

Project Yes, Inc.

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Abstract

YES Prep is a model for what is possible within the charter school and public education systems: affordable, sustainable, and replicable schools that provide a college preparatory education for ALL students *and* make college acceptance a graduation requirement. YES Prep has received Texas' highest accountability rating, *Exemplary*; and its schools have been ranked one of the Top 100 Public Schools by *Newsweek* and *U.S. News & World Report* and received the 2009 Blue Ribbon School Award. This year, YES Prep graduated its tenth senior class, 100 percent college bound. The CMO locates its schools in impoverished neighborhoods, which produces a recruitment pool of majority educationally disadvantaged students: the economically disadvantaged, English learners, migratory children, first generation college goers, and ethnic minorities. Due to the success of its high quality educational model, the enrollment wait list to attend its current seven schools ranges between 4,000 and 6,000 children. To meet this demand, the CMO respectfully requests \$15M to execute its three *Strategic Growth Initiatives*: (A) Open six new schools in low income and underperforming neighborhoods that will serve Grades 6-12; (B) Expand two existing schools in low income and underperforming neighborhoods that will ultimately serve Grades 6-12; and (C) Implement a human capital development network capable of training, competitively compensating, and retaining highly qualified teachers for the proposed schools. At a total of 13 schools, YES Prep will have a school in every low income and underperforming feeder pattern in Houston ISD and serve 10 percent of the 6th–12th graders currently enrolled in Houston ISD, and will send 1,150+ seniors to college *every year*.