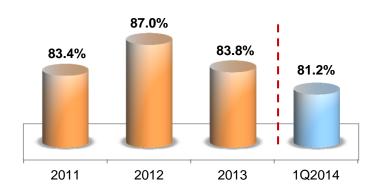


#### Strong, Full-time Instructional Workforce

#### ~Approx. 11,500 full-time teaching staff



#### **Deliver significant majority of course hours**



#### **Established HR System with Proven Track Record**

#### Recruiting

- Well-defined recruiting criteria
- Very selective process
- On-campus recruiting
  - SEED student scholarship
  - Training Program built in college curriculum
- Scalability of part-time workforce

#### **Training**

- New-hire training
- Ongoing weekly training at all levels
  - National
  - Regional
  - Learning centers
- Regular teaching research
- Mentor for tutors

#### **Career Development**

- Well designed career ladder
- Growth & transfer opportunities
- Customer satisfaction and quality of service oriented KPIs

#### Compensation

- Competitive compensation
  - Base + incentive structure
- Performance driven
  - Higher customer satisfaction rate/ student performance improvement reward
  - Higher student renewal and retention rates

# **Key Initiatives of 2014**



# Supporting Healthy Growth & Sustained Profitability

# eXueda - New Cloud-based Platform

- The most sophisticated, advanced cloud-based tutoring platform in China ... Providing a superior tutoring experience with unrivaled benefits for students, parents and Instructors



# **Expanded Service Offerings**

- Broadening suite of services to provide more choices, more alternatives and more benefits to our students





# **Increased Instructional Quality**

- Systematically rising the quality and consistency of excellent instructional delivery across our nationwide network of learning centers

# **eXueda Cloud-based Tutoring Platform**





- Allows anywhere, anytime, anyplace study with any mobile Internet-enabled device
- Provides instant feedback to speed learning

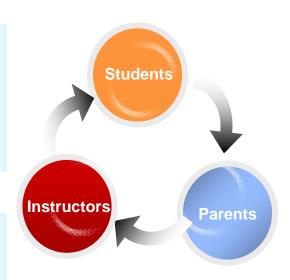




- Provides instant recording and notification
- Allows pinpoint preparation and guidance to leverage each tutoring session for optimum learning efficiency



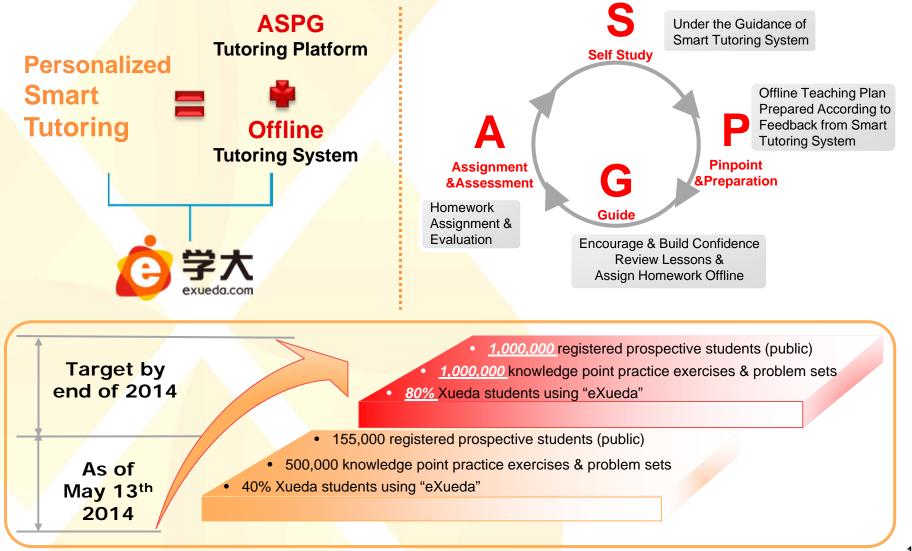
- Provides easy, convent full-transparency into the tutoring process
- Allows greater parental engagement



Interactive platform

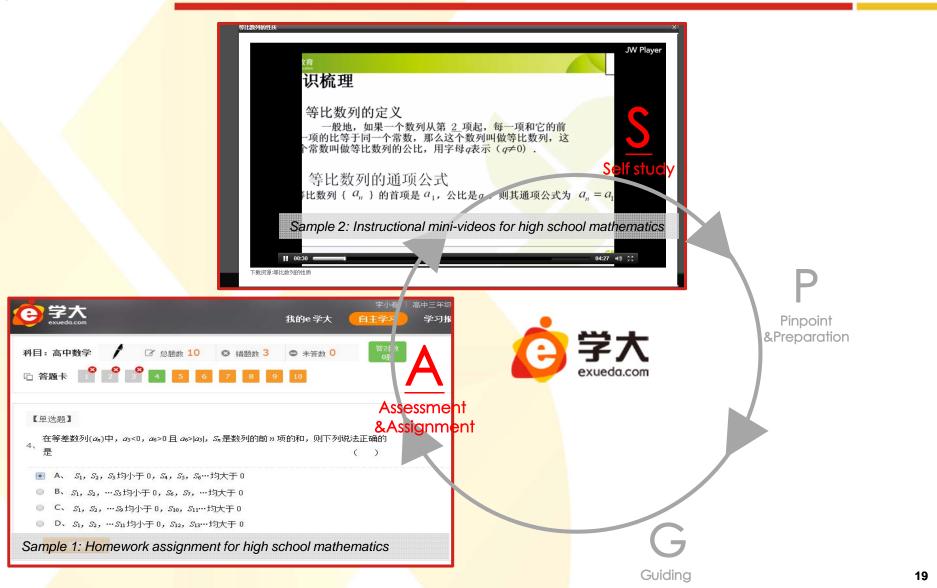
# eXueda Cloud-based Tutoring Platform (Cont'd)





# Demo of eXueda ASPG Learning Cycle





# Demo of eXueda ASPG Learning Cycle (cont.)



# Expanded Service Offerings & Improved Instructional Quality



# **Expanded Service Offerings & Improved Instructional Quality**

**More Options & Better Results** 

# Personalized Small Group Tutoring

- ✓ 1-10 students
- ✓ 1-3 months
- ✓ Set Schedules
- ✓ Full Subjects





# **Enrichment Offerings**

- ✓ Wide Spectrum of Subjects
- ✓ Multiple Formats





# Improved Instructional Quality

✓ Central to Superior Tutoring





# Seasoned Management with Proven Success



#### **Industry Experienced and Professional Management Team**

Sophisticated Sponsors with Proven Track Record



Xin JIN CEO & Co-founder

Served in various Company management positions since 2002, including General Manager and Co-President



Christine LU-WONG CFO

- CFO since November 2012
- 19 years of finance operation and management experience in multi-national companies in US and US-listed companies in China
- California CPA







Wei ZHANG
VP Customer Service
& Quality Control



Jinli ZHU
Sr. Director, Tutoring
Management &
Academic Material R&D



<mark>Junyi LI</mark> VP <u>Marketing</u>



Chun ZHANG VP Sales



Bin JIA VP Human Resources

## Entrepreneurial, Results-Oriented Regional Management Team

- 30+ General Managers in charge of regional subsidiaries
- A young, home-grown management team with shared educational philosophy and core values





# **Financial Overview**

First Quarter 2014

# **Management Discussion:**





#### Xin Jin – Xueda Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer

"In the first quarter, we set in place key initiatives to achieve our goal of 'Healthy Growth and Sustained Profitability', and we are seeing visible progress in each. Most notably, we led the industry with the launch of our cloud-based Smart Tutoring System ("eXueda") in March 2014 and gained significant momentum with our personalized small group offering."



## **Christine Lu-Wong – Xueda Chief Fi**nancial Officer

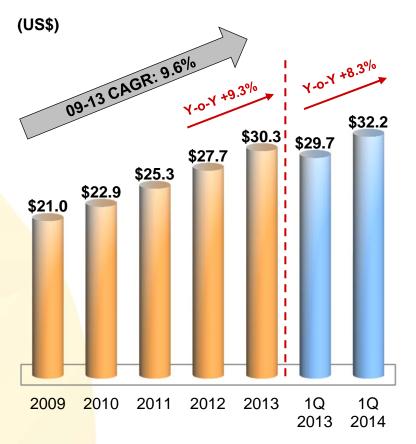
"I believe we are well positioned to deliver on our growth targets for the year, fueled by rising new student sign-ups, improving retention rates, rapidly-growing personalized small group tutoring and our significantly expanded learning center network."

# **Healthy Revenue Growth**





# **Average Hourly Course Fee\***

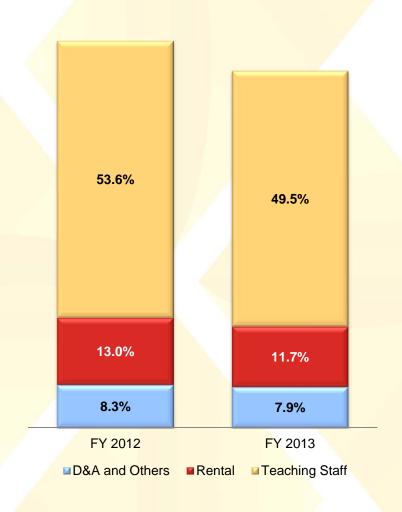


<sup>\*</sup> One-on-one average hourly course fee

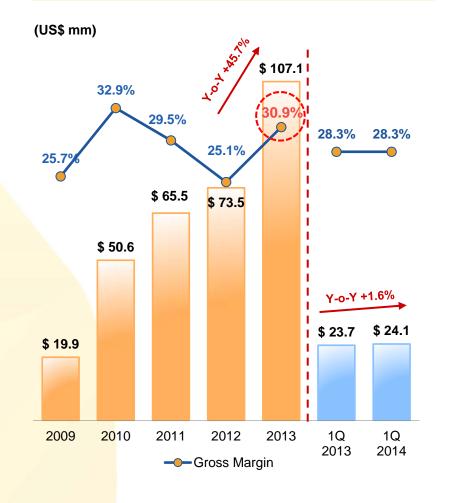


# Sustained Gross Margin While Expanding Learning Center Network

#### **Cost Structure Improvement**



#### **Gross Profit and Gross Margin**



# Solid Cash Position & Returning Value to Shareholders





#### \* Cash, Cash Equiv., ST investment, net of dividend payable

#### **Returning Value to Shareholders**

## Regular Annual Dividend

- Board of Directors authorized and approved the Company's payment of a regular annual dividend of \$0.16 per ADS.
- Total cash payment of US\$10.7 million paid in May 2014 for 2013 annual dividend.

# Privately-Negotiated Share Repurchase

- In March 2014, the Company and senior management jointly offered to purchase:
  - ✓ The Company repurchased \$29.6 million, or 5.7 million ADSs.
  - Senior management purchased \$1.5 million, or 280,000 ADSs.

# **Rich Free Cash Flow**

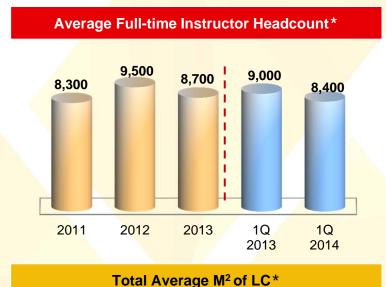


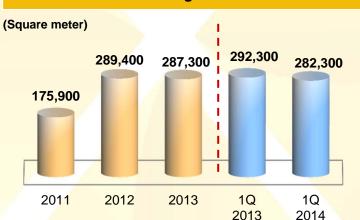


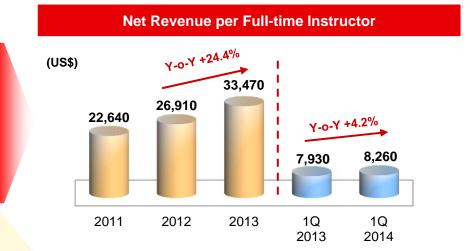
# Improved Labor and Space Utilization Efficiencies Continue to Drive Greater Profitability

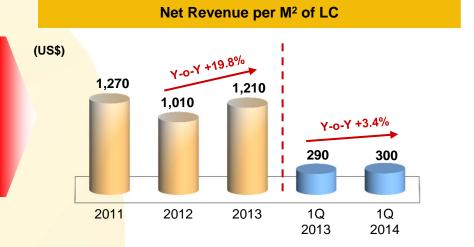


\* Rounded









# **Maintaining Operating Leverage**



	FY 2012	FY 2013	1Q 2013	1Q 2014
Non-GAAP G&A Expense	\$43.1M	\$46.9M	\$12.4M	\$12.5M
As % of Total Net Revenue	14.7%	13.5%	14.7%	14.7%
Non-GAAP S&M Expense	\$31.3M	\$36.3M	\$8.7M	\$8.5M
As % of Total Net Revenue	10.7%	10.5%	10.3%	9.9%
Non-GAAP Operating Income	\$(0.9M)	\$20.5M	\$2.7M	\$3.1M
Non-GAAP Diluted Net Income per ADS	\$0.08	\$0.32	\$0.05	\$0.06





# Guidance

Second Quarter and Full-Year 2014

# Second Quarter and Full-Year 2014 Guidance



2Q 2014	Guidance	Y-o-Y Growth Rate	
Net Revenues	At least \$120.4 million	At least 5.0%	
Non-GAAP EPADS*	At least \$0.30	At least 7.1%	
FY 2014	Guidance	Y-o-Y Growth Rate	
FY 2014  Net Revenues	Guidance  At least \$394.0 million	Y-o-Y Growth Rate  At least 13.5%	

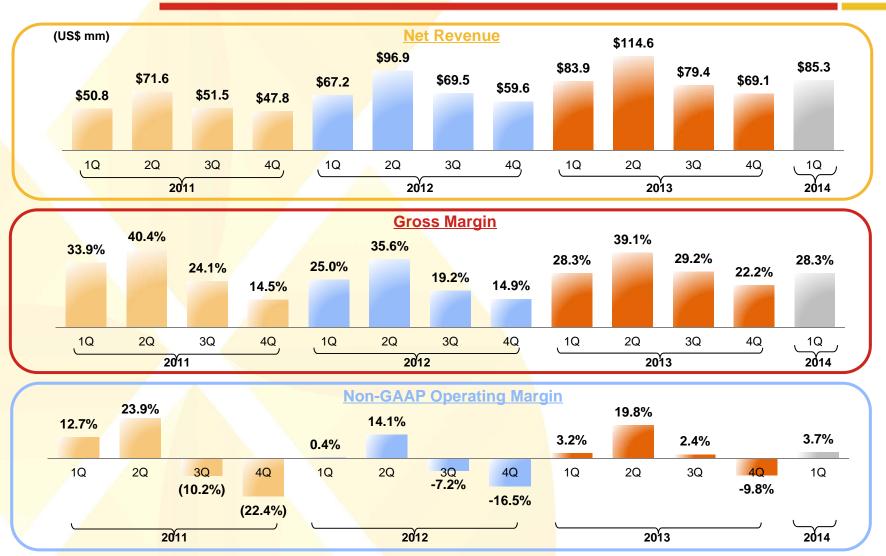
<sup>\*</sup>Non-GAAP diluted net income per ADS estimate for 2Q 2014 assumes an effective income tax rate of 20% on non-GAAP income before income tax, based on the exchange rate of US\$1.00 = RMB6.23, and weighted average diluted ADSs of 67.6 million.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Non-GAAP diluted net income per ADS estimate for FY2014 assumes an effective income tax rate of 20% on non-GAAP income before income tax, and weighted average diluted ADSs of 67.9 million.



# Inherent Seasonality in Education-Related Business





# **Shareholder List**



Founders, Management & Pre-	IPO Investors <sup>1</sup>	Top 5 Institutional Investors <sup>2</sup>	
Co-founders	49.0%	Fidelity Management & Research Company	5.7%
Xin Jin	22.9%		
Rubin Li	17.2%	First Manhattan Co. Asset Management <sup>3</sup>	2.4%
Jinbo Yao	8.9%		
Other Management	2.8%	O'Shaughnessy Asset MGMT, LLC	1.3%
Pre-IPO investors	18.7%	Wellington Management Company, LLP	1.3%
CDH Xueda Limited	11.7%		
Warburg Pincus, LLC	7.0%	Weatherbie M A & Co., Inc.	0.7%
Total	70.5%	Total	11.4%

<sup>1.</sup> Post the Company repurchase and management purchase on March 25, 2014, based on Xueda's annual report on Form 20-F for the period ended March 28, 2014, filed with the SEC on March 31,2014

<sup>2.</sup> As of March 31, 2014, from Bloomberg

<sup>3.</sup> As of December 31, 2013, from Bloomberg

# Learning Centers Expansion Roadmap



