

Missouri Charter Public Schools – St. Louis

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Charter Schools

- Public Schools
 - Free and open to all students residing within the boundaries of St. Louis City;
 - Held accountable for their results;
 - Promote new options within the public system;
 - Use teaching methods that may be different in some respects than others regularly used;
 - Develop new, different, or alternative forms of measuring pupil learning and achievement;
 - Create new professional opportunities for teachers.



Accountability Structure

- Authorizer – Missouri State Board of Education
- Sponsor
 - The school board of the school district;
 - A public four-year college or university with its primary campus in the school district or in a county adjacent to the school district or any state college or university that provides educational programs to any part of such district;
 - A community college located within the district;
 - Any private college or university in a city not within a county with an enrollment of at least 1,000 students with an approved teacher education program
- Charter School's Governing Board
- Charter School Leadership

Missouri Charter School Statutes

- Charter Application Requirements – Charter Shall Include...
 - The mission statement for your school.
 - Organizational structure and by laws.
 - Financial plan for the first three years, including annual audit provisions.
 - Personnel policies, qualifications and development plans.
 - Grades of students being served.
 - Calendar year of at least 174 school days (160.011(9)).
 - Performance goals, curriculum and policies.



Missouri Charter School Statutes

- Charter School Operation Requirements
 - Be nonsectarian in it's operations.
 - Comply with laws and regulations on
 - Health, Safety and State Minimum Educational Standards
 - Notification of Criminal Conduct
 - Academic Assessment
 - Transmission of School Records
 - Minimum School Days

Missouri Charter School Statutes

- Charter School Operation Requirements
 - Be Financially Accountable
 - Provide for an annual audit by a CPA.
 - Provide Liability Insurance.
 - Eligible for Missouri Public Entity Risk Management Fund
 - Include a debt repayment plan in financial plan.
 - CFO of the School Shall maintain:
 - A surety bond in the amount determined by the sponsor or an insurance policy on all employees for \$500,000 in the event of employee theft. 160.405.13(1)&(2)



Missouri Charter School Statutes

- Charter School Operation Requirements
 - Design a method of student measurement.
 - Collect baseline data for at least the first three years.
 - Participate in statewide assessments (MAP).
 - Complete and distribute an annual report card.



Missouri Charter School Statutes

● Admissions

- Charter schools must only enroll students in the district in which they operate.
- Charter schools may enroll non –resident students under voluntary urban transfer program (VIC).
- Charter schools must hold a lottery if applications exceed capacity.
- Charter schools may establish area around the school to be given preference.
- Charter schools may give preference to siblings or school employees.
- Charter schools may not limit admission of protected classes.

The Autonomy – Accountability Bargain

Autonomy

- Transfer the authority to operate a public charter school
- Control over budget, staffing, school configuration, academic program, schedule, mission and vision, etc.
- Independent governance
- Still responsible for health, safety and education of students

The Autonomy – Accountability Bargain

Accountability

- Formal agreement to operate a public charter school
- Defined length of time to operate school
- If the school does not perform, it does not get to stay open

Charter Schools in St. Louis

- 4,900 charter schools in 40 states and D.C., serving 1.6 million students;
- 51 charter schools serving just over 20,000 students in Missouri;
- 25 Charter Schools in St. Louis serving just over 10,000 students;
- Types:
 - Traditional Education;
 - Language Immersion;
 - Performing Arts;
 - Montessori;
 - Science;
 - Drop Out Recovery.

CHARTER SCHOOLS	YEAR SCHOOL OPENED	GRADES TESTED IN 2010-11
Carondelet Leadership Academy	2010	K-5th
Gateway Science Academy	2010	K-7th
Grand Center Arts Academy	2010	6-7th
Shearwater Education Foundation	2010	Dropout Recovery/Ungraded
Imagine College Prep	2009	9-12th
KIPP Inspire	2009	5-6th
North Side Community	2009	K-2nd
St. Louis Language Immersion	2009	K-2nd
City Garden Montessori	2008	K-6th
Confluence College Prep	2008	9-12th
Imagine Academy Academic Success	2007	K-8th
Imagine Careers Elementary	2007	K-5th
Imagine Careers Middle	2007	6-8th
Imagine Environmental Science & Math	2007	K-8th
Confluence Old North	2005	K-8th
Confluence Walnut Park	2004	K-8th
Confluence South City	2003	K-8th
Construction Careers Center	2001	9-12th
Lift For Life	2001	6-11th
St. Louis Charter	2001	K-8th

How Are They Doing in St. Louis?

- Eight charter schools improved on last year's Communications Arts scores;
- Four charter schools performed at or above state averages in Communication Arts;
- Two charter schools performed above state averages in Math;
- Four charter schools improved on their Math scores;
- One school, St. Louis Charter School, was recognized as a National School of Character;

How Are They Doing?

- Using the State's MAP Index:
 - Growth on the high school End of Course Exams (ex – Geometry, Algebra I, Biology, etc.);
 - Moving closer to the state average in middle school;
 - Confluence Preparatory Academy exceeded the state average on the Algebra II EOC;
 - City Garden Montessori demonstrating the highest level of performance in 4th grade communication arts compared to county middle schools;
 - Examples of various charters exceeding the state average in all middle school and elementary exam areas;
 - Data supporting that charters are successfully moving students out of the bottom levels (below basic, basic).





Purpose

To improve student achievement by increasing access to high quality charter public education options throughout Missouri.

- Advocacy
- Communication
- Professional Services
- CharterStart



2012 Legislative Agenda

- Increased Accountability;
- MO Charter Public Schools Commission;
- Charter School Expansion;
- Early Childhood Inclusion;
- Retirement Options

Thank You!

- Website –

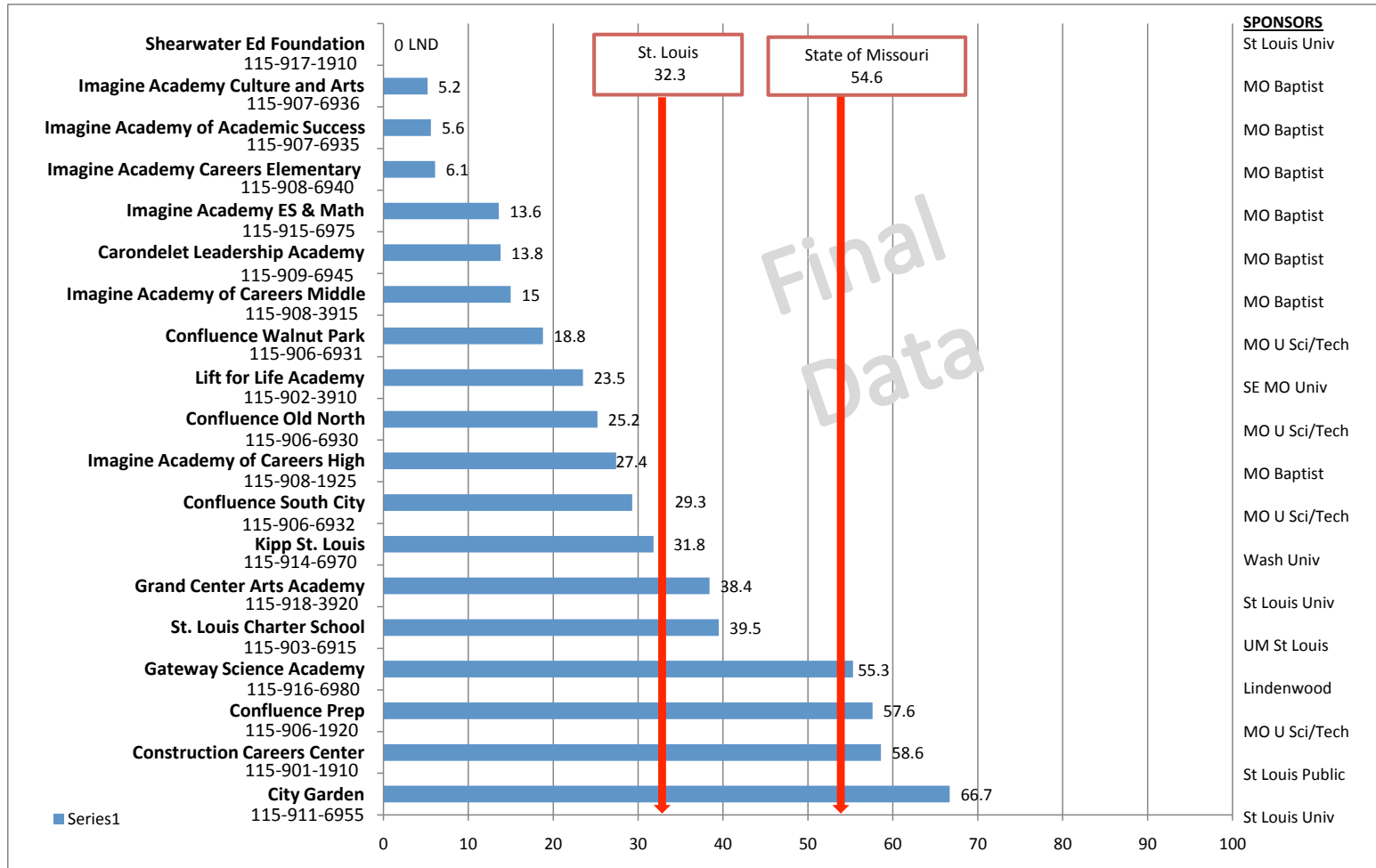
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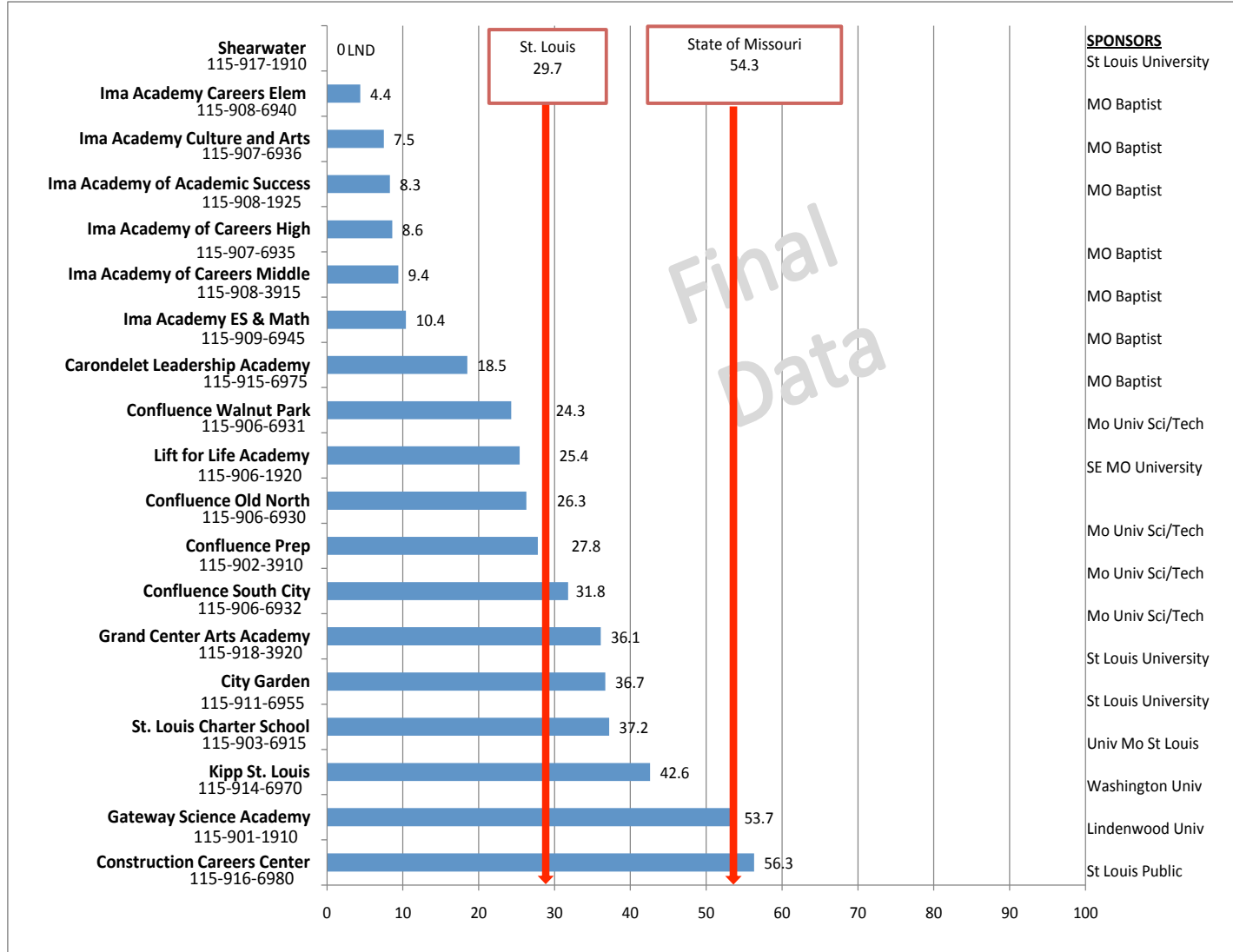
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Comparison of Charter Performance to Local District and State
St. Louis Charter Schools Communication Arts Percent Proficient AYP 2011



Comparison of Charter Performance to Local District and State
 St. Louis Charter Schools Math Percent Proficient 2011



What is MAP Performance Index?

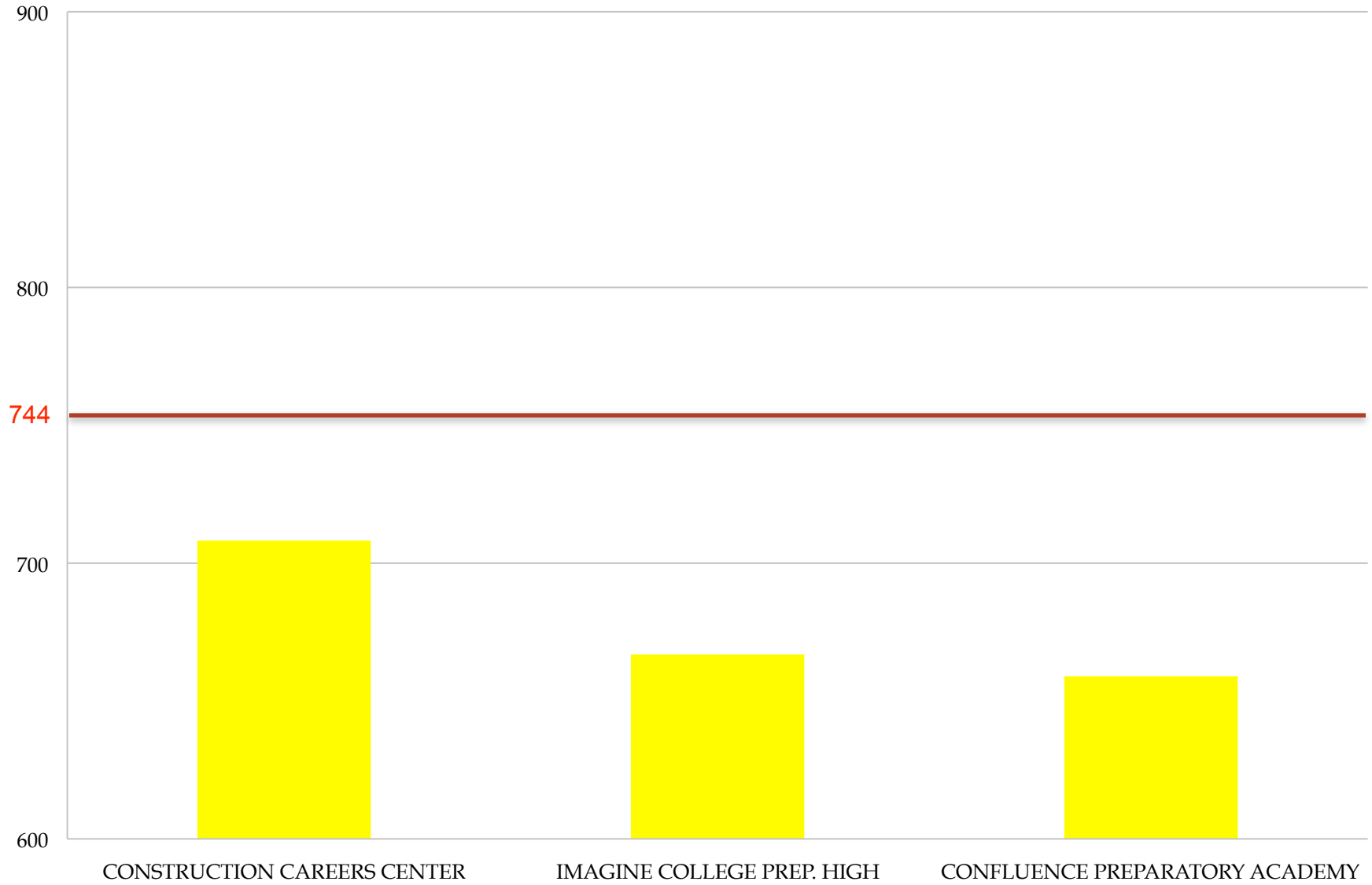
- MAP PERFORMANCE INDEX (MPI) : For each subject in each grade span, MSIP uses the index approach to compare improvement on the MAP. The index approach is based on a composite of the performance of all students across all MAP achievement levels. The assessment results in each subject tested for each year are converted to index points, and these index points are used to measure improvement from year to year.
- MPI CALCULATION: The index is a single composite number that represents the performance of every student in all MAP levels in a tested subject for a defined grade span. Index points are calculated by first multiplying the percent of reportable students scoring in each achievement level for each subject and grade span by weighted values.

For more information visit DESE's "Understanding Your APR" at:
<http://dese.mo.gov/divimprove/sia/dar/documents/qs-apr-understanding-your-apr-2011-2012.pdf>

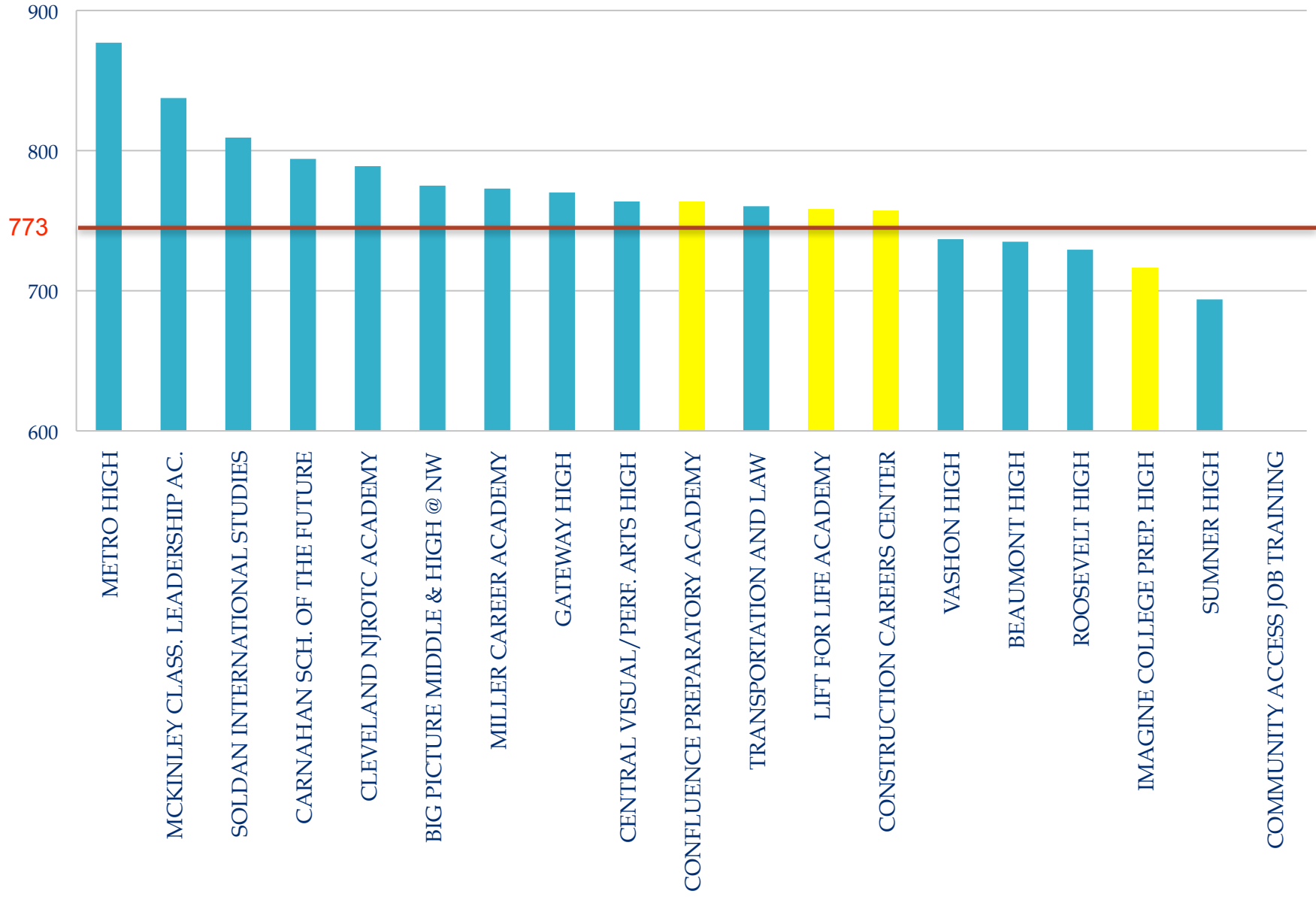
Charters to SLPS
High Schools
End of Course Exams

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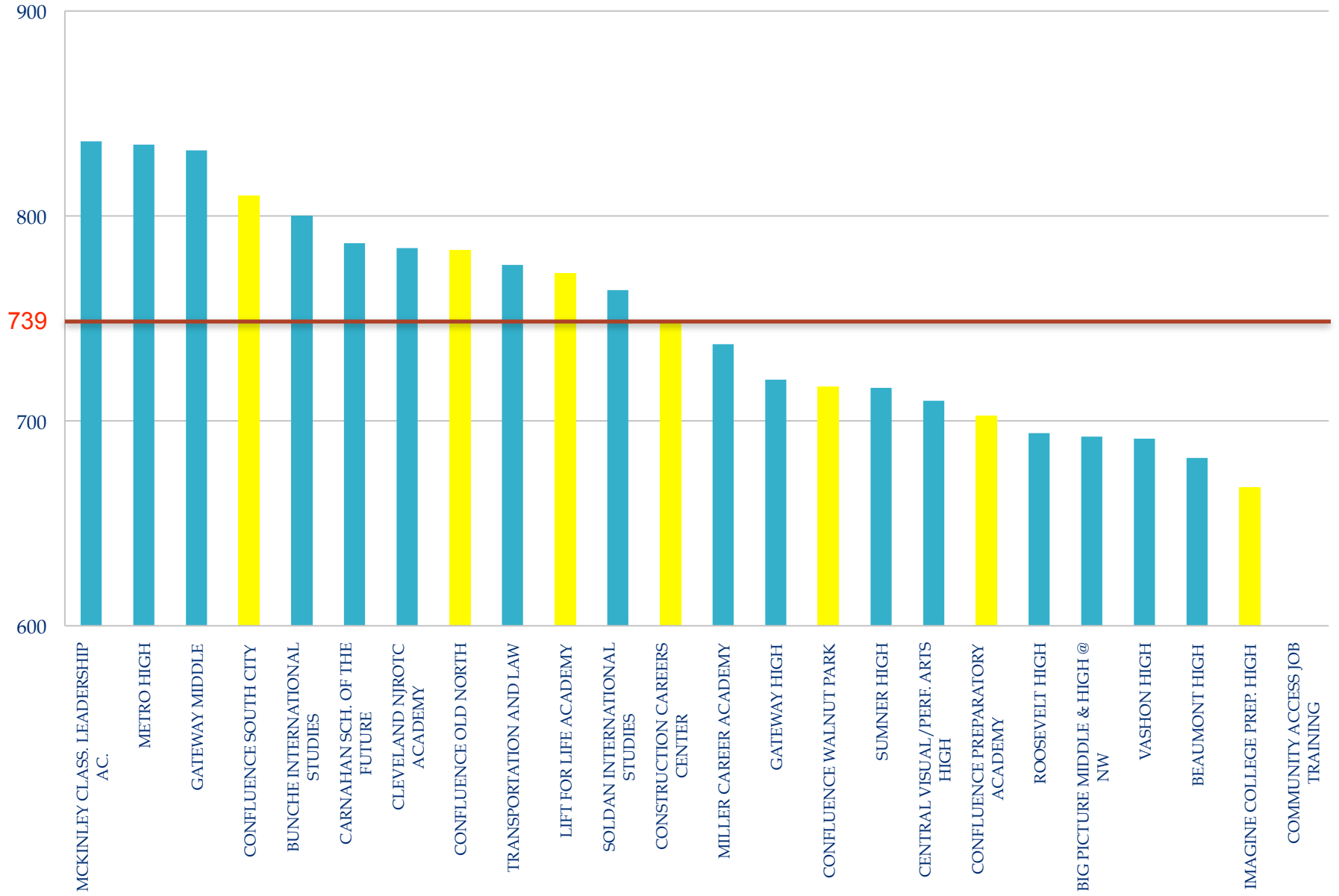
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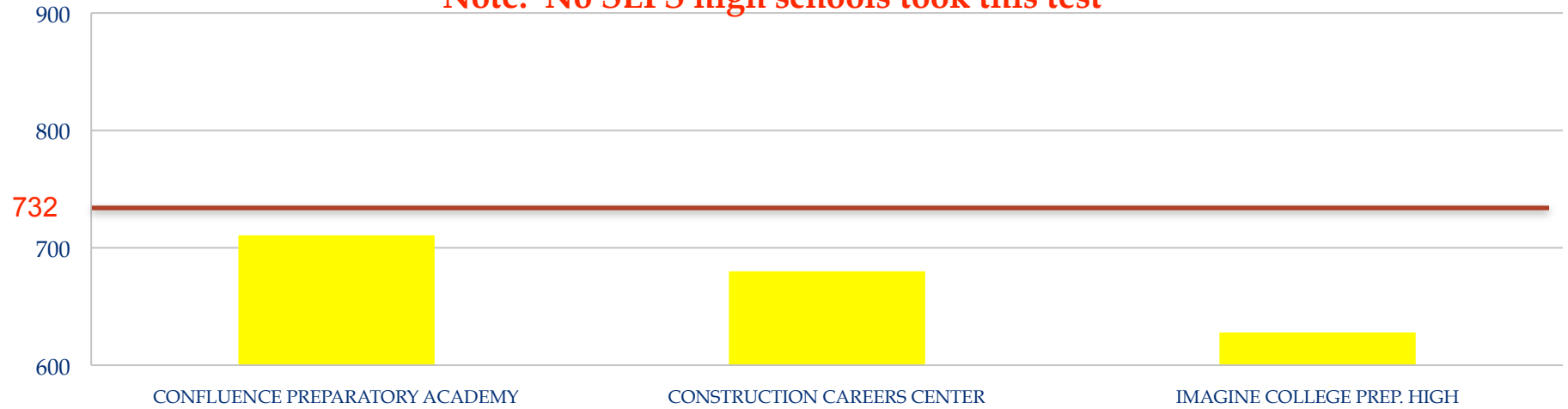


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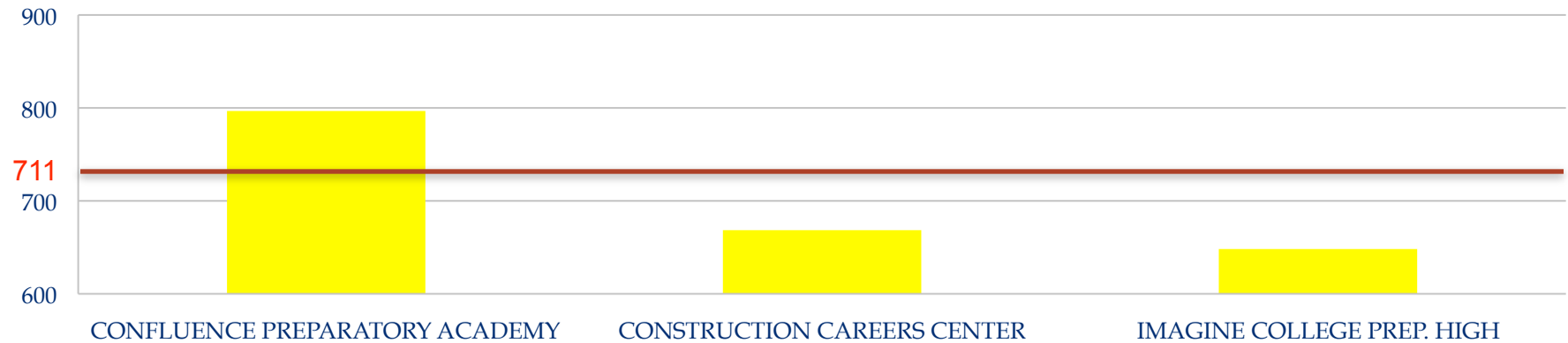
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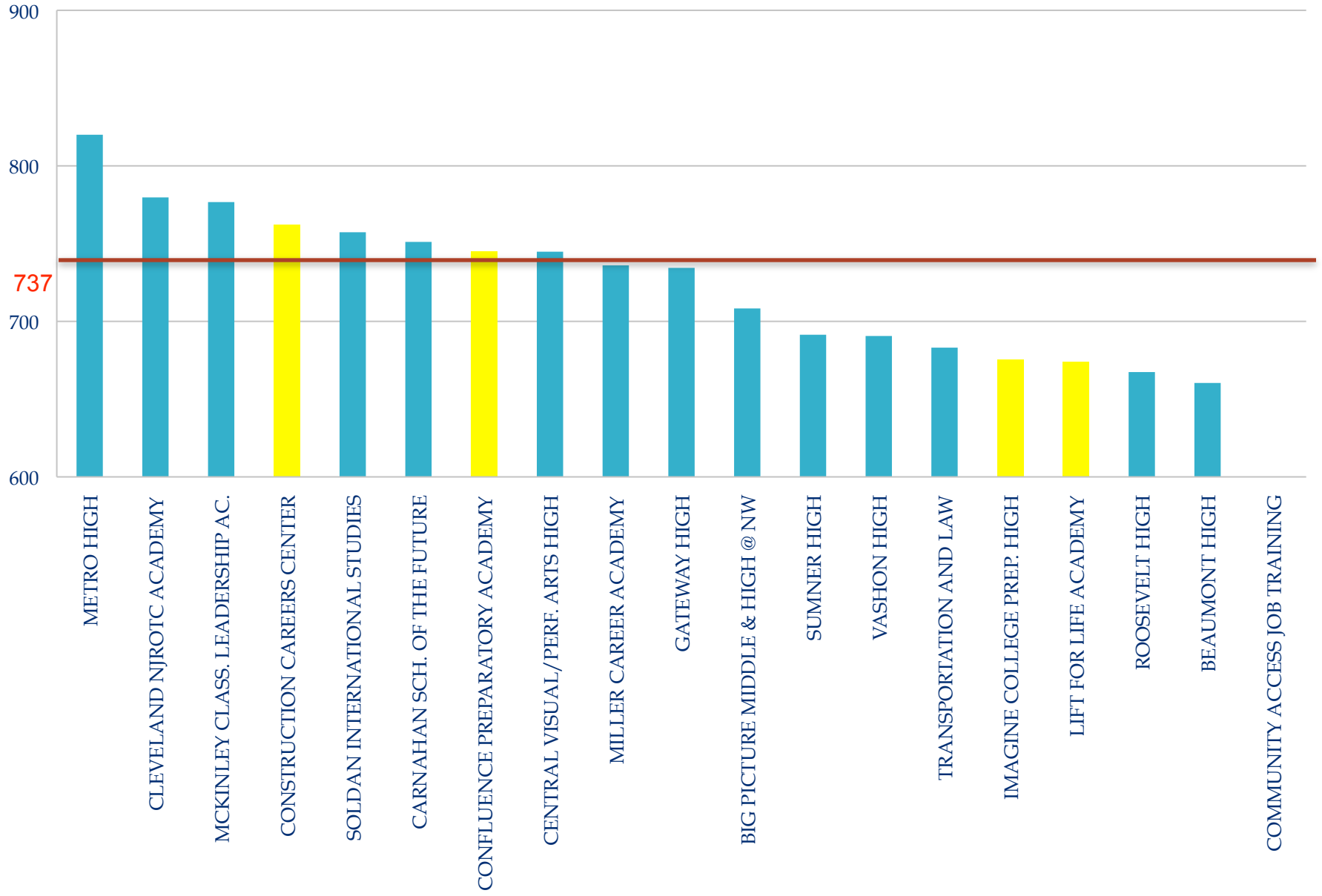


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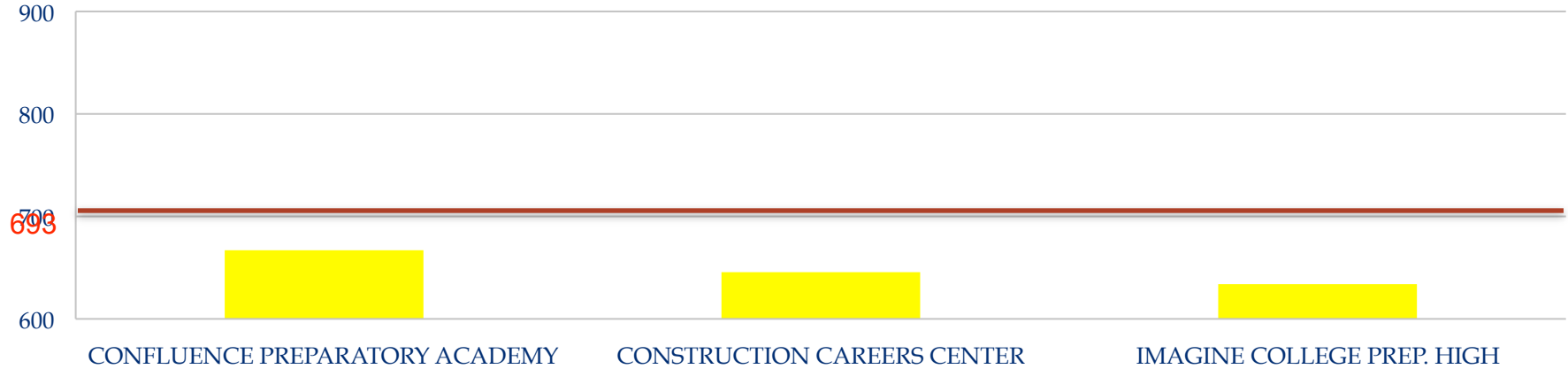


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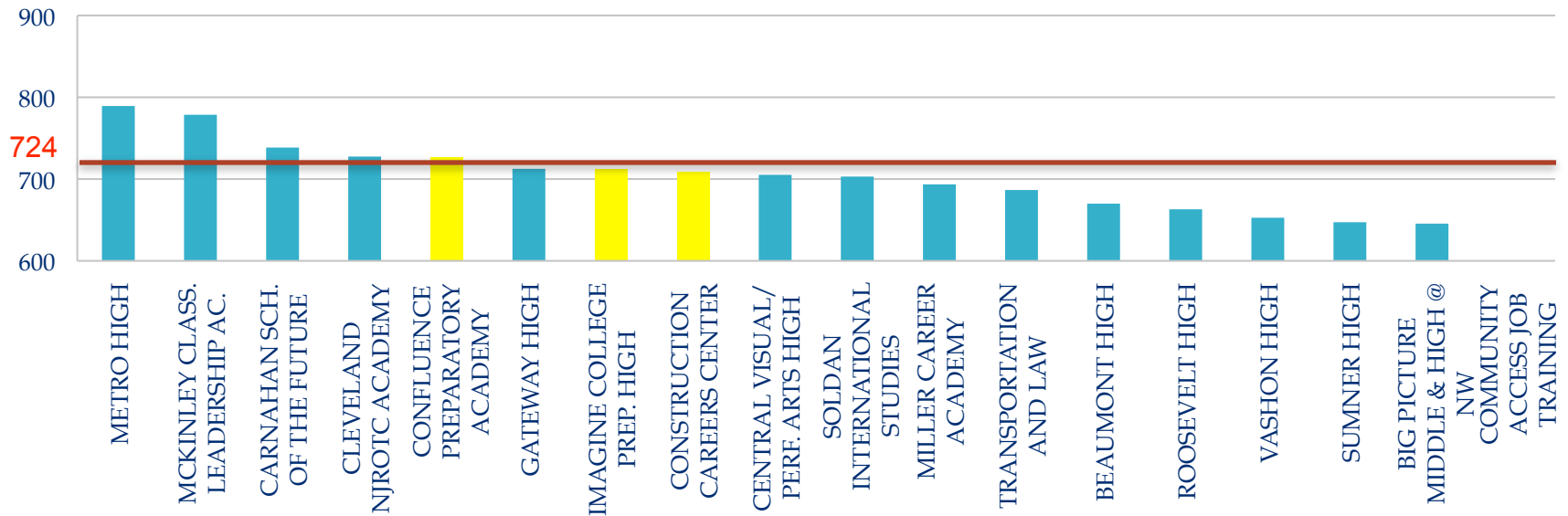


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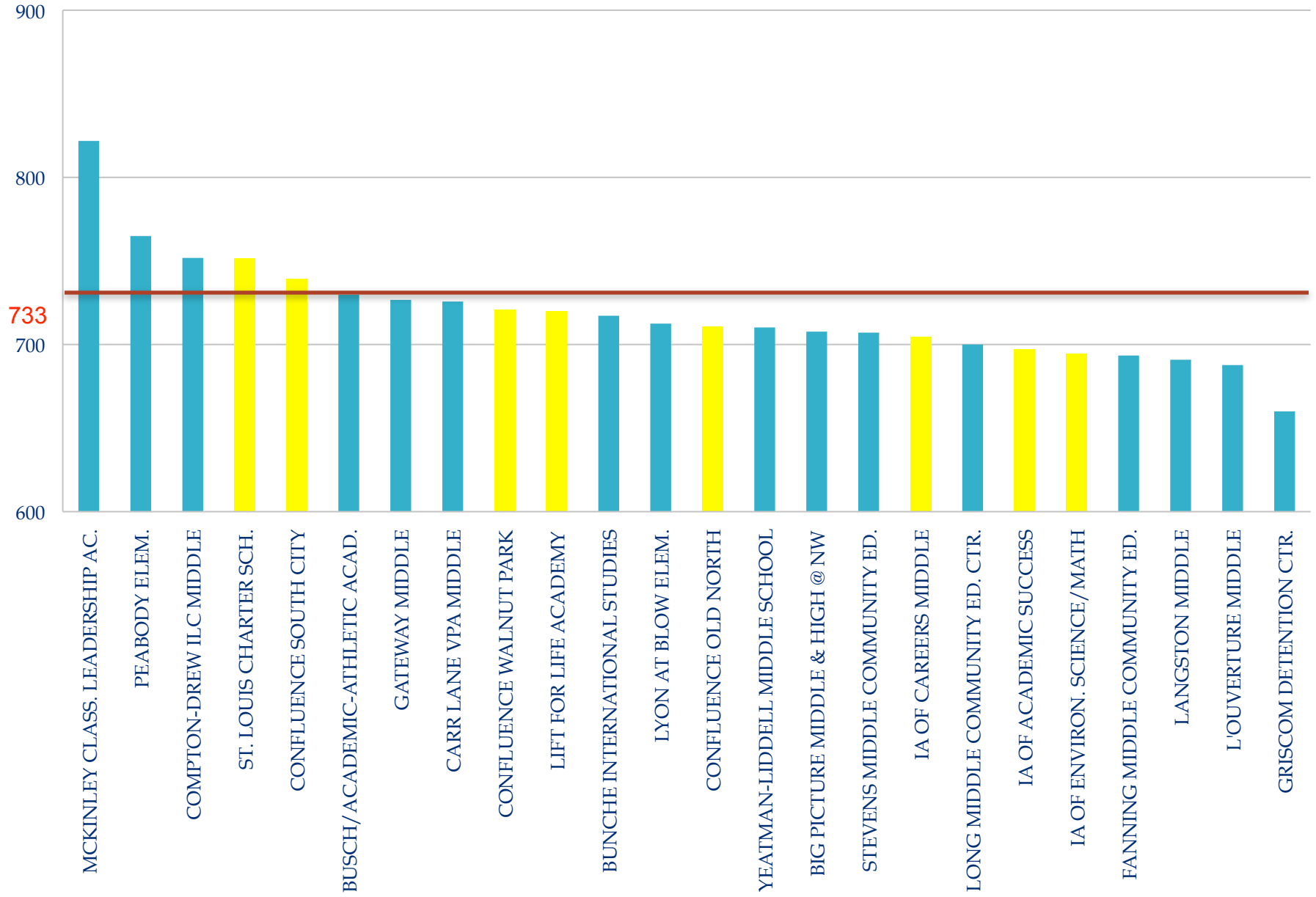


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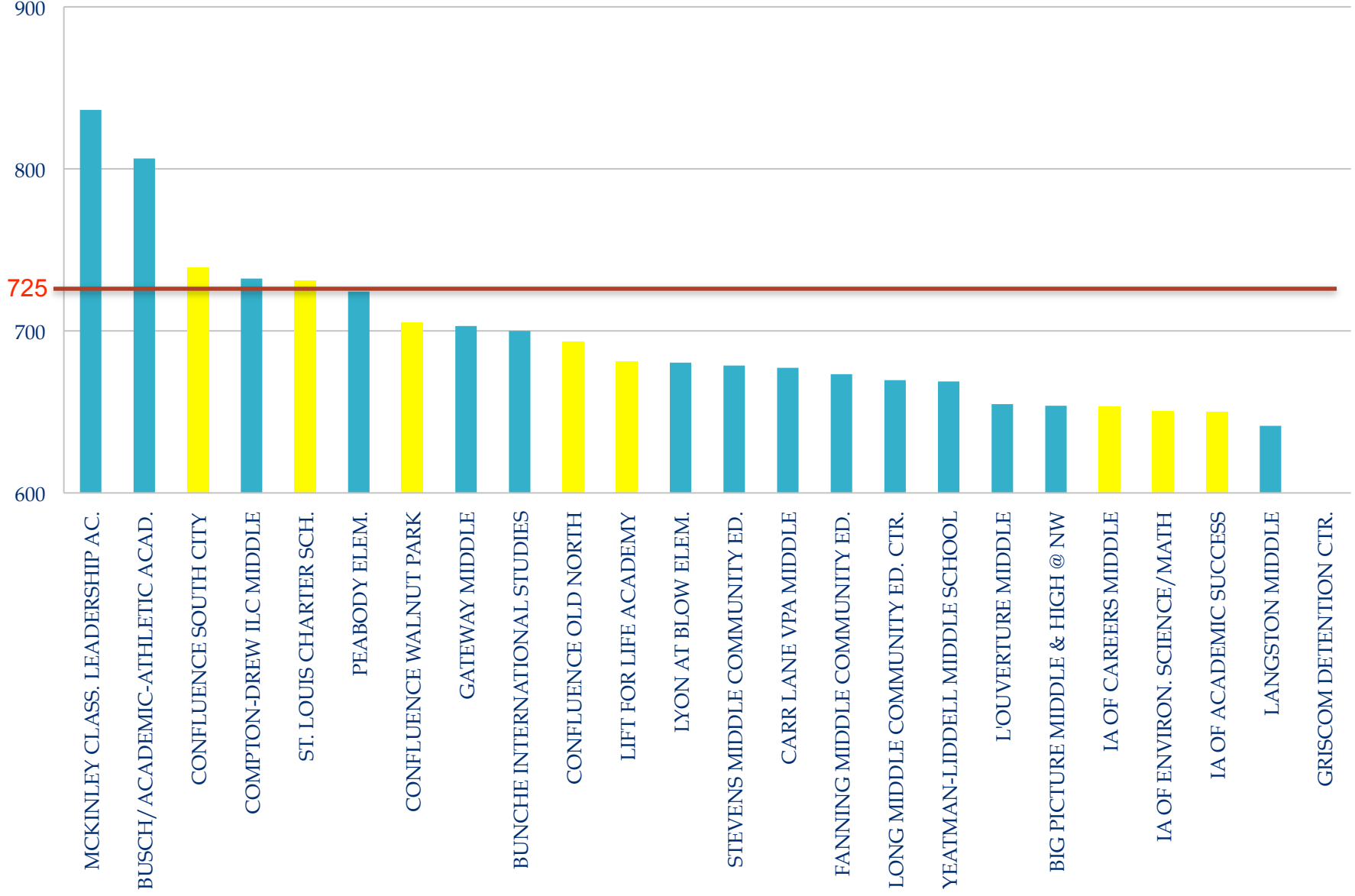


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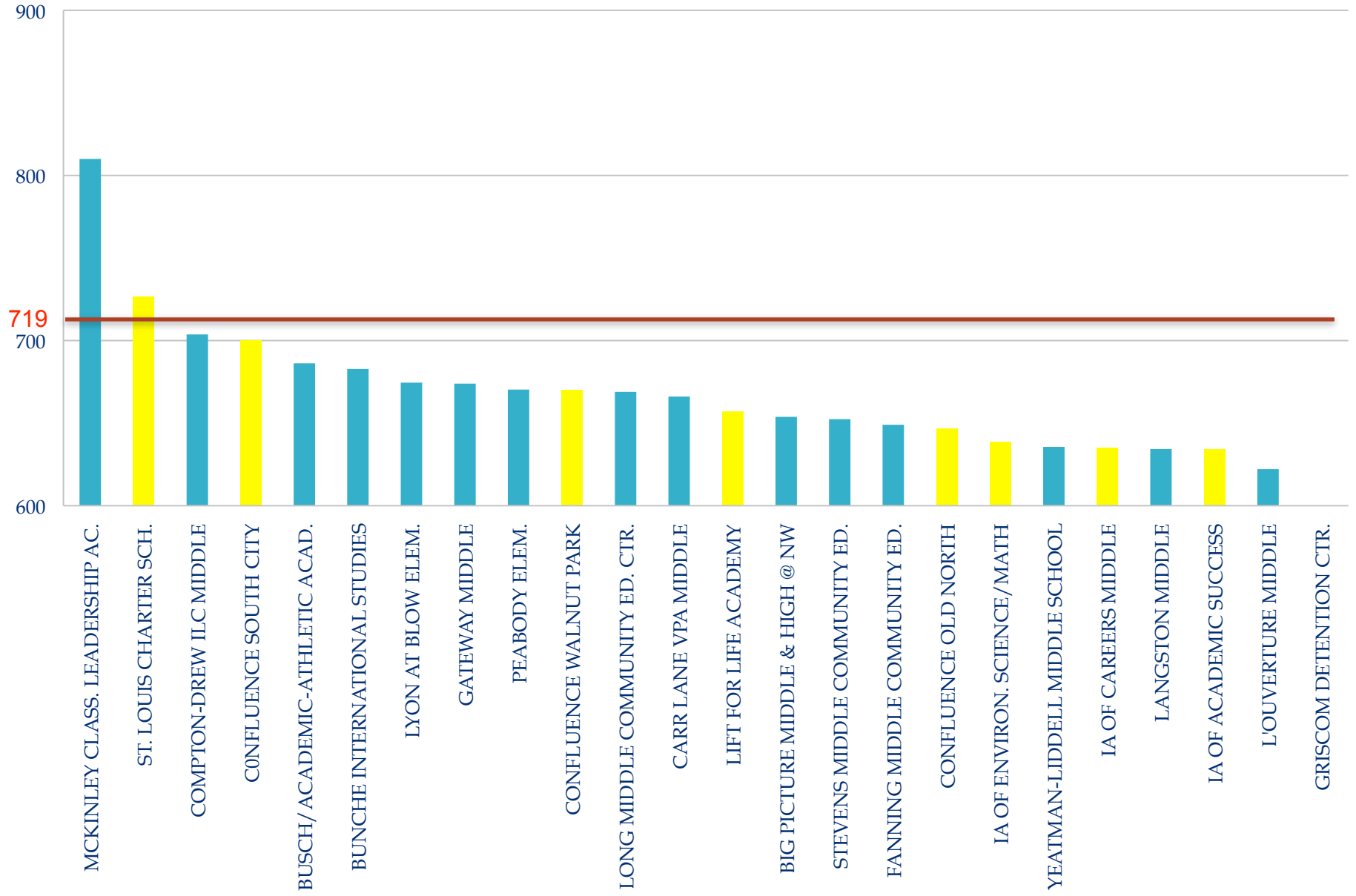
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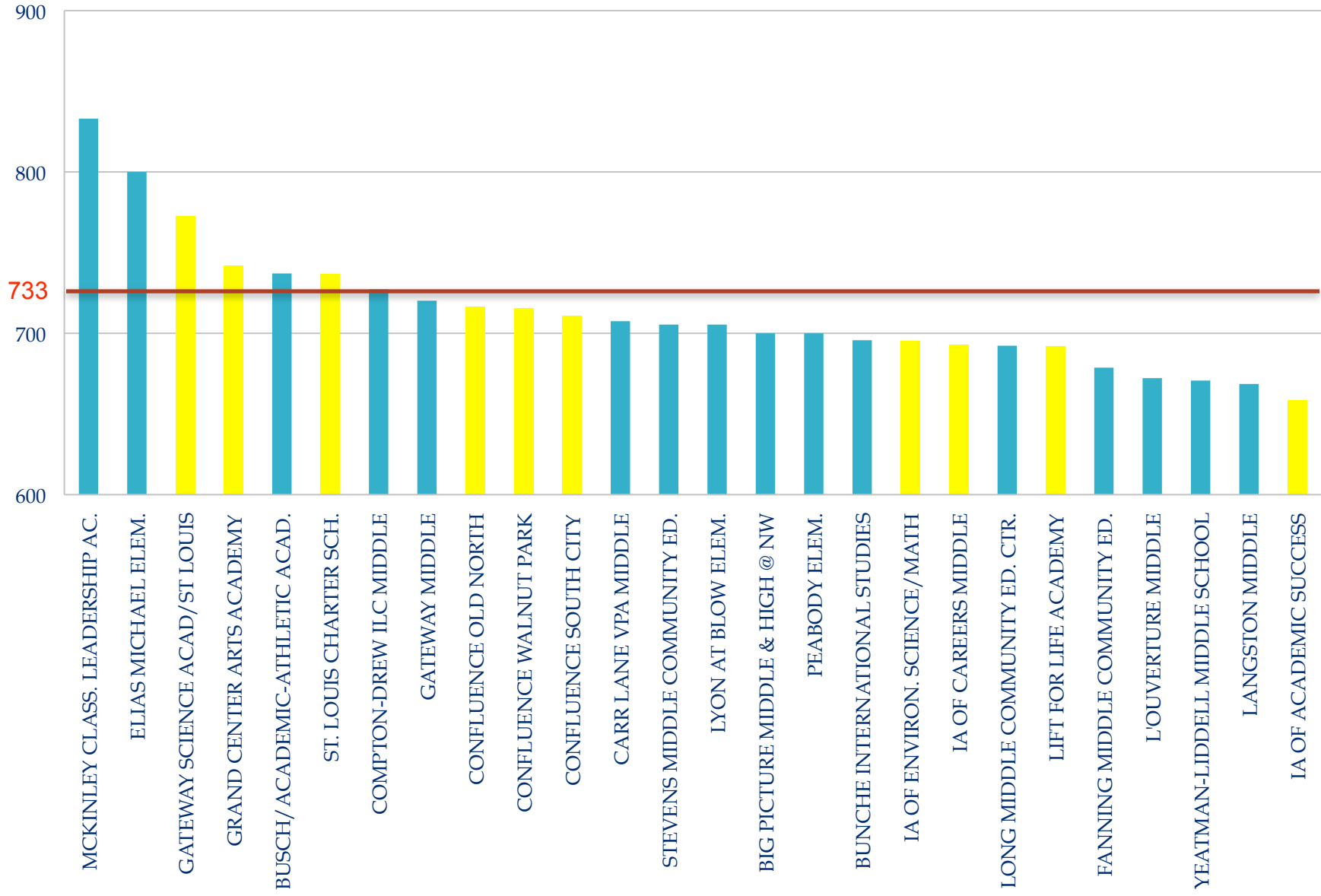
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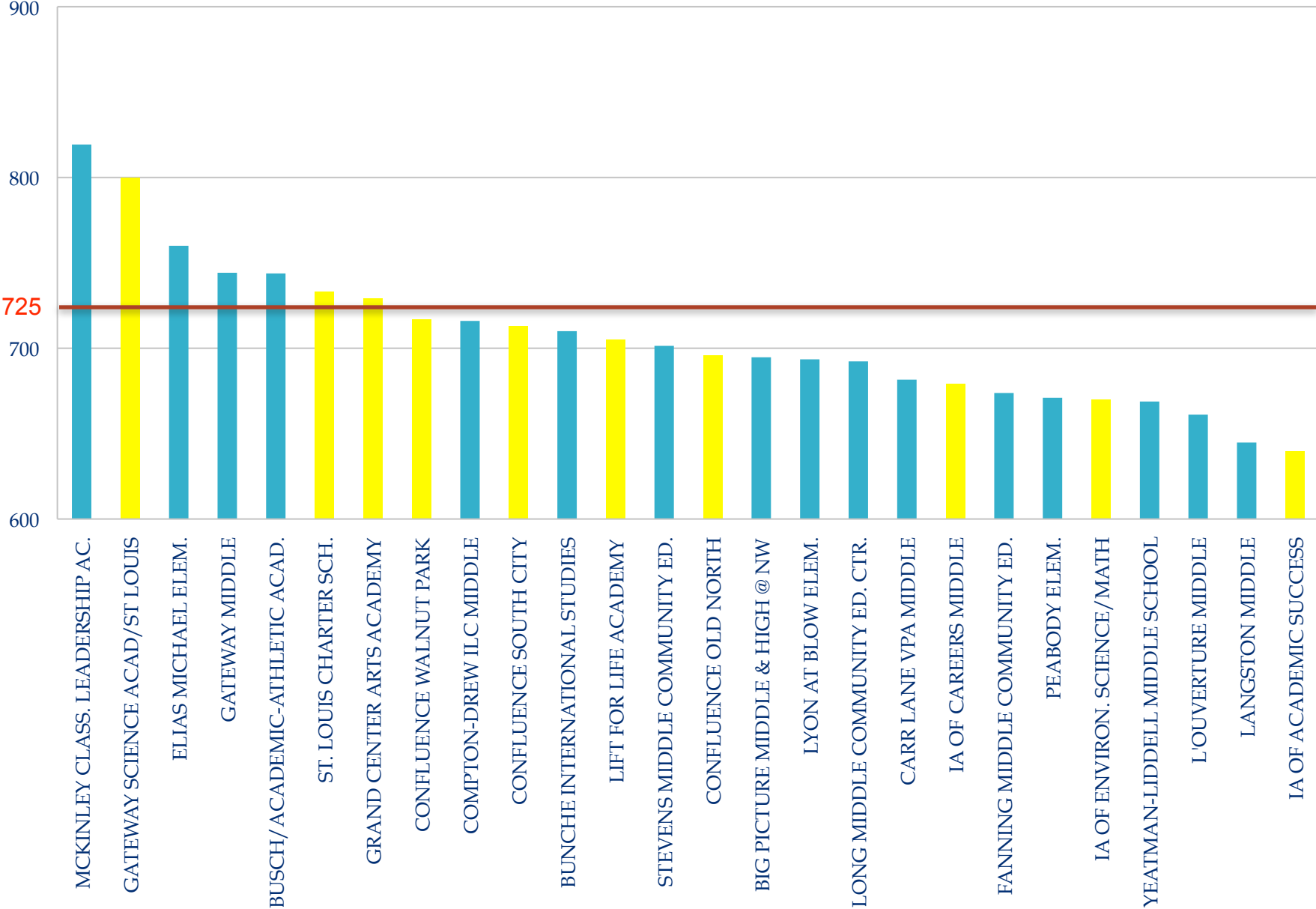
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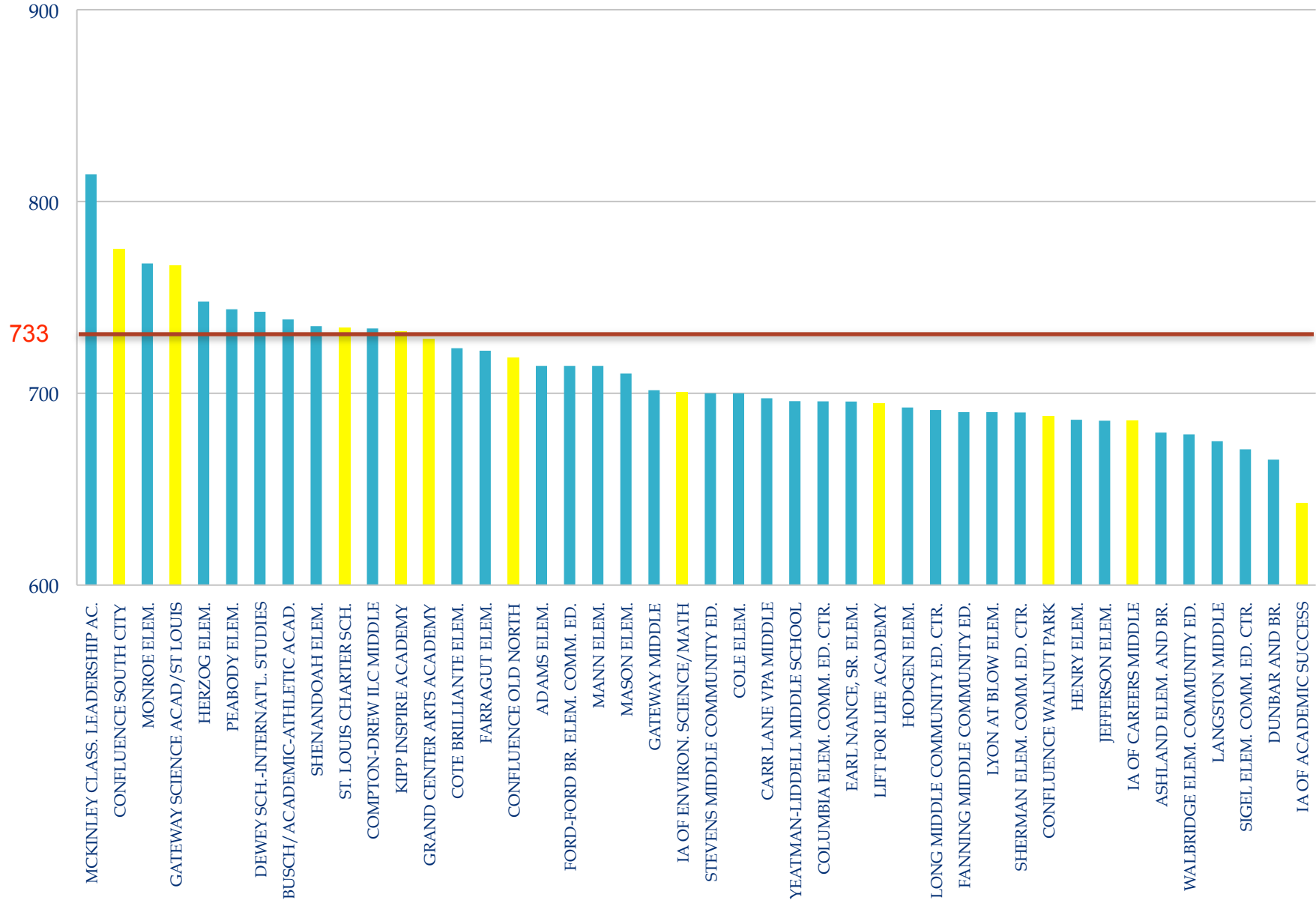
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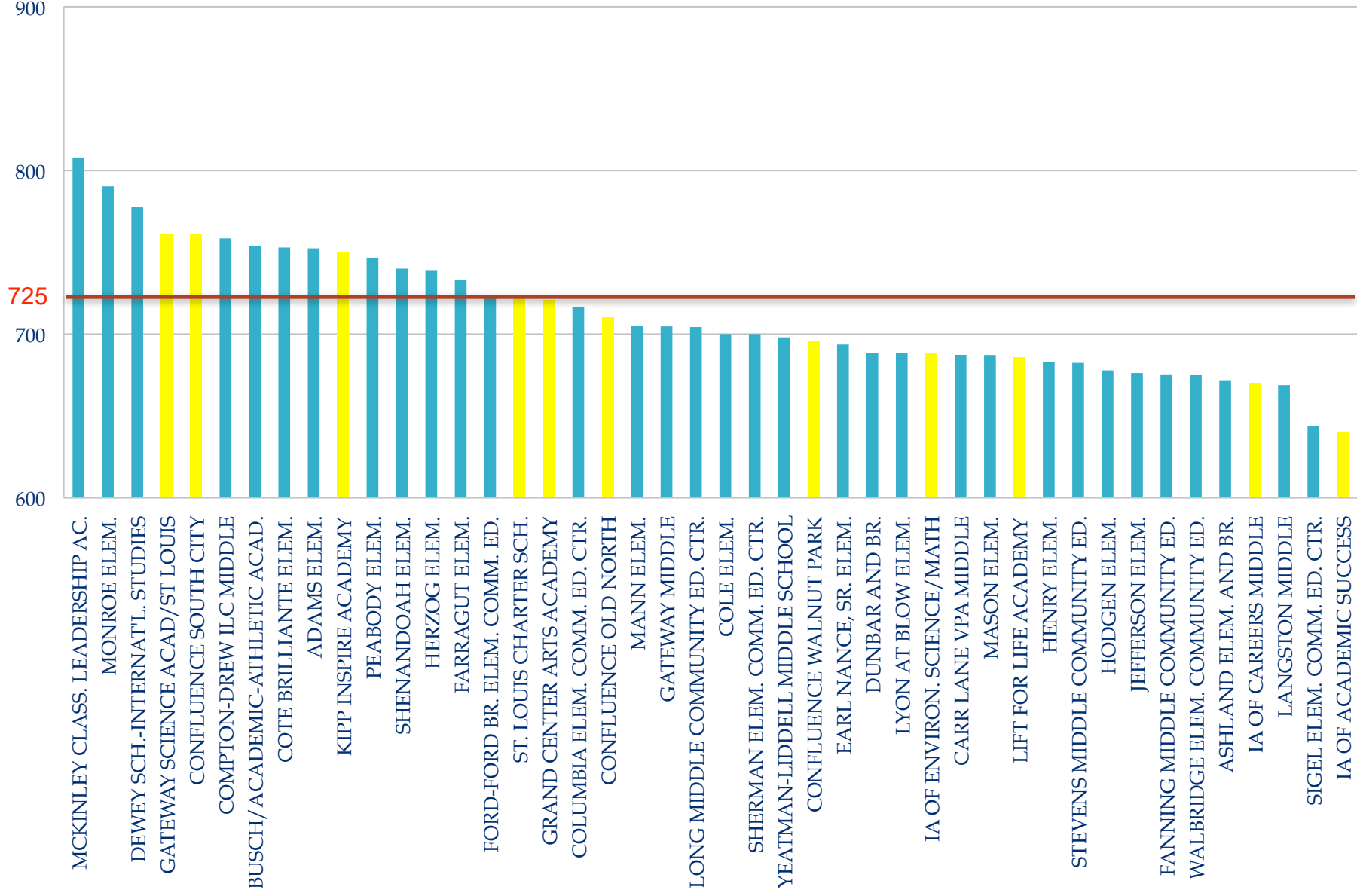
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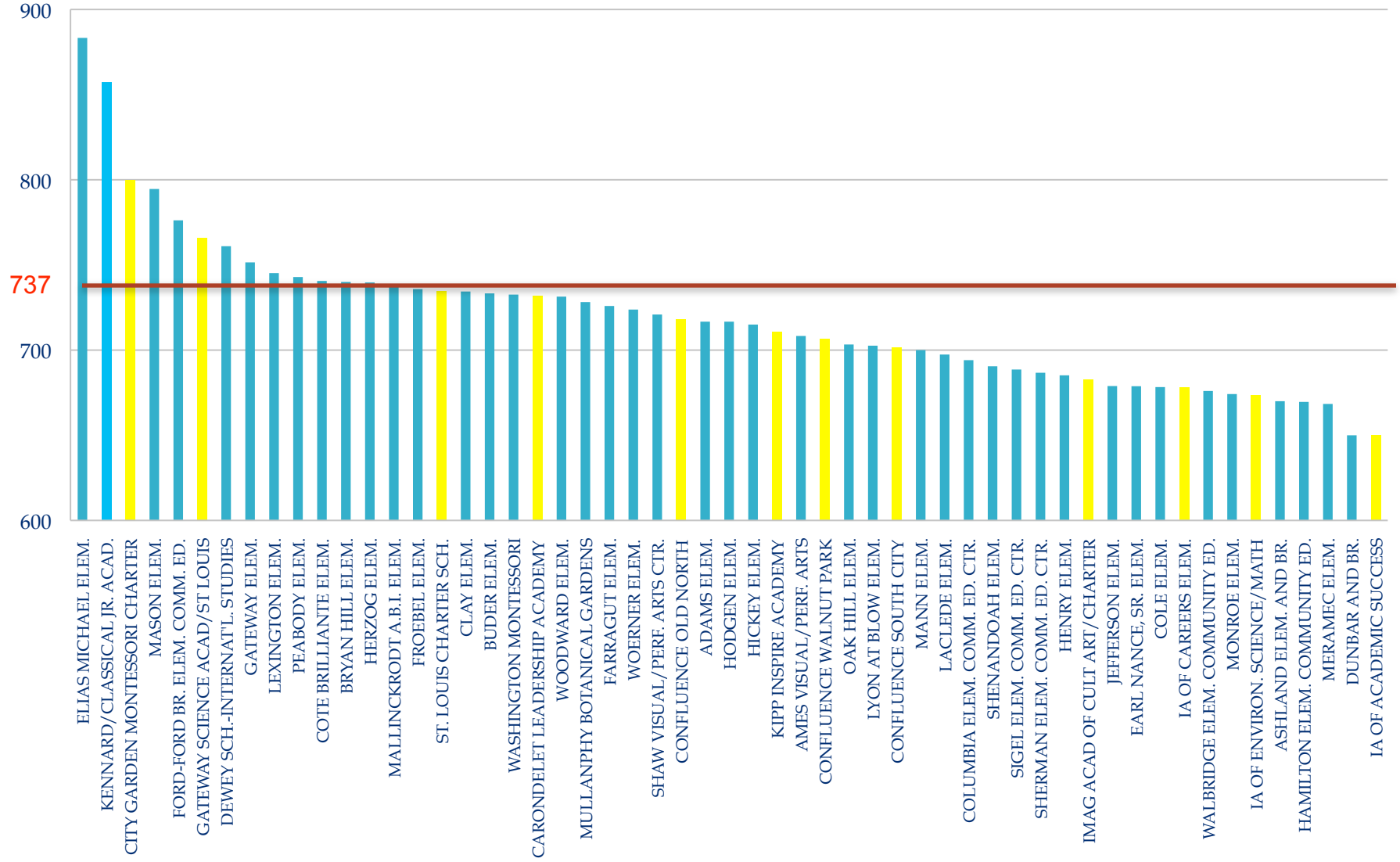


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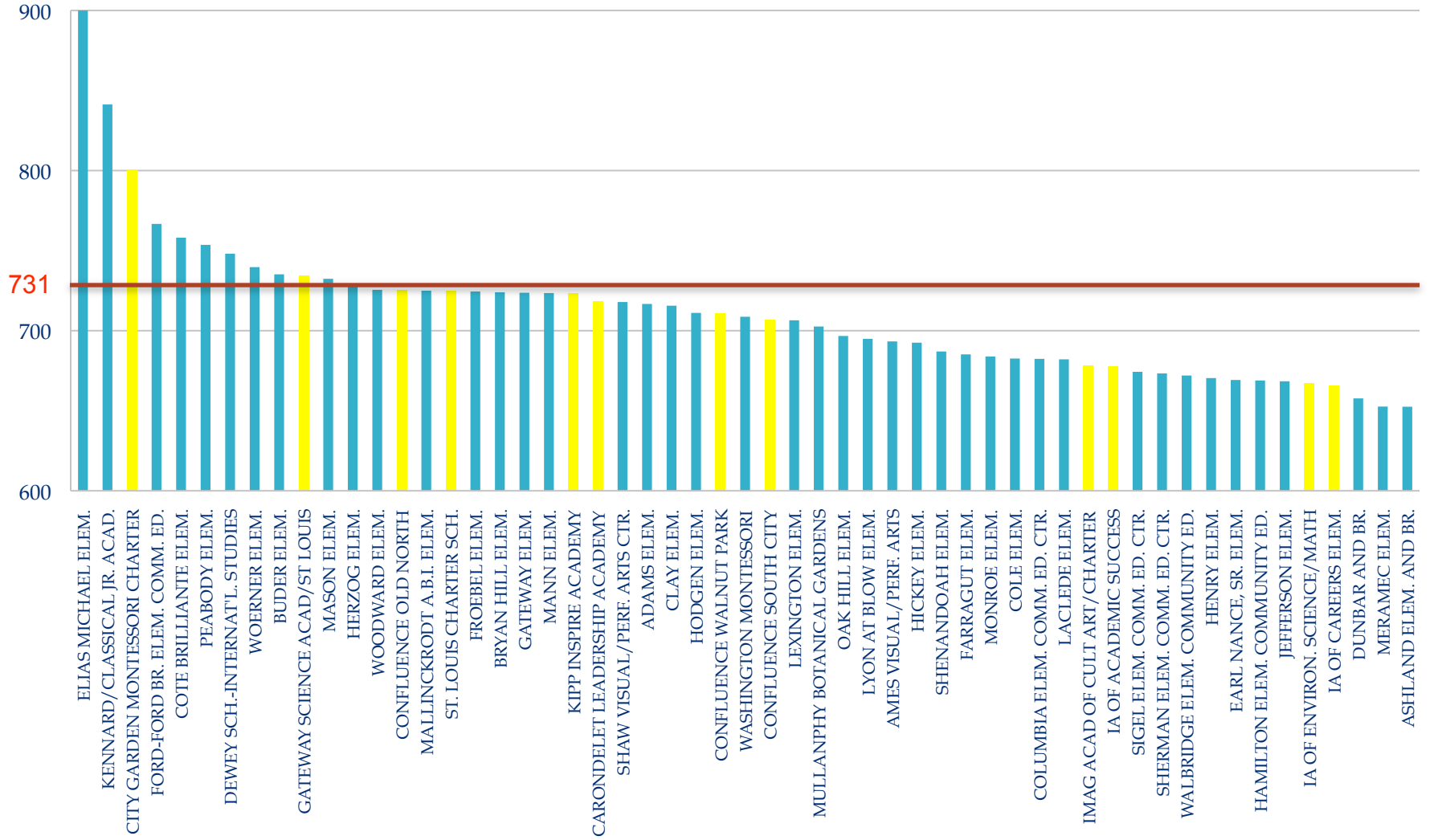


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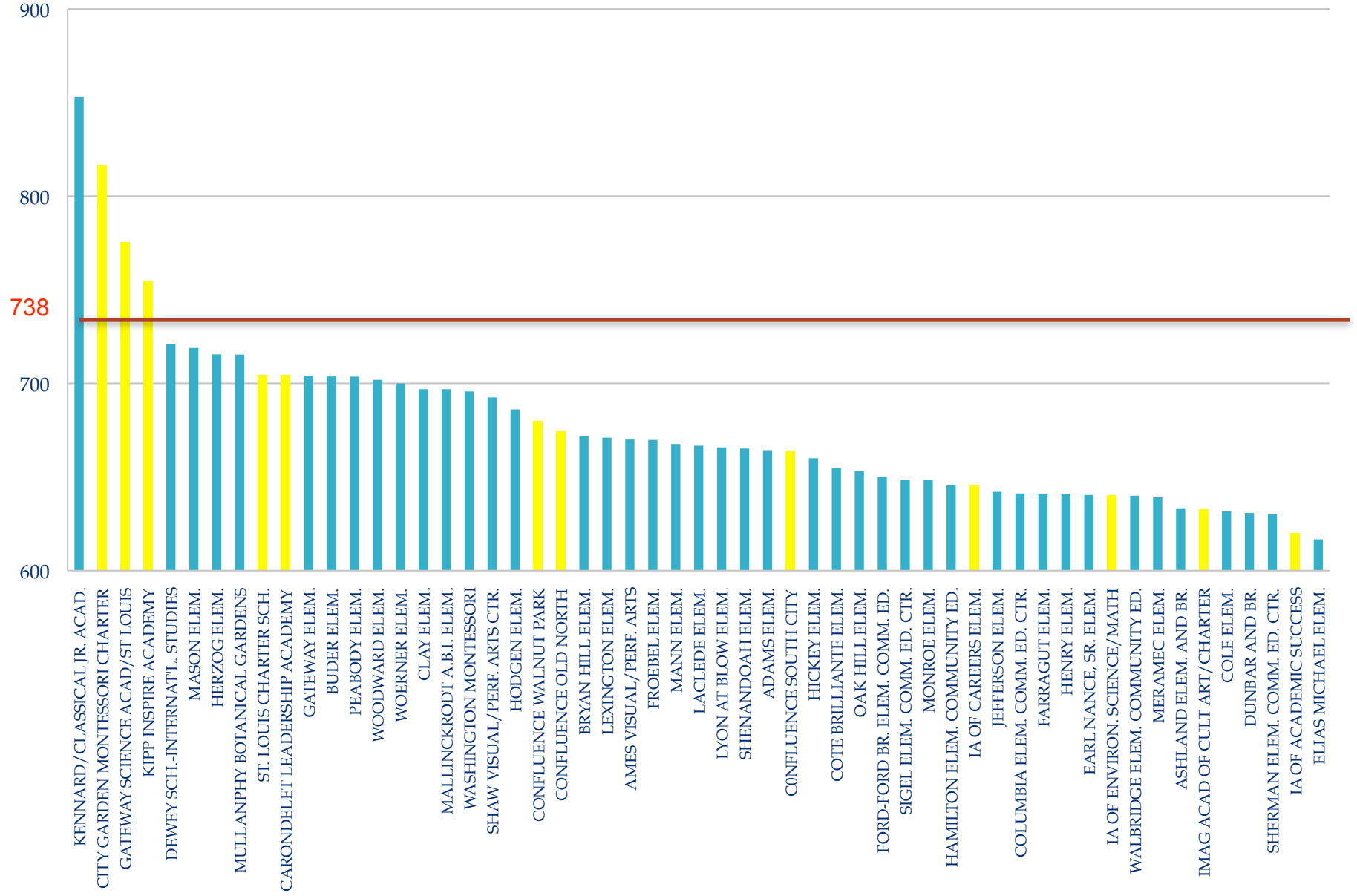
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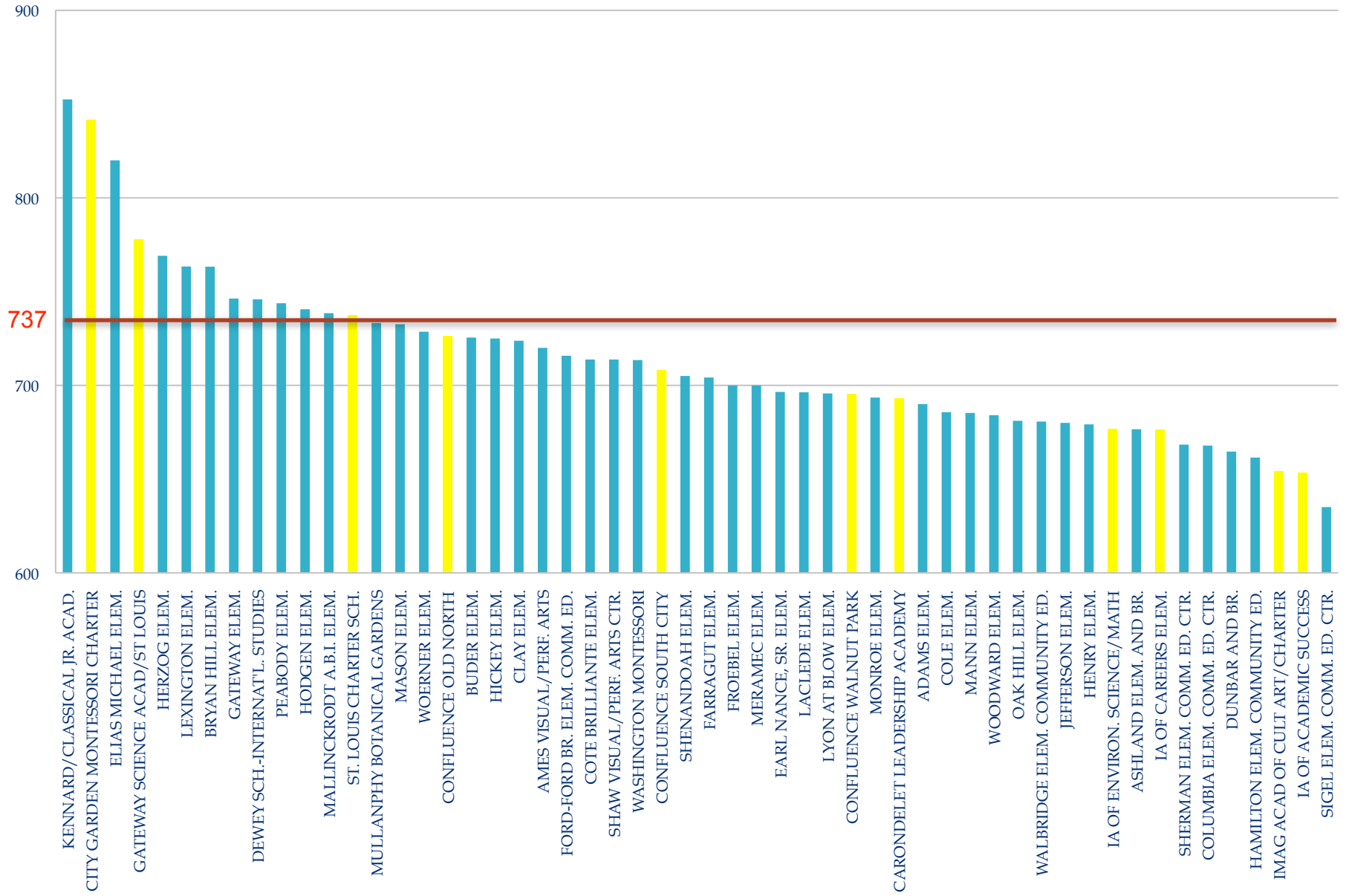
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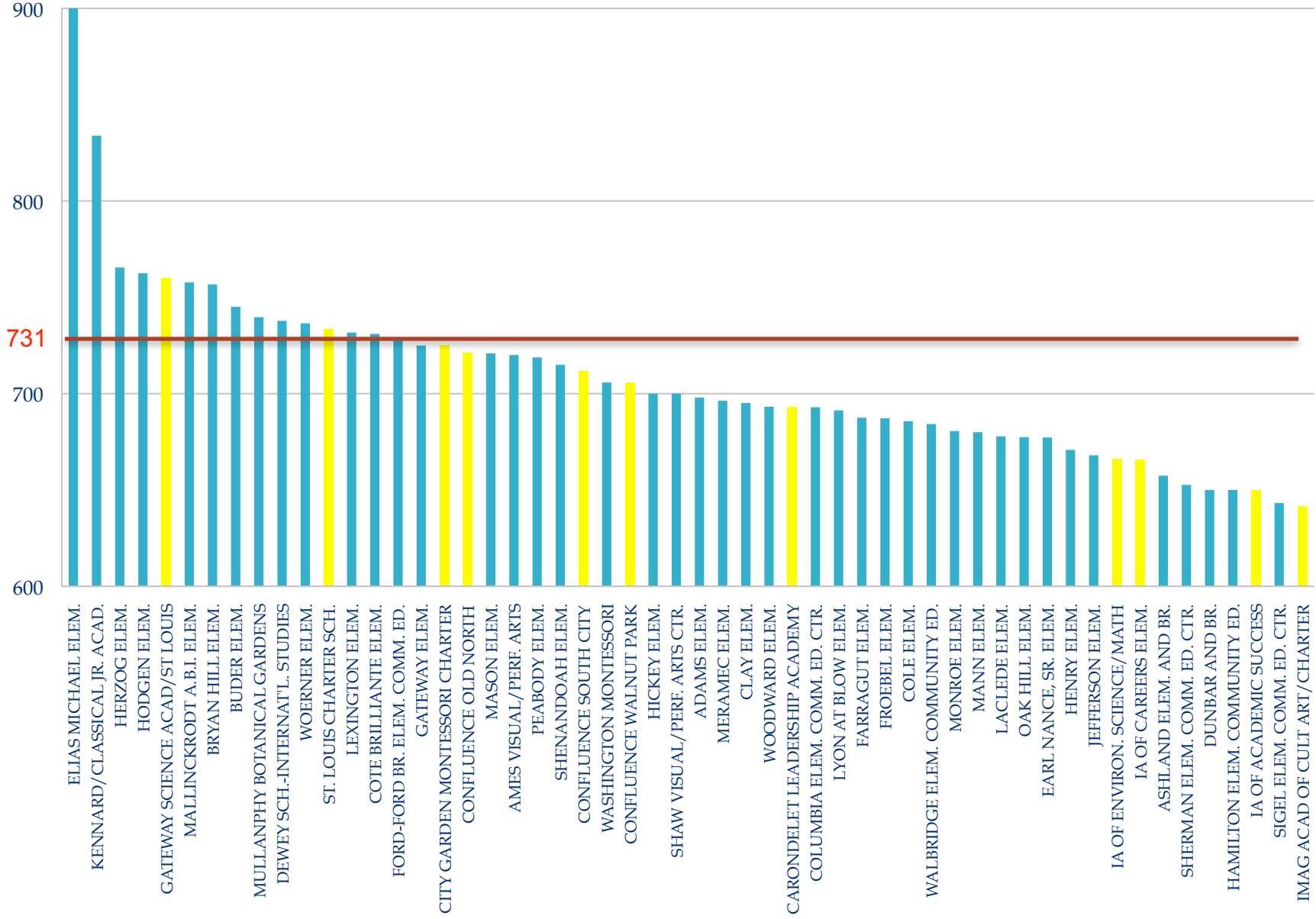
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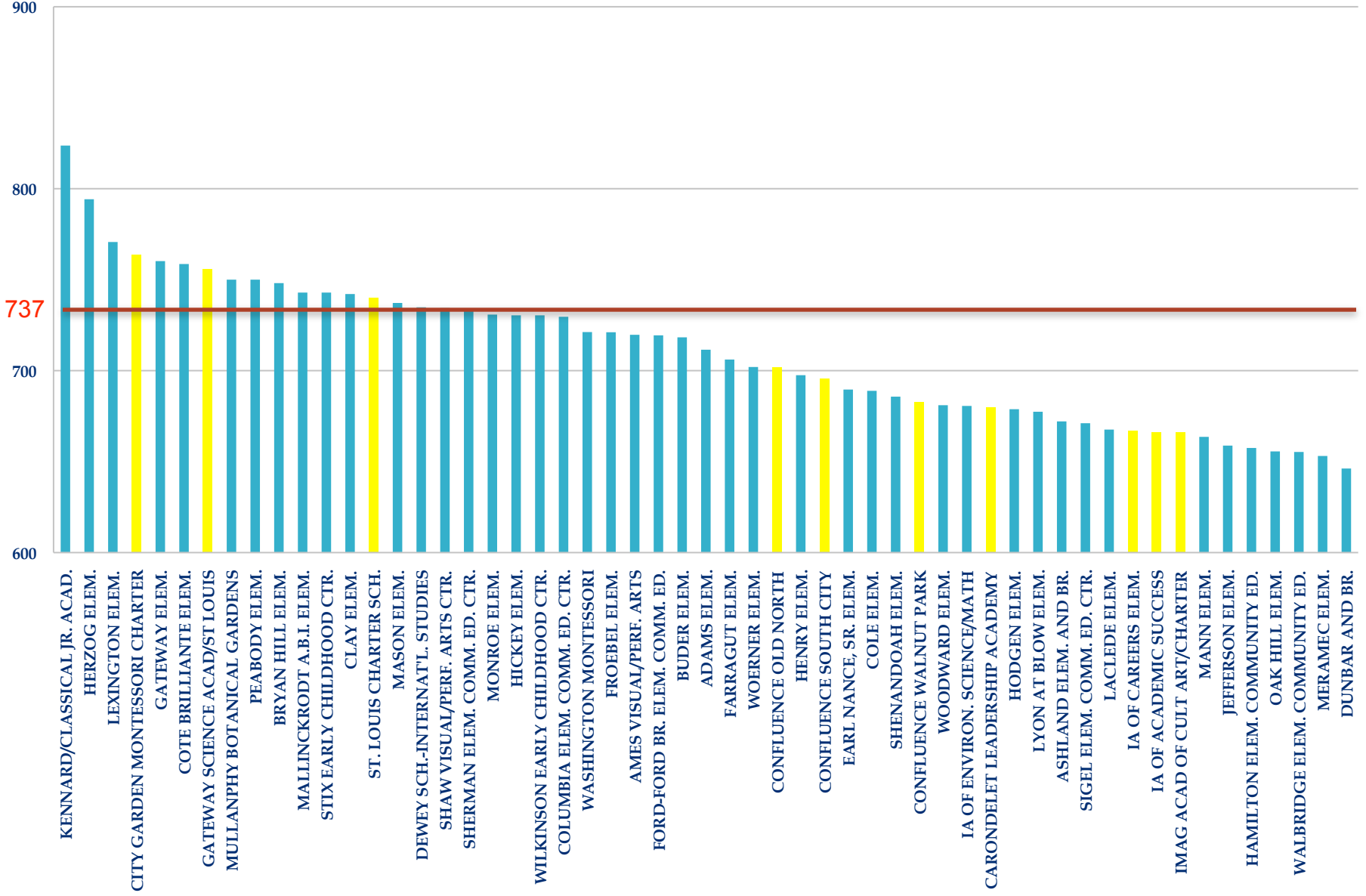
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Charter & SLPS Math 4th Grade



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