

Preparing Jack Yates High School Students for Future Success

A special community meeting to discuss the
academics and future of Yates High School

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The History & Pride of Yates

- Yates HS has a rich history in Houston.
- School named in honor of Rev. Jack Yates, a former slave and pioneer in education.
- Yates graduates include journalists, elected officials, athletes and entertainers.



The Future of Yates

- To prepare the next generation of Yates leaders, a new state-of-the-art facility will be built.
- Academic programs will reflect **high-demand career fields** to ensure students are ready for **college** and a competitive global **workforce**.



Students' Input

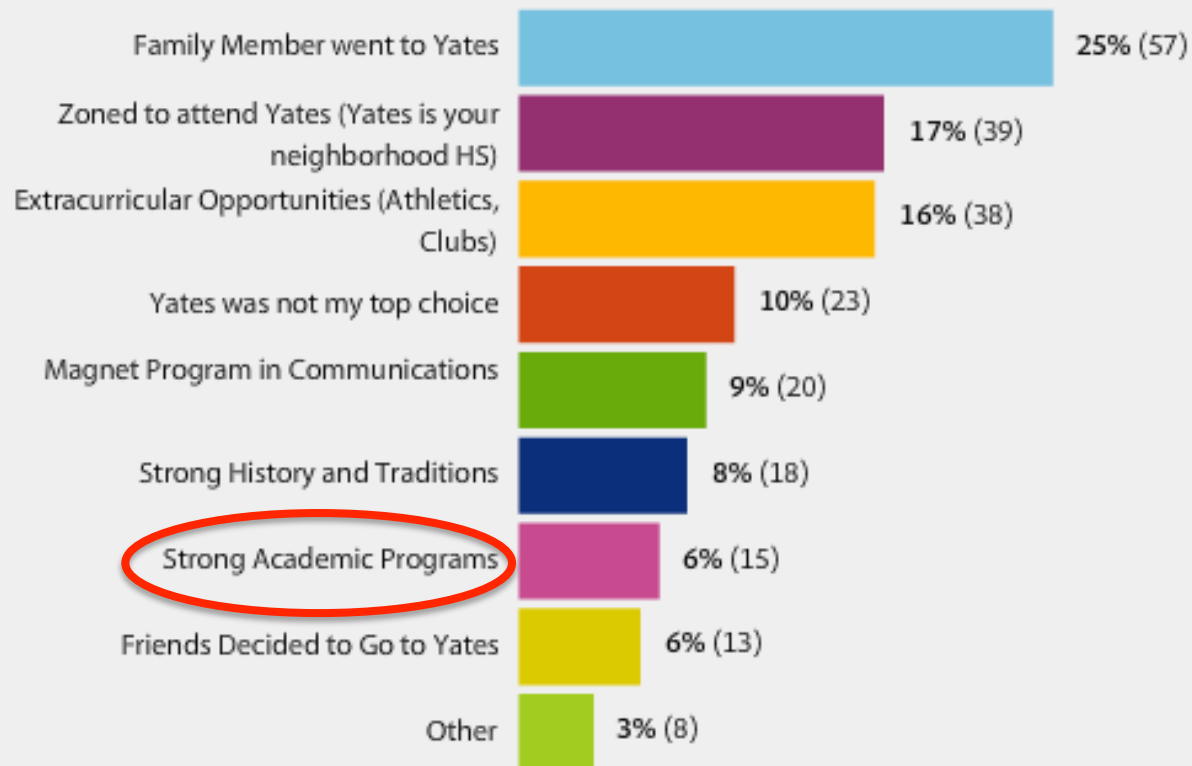
- To gain a sense of the interests of current Yates 9th graders (who will be present at the completion of construction of new facility).
- To gain a better sense of what attracts and influences students' high school selection.

Survey Procedure

- 1,316 students from Yates and surrounding schools completed an online survey on Yates and the school's programs (Oct. 15-17, 2014)
 - Yates 9th graders (n=218)
 - Attucks MS 8th graders (n=94)
 - Cullen MS 8th graders (n=171)
 - Gregory-Lincoln 8th graders (n=97)
 - Hartman MS 8th graders (n=408)
 - Jackson MS 8th graders (n=101)
 - Baylor College of Medicine at Ryan 7th graders (n=226)

Why Students Attend Yates

Which of these factors had the biggest influence on your decision to attend Yates High School?

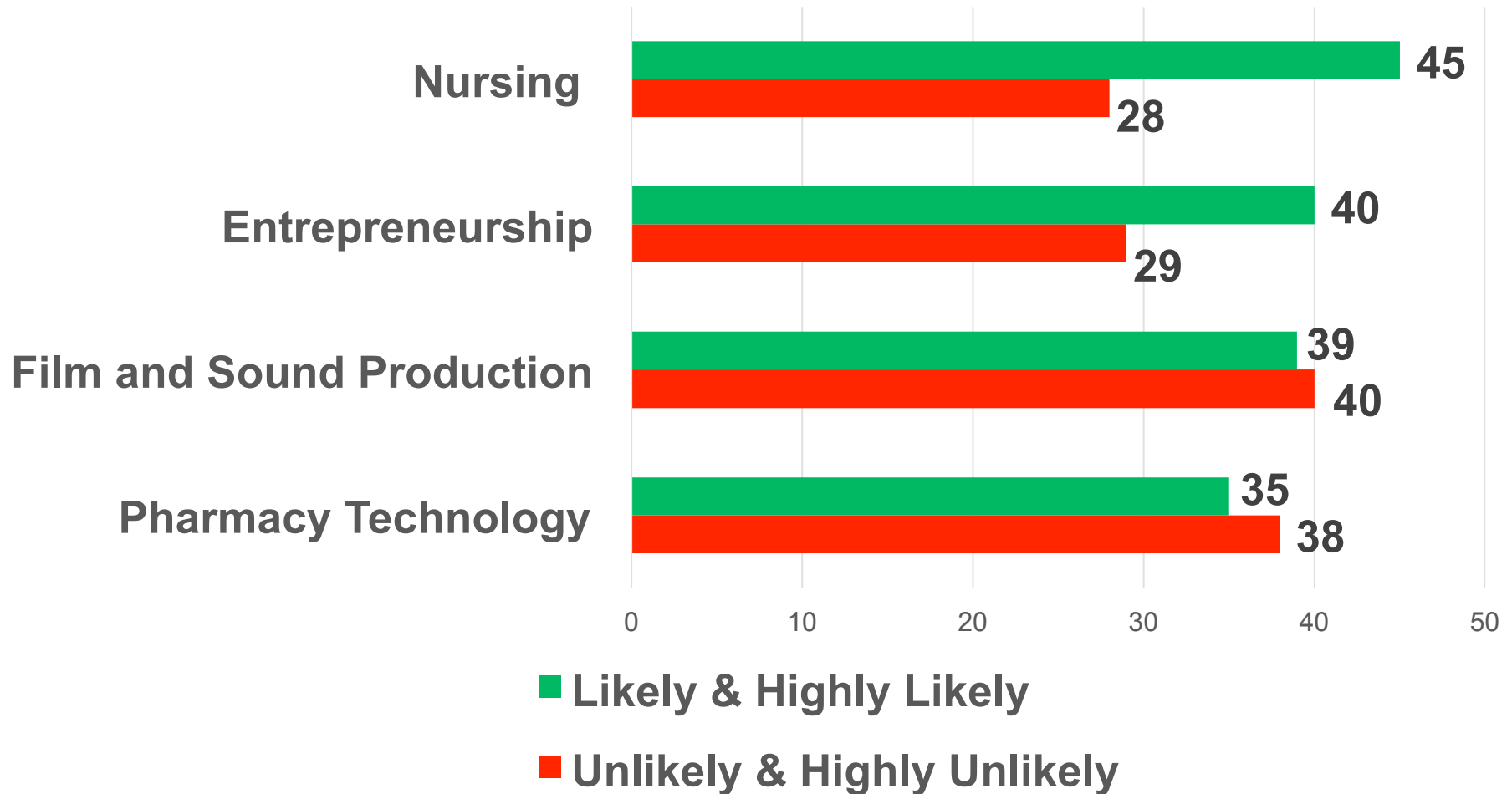


* 231 total responses, 100% of submissions

Strengthening Academics at Yates

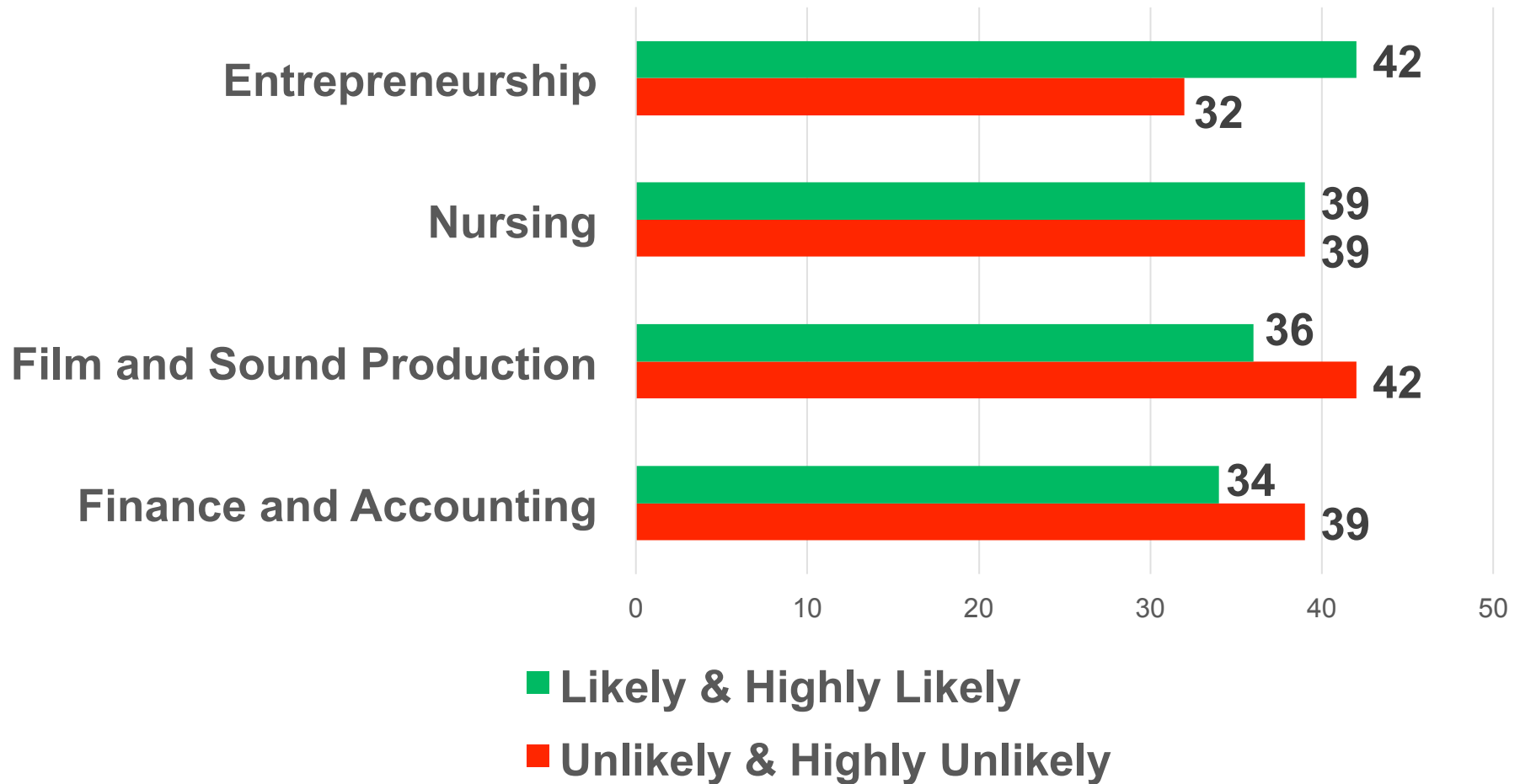
- **Provide support to instructional staff and campus leadership**
 - Help strengthen the ability of the campus leadership team to grow and develop teachers.
 - Help to increase the level of rigor of coursework offered (Leverage Leadership Program).
 - Provide additional support for social/counseling services for students.
- **Strengthen advanced academics offerings**
 - Advanced Placement (AP) coursework
 - Dual-Credit partnerships
 - Explore IB (International Baccalaureate) program
- **PowerUp initiative**
 - Starting this spring, students in grades 9-11 will receive laptops that will facilitate 1:1 personalized learning.
- **Linked Learning initiative**
 - Hands-on, project-based learning aligned with health science cohort.

Specialty Programming: Yates 9th Graders' Top Choices



Specialty Programming:

Overall Middle School Students Top Choices



Specialty Programming Options:

Current Specialty Programming Options:		Option A: Student Top Choices	Option B: Business Focus	Option C: Health Sciences Focus
Audio and Video Production (Communications Magnet)		Audio and Video Production (Communications Magnet)	Audio and Video Production / (Communications Program)	Health Sciences Academy (Radiology Tech & Pharmacy Tech)
Graphic Design and Production (Communications Magnet)		Small Business Academy (Entrepreneurship / Construction Management)	Health Sciences Academy (Radiology Tech and Pharmacy Tech)	Biotechnology
Health Sciences Academy (Pharmacy Tech)		Health Sciences Academy (Radiology Tech and Pharmacy Tech)	Small Business Academy (Entrepreneurship / Construction Management)	Small Business Academy (Entrepreneurship / Construction Management)
Construction Technology		Maritime Logistics	Maritime Logistics	Maritime Logistics
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Next Steps...

**Meeting
Power Point
Available on
Yates HS
Website
(October 27)**

**Student
Feedback on
Programming
Options
(October 27 –
November 13)**

**Community
Feedback on
Programming
Options
(October 27 –
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**Recommendations
Presented to PAT
(November 20)**

Thank you

