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Duncan Klussmann has been the superintendent of the Spring Branch Independent School District since 2004. Prior to his tenure as superintendent, he served both as interim superintendent and as area superintendent for Spring Branch ISD. Dr. Klussmann also has vast experience as both a principal and assistant principal, as well experience as a classroom teacher.

While Klussmann was principal, the United States Department of Education awarded Spring Branch Middle School the Blue Ribbon as a National Exemplary School. In 1998 Dr. Klussmann was awarded The Lifetime Member Award by the Texas Parent and Teacher Association and in 2004 he received the Hewlett-Packard Fellow in Executive Leadership Award.

Dr. Klussmann received his undergraduate degree from the University of Texas at Austin and completed a masters of education at Stephen F. Austin State University. In 2004 he received his doctorate from Seton Hall University.

Duncan Klussmann lives in Houston with his wife, Marissa, and their children.



SKY Partnership

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Agenda

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- The Concept
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- The Work
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The Story

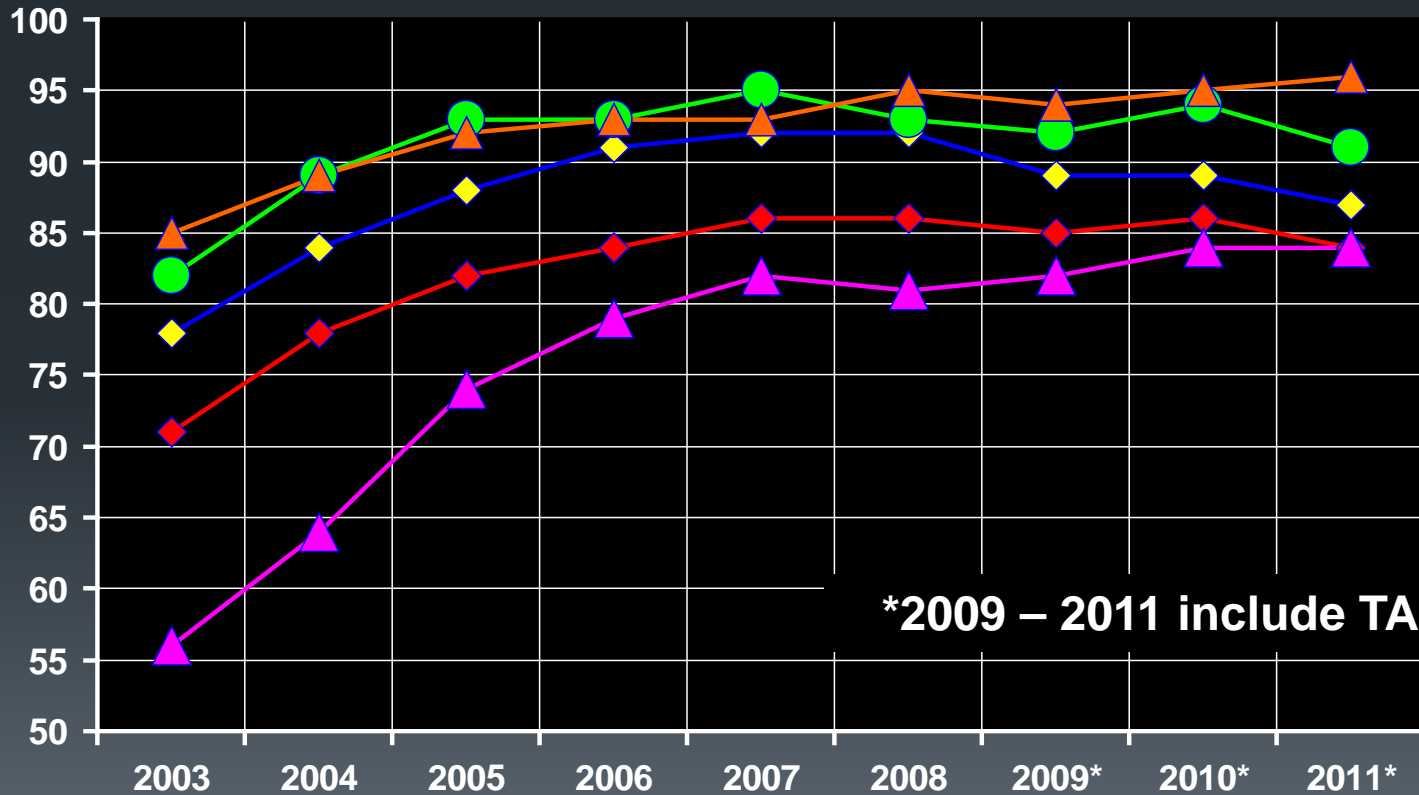
- Visit to YES Prep
- Visit to KIPP
- SBISD Charter School Waitlist
- Underutilized Campuses
- Atmosphere of Innovation
- SBISD Goal

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TAKS % Passing : Sum of All Grades Testing 2003 - 2011



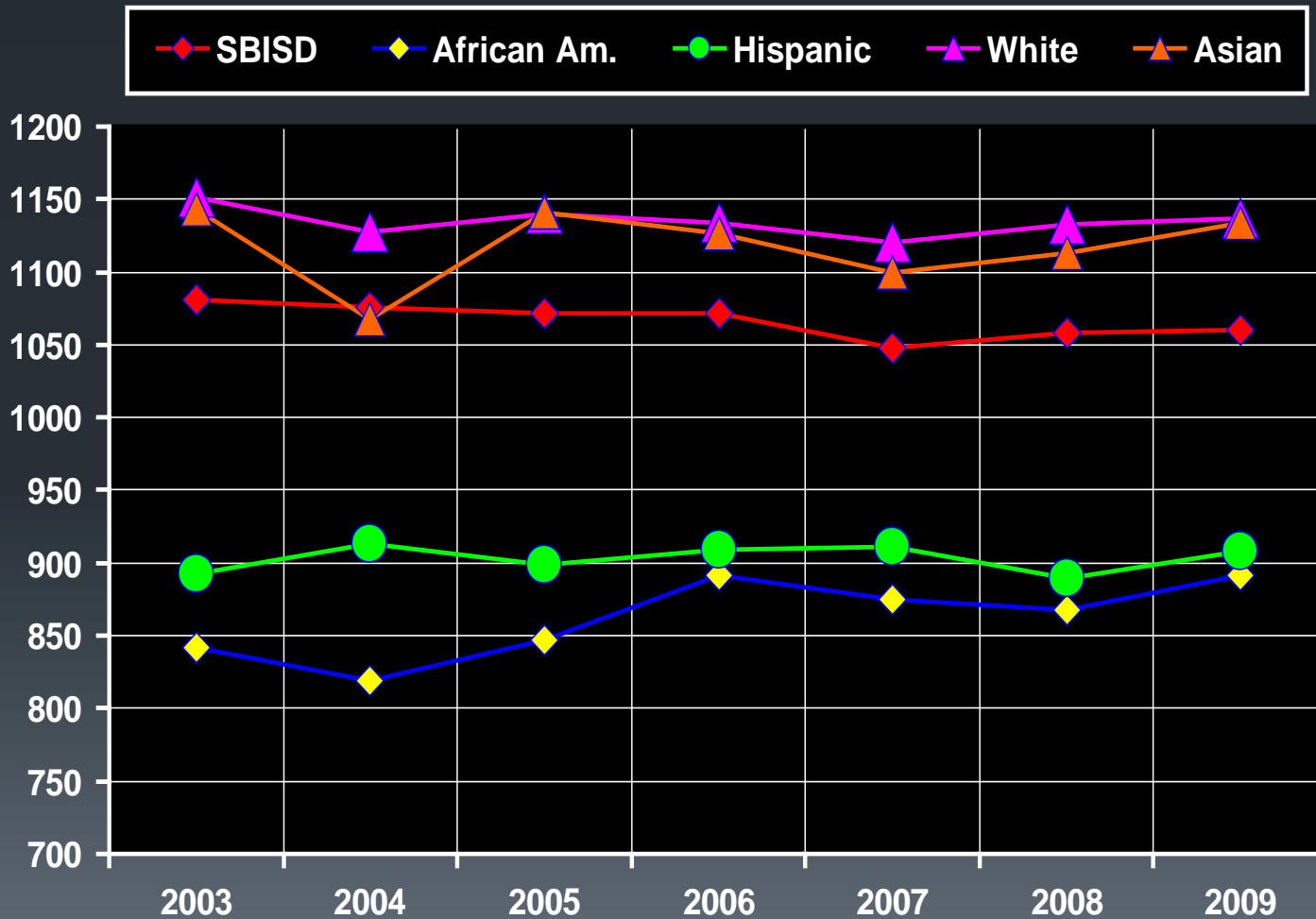
◆ Mathematics ◆ Reading ● Writing ▲ Science ▲ Social Studies



*2009 – 2011 include TAKS-Acc

Mean SAT Scores 2003-2009

(Maximum Score 1600)





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In the next five years, double the number of SBISD students that complete a technical certificate, two year degree, or four year degree.

The Participants

● S = Spring Branch

● K = KIPP

● Y = YES Prep



The Concept

- Partner with organizations with our same values and beliefs
- Increase market share
- Provide alternatives to families on our charter school waitlist
- Increase utilization of under-utilized campuses
- Enhance quality extracurricular programs
- Meet our SB Plan goal



The Resolution

- Approved in January of 2011
- Establishes partnership and commitment
- Creates Steering Committee



The Compact

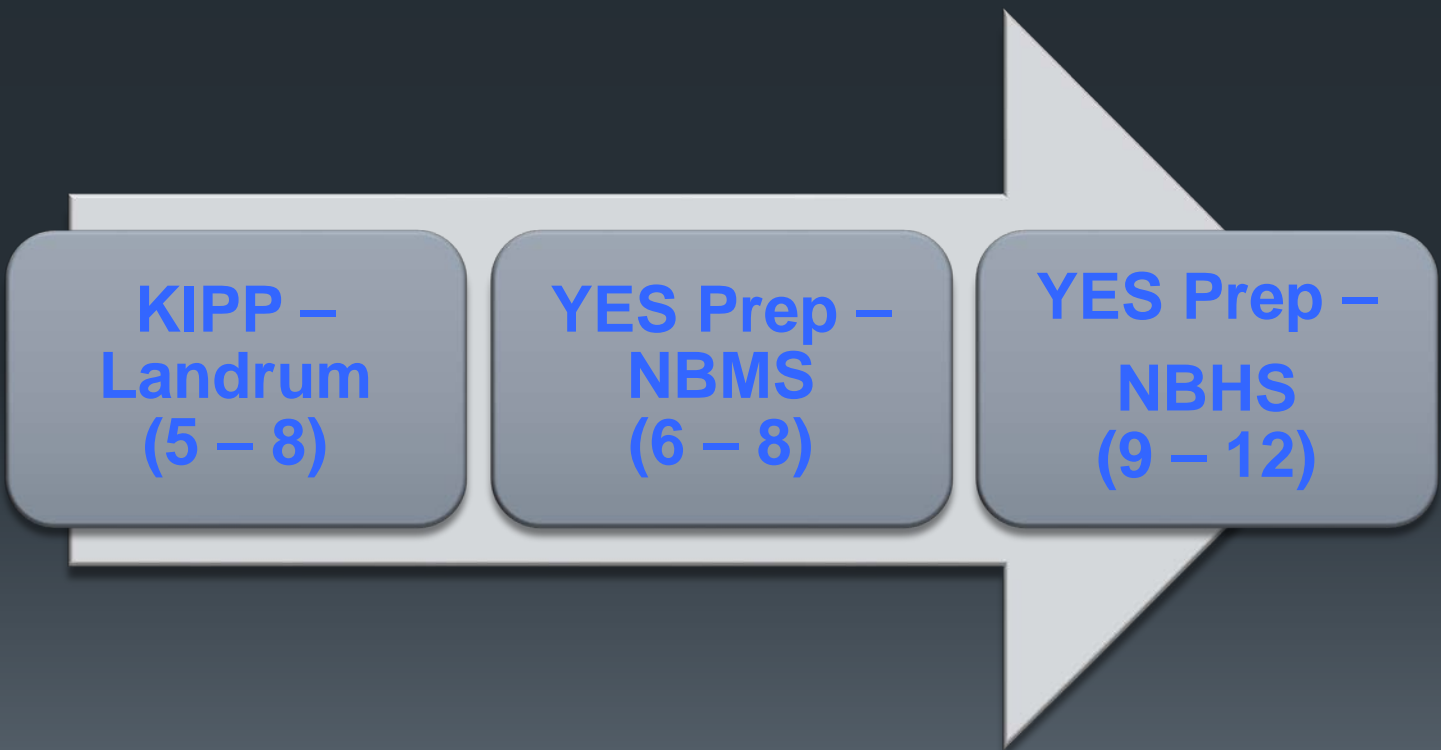
- Approached by Gates Foundation
- Approved in September of 2011
- Non-binding agreement
- Further defines our work
- Provides \$100,000 for further development of concept
- Qualifies the SKY Partnership for additional funding from Gates



The Work

- Steering Committee formed in May of 2011
- Working Committees formed in August of 2011
- Drafting of a possible contract started in December of 2011
- Program initiated July of 2012

The Details





The Details

- School within a School Concept
- Contract with KIPP/YES Prep for core classes
- Prioritized selections process
- Students remain SBISD/Campus students
- Student achievement stays with SBISD
- Students have access to SBISD extracurricular activities
- SBISD provides auxiliary services
- Start date July of 2012



The Details – Landrum M.S.

- KIPP partnership
- Grades 5-8
- Phased-in approach – 5th graders start July of 2012
- 90 - 120 students per grade level



The Details - NBMS

- YES Prep partnership
- Grades 6-8
- Phased-in approach – 6th graders starting in July of 2012
- 90 – 135 students per grade level



The Details - NBHS

- YES Prep partnership
- Grades 9-12
- Phased-in approach – 9th graders beginning in July of 2015
- 150 – 175 students per grade level



The Possibilities

- Student Programs
- Leadership Training
- Teacher Training
- Use of Facilities
- Transportation?
- Food Service?



The Outcomes

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