

RECOMMENDATION FOR MAGNETIZING WEST MILLBROOK AND MOVING THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAMME FROM EAST MILLBROOK TO WEST MILLBROOK

Student Achievement October 2017

RATIONALE

- East Millbrook will be able to focus on their more visible theme of Visual and Performing Arts to attract students to their school
- Millbrook High School needs a Middle School feeder to complete the 5 year IB Middle Years Programme continuum (Grades 6-10)
- West Millbrook is in close proximity and is a feeder for students wanting to follow the Millbrook High School IB pathway
- Annual Magnet Applicant Survey shows there is continued interest in IB in the district
- West Millbrook is in alignment with the Magnet Objectives

East Millbrook

- First designated an International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme in 1996
- Part of the 1998-2001 MSAP Grant
- In 2015 East Millbrook was part of the 2015-2017 MSAP grant that the district did not receive
- In order for East Millbrook to be part of the grant their theme had to be significantly revised
- Their revised magnet theme is Academy of Visual & Performing Arts
- Focusing on one magnet theme will help East Millbrook increase their magnet applications and narrow their focus

West Millbrook

- Free and Reduced Lunch % consistently above the district average for the past 5 years at 42.6% (District is 32.1%)
- From 2012-13 to 2016-17 Student Achievement remains flat with a performance composite in 12-13 of 57.3% and a performance composite in 16-17 of 56.8%
- Student achievement has been below the district average since 2012-13
- The school is under enrolled at 84.3% Capacity
- Enrollment has declined from 971 in 2012-13 to 829 in 2017-18
- 62.3% of base students attend West Millbrook as opposed to 68% of base attending base in other middle schools in the district

STAFF & PARENT FEEDBACK

- Email sent to West Millbrook and East Millbrook **staffs** 9/29 letting them know about West Millbrook potentially becoming an IB MYP Middle School
- Email sent to West Millbrook & East Millbrook **parents** 9/29 letting them know about West Millbrook potentially becoming an IB MYP Middle School
- West Millbrook Principal shared with staff & parents that there would be an informational meeting about IB to get their input and ask questions on 10/4
- East Millbrook Principal shared with parents that there would be a survey coming asking for their input about moving the IB program from East to West Millbrook

West Millbrook Community Input - Faculty

- Magnet Staff provided a presentation providing an overview of the purposes of magnet and the IB Middle Years Programme to the West Millbrook FACULTY
- Questions asked:
 - To what extent do you feel like a magnet program is a good thing for West Millbrook Middle School?
 - 42/44 responded “optimistic” 2/44 responded “somewhat optimistic”
 - Are you optimistic about the IB Middle Years Programme coming to West Millbrook?
 - 40/44 responded “optimistic” 4/44 responded “somewhat optimistic”

West Millbrook Community Input - Parents

- Magnet Staff provided a presentation providing an overview of the purposes of magnet and the IB Middle Years Programme to the West Millbrook PARENTS
- Questions asked:
 - To what extent do you feel like a magnet program is a good thing for West Millbrook Middle School?
 - 23/23 responded “optimistic”
 - Are you optimistic about the IB Middle Years Programme coming to West Millbrook?
 - 23/23 responded “optimistic”

West Millbrook Community Input

West Millbrook faculty was asked what they think they need in order to effectively implement the IB Middle Years Programme:

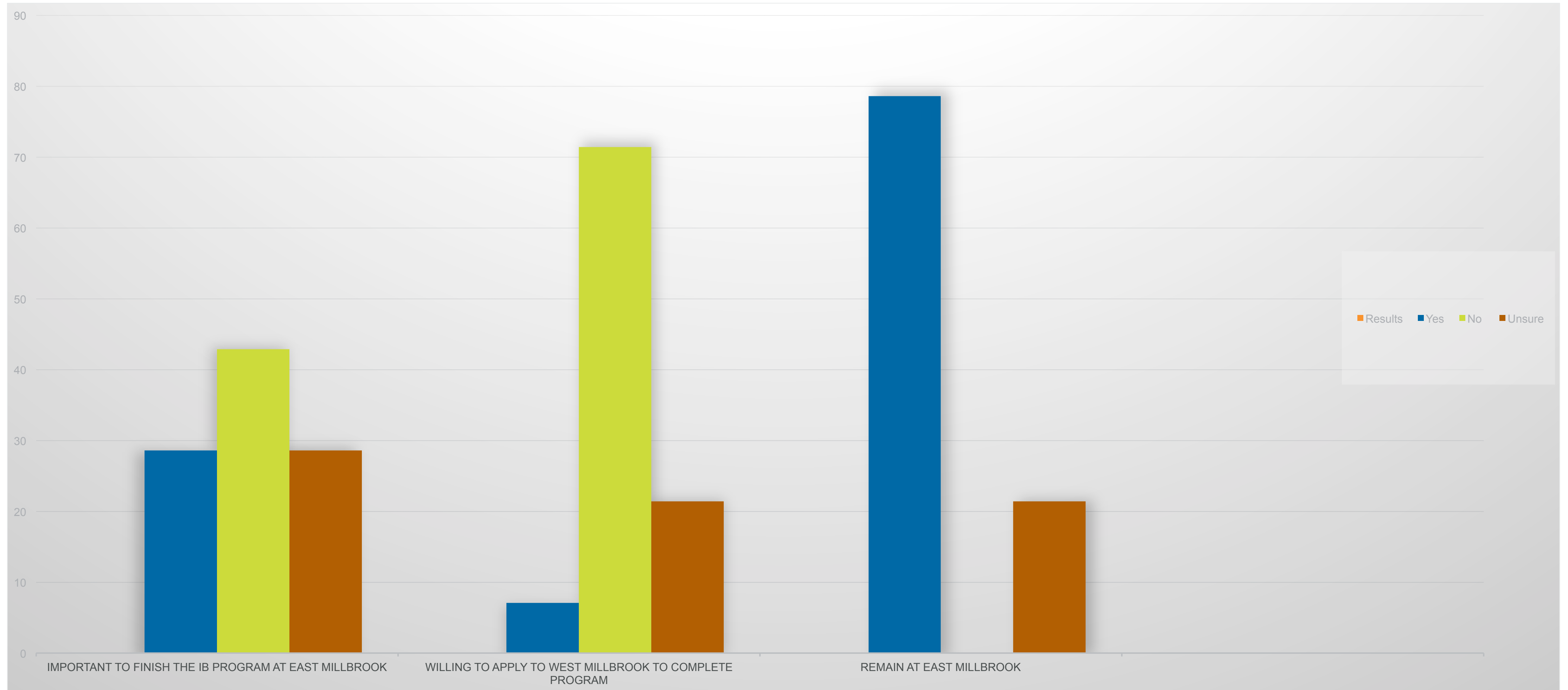
Their results:

IB training (not using the train the trainer model)	9
PBL training	
Information about how to implement the program	
Controlled class sizes	
Additional planning time	2
Visit to another program to see program in action and to speak to teachers	2
Additional student support/staff	3
Time to make the program successful. We need to make this a priority over other things.	
More technology	
Decoration that “sells the program”	
More information about scheduling options	
Community resources related to global outreach and student access	

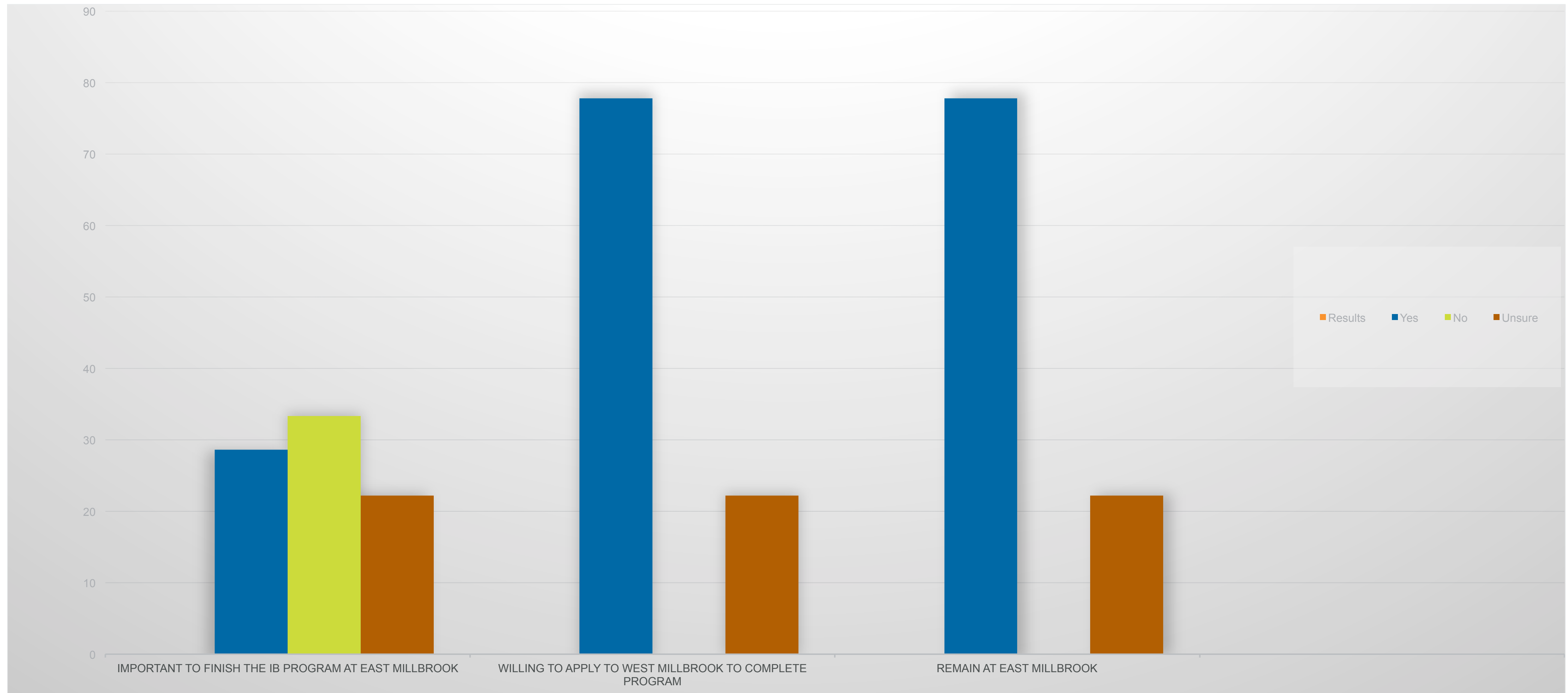
East Millbrook Community Input

- All East Millbrook 6th and 7th grade parents were asked to respond to three questions/statements once they learned of the proposal to move the IB MYP from East Millbrook to West Millbrook.
- Questions:
 - Is it important for your child(ren) to finish the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme at East Millbrook?
 - I would be willing to apply to West Millbrook to finish the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme.
 - I want to stay at East Millbrook and focus on their new theme, Academy of Visual and Performing Arts.

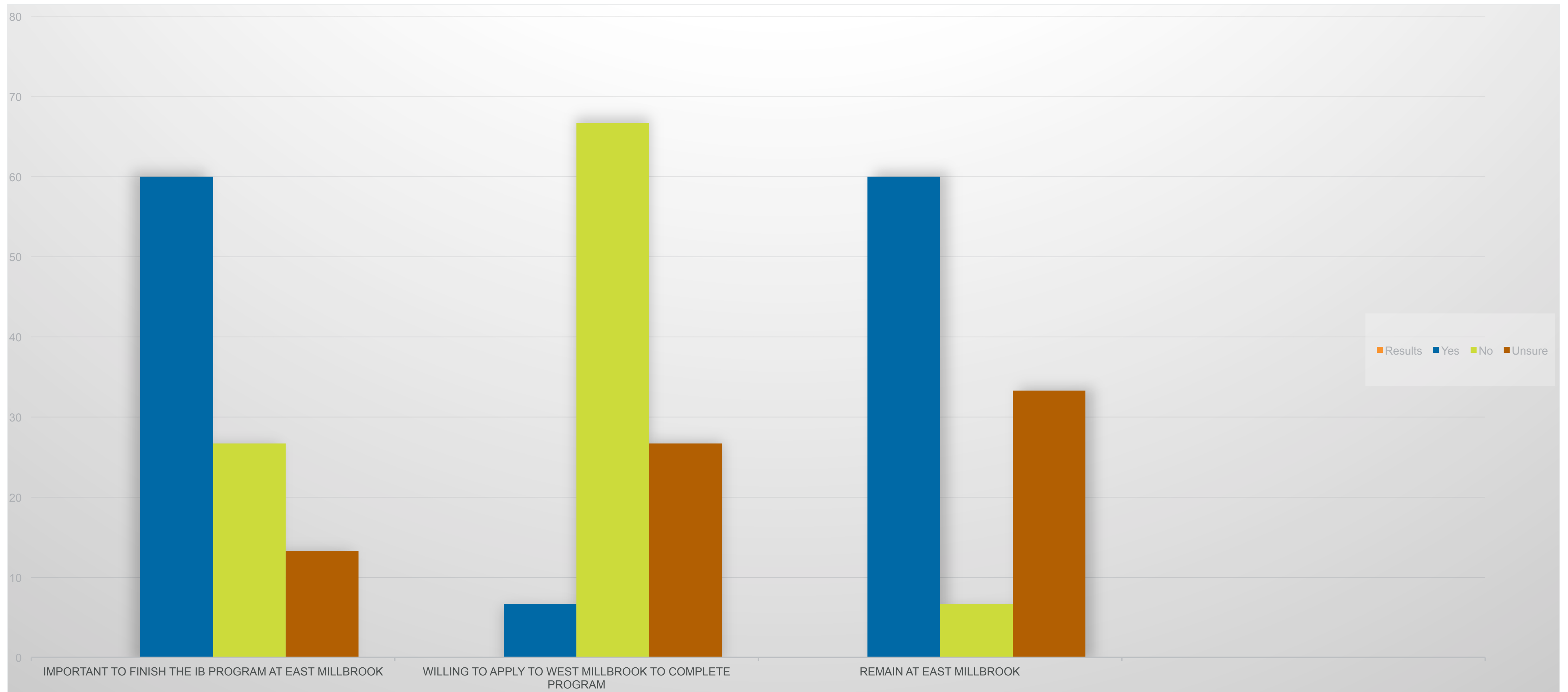
East Millbrook 6th grade base survey results



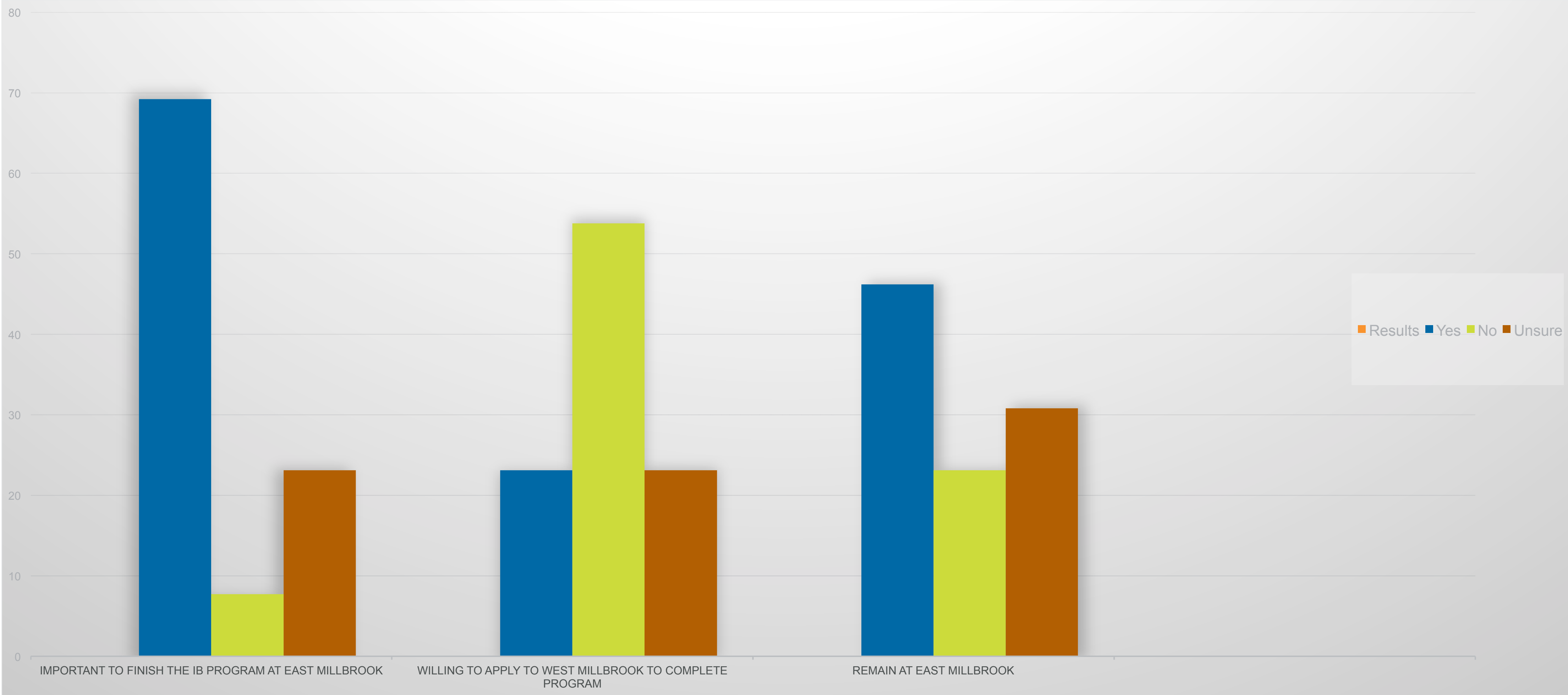
East Millbrook 6th grade magnet survey results



East Millbrook 7th grade base survey results



East Millbrook 7th grade magnet survey results



East Millbrook Faculty & Staff

- In Spring 2015 all faculty at East Millbrook had to opt in or out of their new magnet theme of Academy of Visual and Performing Arts
 - 33 new staff members were hired for the 2016-17 school year
- In 2017-18, 22 new staff members were hired with the focus on the new magnet theme

Proposed Magnet Feeders for East and West Millbrook



Elementary

- Fox Road
- Joyner
- Douglas
- Wendell Elementary

Middle

- West Millbrook (proposed)
- East Millbrook

High

- Millbrook High School

REVISED Proposal

- Move the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme from East Millbrook to West Millbrook starting in the 2018-19 School Year
- Phase IB out with current 6th and 7th graders at East Millbrook
 - Students would still receive interdisciplinary units, character education, culminating service project
 - No longer accept IB magnet students to East Millbrook
- Recruiting at West Millbrook would start this fall at the Magnet Fair
- Funding for the IB Programme and teaching positions would come from repurposed funds from the Magnet & Curriculum Enhancement Office so there would be no additional cost to the district
- IB trained staff at East Millbrook will collaborate with West Millbrook staff in their transition to the IB Programme

Thank You!!