

WATCHING THEIR FUTURES GO UP IN SMOKE



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LOCATION

Prosperity-Rikard Middle School



AUDIENCE

Fifth Graders

SCOPE OF THE PROBLEM



- Tobacco is number 1 preventable cause of morbidity and mortality in US
- Smoking responsible for 1 in 5 deaths in US
- Projected youth deaths based on current tobacco use patterns
 - Nationwide--8830 per 100,000
 - South Carolina--8985 per 100,000

SCOPE OF THE PROBLEM



- In 1992-93 YRBS assessment of students in Newberry County " age 15 13.3% had first cigarette by age 11, 30.8% by age 13, and 43.5% by age 15

AIMS



- Students will increase their awareness of the negative consequences of using tobacco.
- Students will decide never to use tobacco.

MEASURES



- Administer pretest and posttest, which will include many questions about the harmful effects of tobacco and a question about the intent of students to use tobacco in the during the next year, and compare results
- Administer an evaluation form to the fifth grade teachers to determine effectiveness of the presentation

POSSIBLE CHANGE FOR IMPROVEMENT--TAR WARS TALK

- Drivers

- TIPS office based in LFM
- Willingness of school to participate

- Barriers

- Not enough time to present the vastness of the tobacco problem
- Children surrounded by many adults who use tobacco (46% based on pretest/posttest results)

PLAN/DO



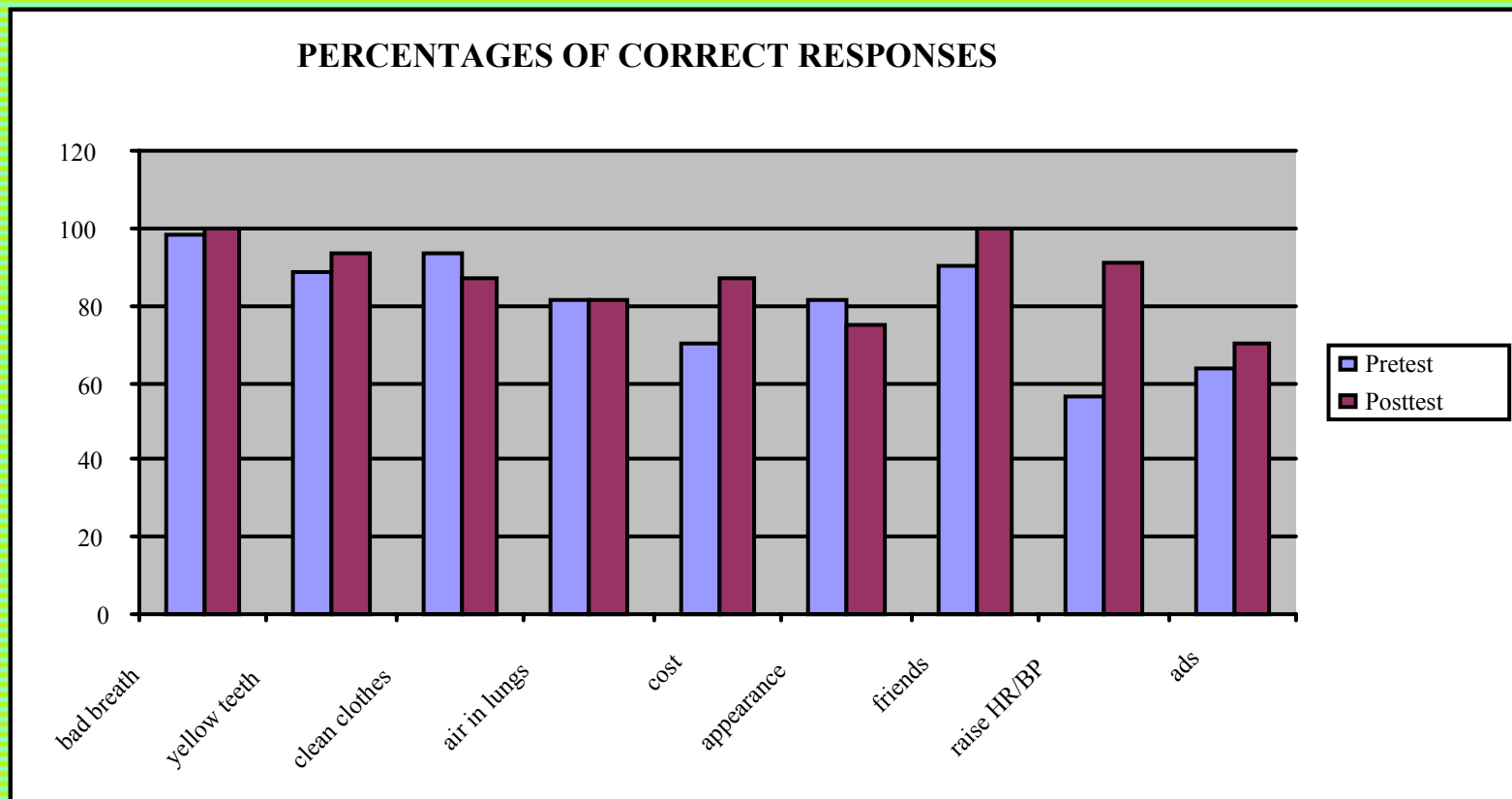
- Meet with Julie Ghent to discuss project ideas
- Meet with Renee Martin to discuss Tar Ward presentation and to receive packet
- Schedule presentation
- Copy pretest/posttest from www.tarwars.org

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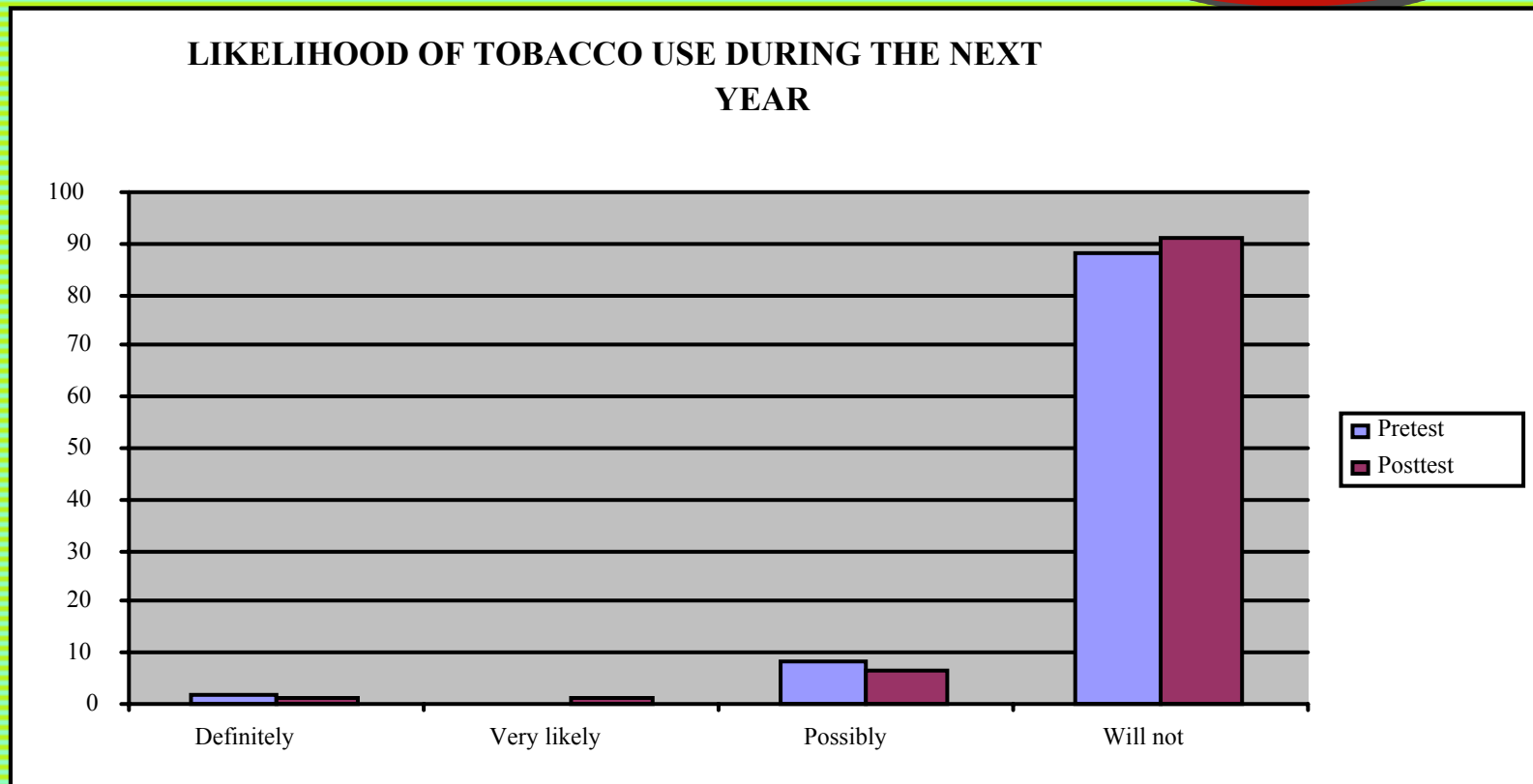


- Deliver pretest to school prior to presentation
- Give the presentation
- Administer posttest and evaluation form following present

WHAT DID THEY LEARN?



THEIR INTENT



WERE THE TEACHERS IMPRESSED?



- Was the Tar Wars curriculum useful?
 - 4/4 said very useful
- Were you pleased with the presenter?
 - 4/4 replied yes

LESSONS LEARNED AND SUGGESTIONS FOR THE FUTURE

- To avoid data discrepancy administer pretests immediately before presentation
- Expand audience to include even younger students

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- www.tarwars.org
- www.lungusa.com
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