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FACTS

ABOUT MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOLS

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I. A FEW MISCELLANEOUS NUMBERS

TOTAL BUDGET

	<u>FY87</u>		<u>FY88</u>	
Local	\$2,390,130,878	(57.8%)	\$2,392,800,363	(53.3%)
State	\$1,566,784,138	(37.9%)	\$1,894,326,212	(42.2%)
Federal	\$179,764,600	(4.35%)	\$198,120,735	(4.4%)
TOTAL	\$4,136,679,616		\$4,485,247,310	

PER-PUPIL COST

FY87	\$3,850
FY88	\$3,853

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS

	Public		Nonpublic	
	<u>1987-88</u>	<u>1988-89</u>	<u>1987-88</u>	<u>1988-89</u>
Elementary	1,199	1,229	485	484
Middle/Junior High	265	263	5	6
High Schools	297	304	110	108
Other	67	33	223	217
TOTALS	1,829	1,829	823	815

NUMBER OF PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS

	<u>1987-88</u>	<u>1988-89</u>
Number of city districts with operating schools	39	39
Number of town districts with operating schools	241	238
Number of town districts without operating schools	71	74
Number of academic regional districts	53	54
Number of independent vocational districts	3	3
Number of vocational regional districts	27	26
Number of county agricultural districts	3	3
TOTAL	437	437

NUMBER OF OPERATING DISTRICT

<u>1987-88</u>	<u>1988-89</u>
366	363

NUMBER OF SUPERINTENDENTS

289	286
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(Note: Some school systems share a superintendent.)

NUMBER OF EDUCATIONAL COLLABORATIVES

<u>1987-88</u>	<u>1988-89</u>
35	36

EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GRANTS 1988-89

Number of school districts eligible 179
(districts with per-pupil expenditures that
are less than 85% of the state average)

Number of school districts participating 162

NUMBER OF MIGRANT STUDENTS 1988-89 6,393

ADULT EDUCATION 1988-89

Estimated number of people served
in adult education programs 27,500

SCHOOL MEALS 1988-89

Number of students served school lunches 429,307
(Average daily participation)

Number of students served school breakfasts 63,216
(Average daily participation)

DROPOUTS

Number of high-school dropouts (1987-88) 13,983
(The dropout rate was 5.4 percent during
1987-88 for grades 9-12. Rates varied
considerably by school district, ranging
from less than one percent to nearly 17
percent.)

II. FACTS ABOUT MASSACHUSETTS STUDENTS

STUDENT ENROLLMENTS BY GRADE

	<u>1987-88</u>	<u>1988-89</u>	% difference
Prekindergarten	4,783	6,017	+ 25.8
Kindergarten	67,138	69,572	+ 3.6
Ungraded*	11,447	10,478	- 8.5
Grade 1	69,099	70,861	+ 2.5
Grade 2	62,640	64,886	+ 3.6
Grade 3	59,939	62,405	+ 4.1
Grade 4	58,163	60,344	+ 3.7
Grade 5	57,445	58,821	+ 2.4
Grade 6	56,480	58,169	+ 3.0
Grade 7	58,673	58,143	- 0.9
Grade 8	59,272	58,154	- 1.9
Grade 9	65,364	63,622	- 2.7
Grade 10	65,339	61,181	- 6.4
Grade 11	65,354	60,267	- 7.8
Grade 12	64,221	60,588	- 5.7
Grade 13/ Postgraduate**	1,441	1,569	+ 8.9
Grade 14	354	332	- 6.2
TOTALS	827,152	825,409	- 0.21

*Ungraded mainly represents certain categories of special education students or students enrolled in alternative programs.

**Grades 13 and 14 mainly represent students taking part in advanced courses at vocational schools or postgraduate training.

PUPIL ENROLLMENT

Kindergarten through Grade 12
(not including prekindergarten, grades 13 and 14,
and postgraduate.)

	<u>1987-88</u>	<u>1988-89</u>	Projected for <u>1991-92</u>
Number of students in public schools	820,574	825,409	828,379
Number of students in nonpublic schools	124,431	134,734	115,476
TOTALS	945,005	960,143	943,855

PUBLIC/PRIVATE STUDENT ENROLLMENTS

	PUBLIC	PRIVATE
1980-81	1,001,766	139,125
1981-82	950,593	146,391
1982-83	912,183	148,590
1983-84	882,263	151,651
1984-85	862,440	149,746
1985-86	848,430	148,799
1986-87	835,960	146,567
1987-88	827,152	133,389
1988-89	825,409	134,734

RACIAL/ETHNIC DISTRIBUTION
 (of public school enrollment for
 prekindergarten through Grade 14)

	<u>1987-88</u>		<u>1988-89</u>	
	Number	%	Number	%
American Indian	1,104	.1	1,083	.1
Black (non-Hispanic)	58,971	7.1	60,082	7.3
Asian	21,905	2.6	24,668	3.0
Hispanic (non-White)	14,279	1.7	15,247	1.8
Hispanic (White)	36,584	4.4	40,028	4.8
White (non-Hispanic)	694,309	83.9	684,301	82.9
TOTALS	827,152		825,409	

NUMBERS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL BILINGUAL STUDENTS

	<u>1987-88</u>	<u>1988-89</u>
Limited English-proficient (# of students on Oct. 1)	33,263	36,025
First language not English* (# of students on Oct. 1)		
Spanish	36,198	40,448
Portuguese	13,400	12,854
Chinese	4,650	4,910
Khmer	3,937	4,681
Vietnamese	2,552	3,067
Cape Verdean	2,386	2,583
French	2,262	2,389
Greek	1,613	1,594
Italian	1,417	1,423
Lao	936	1,162
Creole	682	987
Korean	462	602
Other	4,638	4,352
TOTAL	75,133	81,052

*The 1988-89 total (81,052) represents 9.8 percent of the school population. The 1987-88 total (75,133) represents 9.1 percent of the school population.

SPECIAL EDUCATION ENROLLMENT

	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>
Oct. 1	133,611	137,760	140,326

III. FACTS ABOUT MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL STAFFS

TOTAL PROFESSIONAL/INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF

(In full-time equivalents*)

	<u>1987-88</u>	<u>1988-89</u>	% difference
Regular ed	54,073.0	54,871.6	+ 1.5
Special ed	9,875.7	10,251.7	+ 3.8
Bilingual/ESL	1,765.2	1,949.2	+10.4
Occupational ed	2,616.3	2,497.5	- 4.5
TOTALS	68,330.2	69,570.0	+ 1.8

*Because some teachers teach more than one subject, they are listed in more than one category according to the time spent with each subject.

STUDENT/TEACHER RATIO

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(based on full-time equivalents)

REGULAR EDUCATION INSTRUCTION STAFF BY SELECTED SUBJECTS

(in full-time equivalents)

Subject area	<u>1987-88</u>	<u>1988-89</u>	% difference
English	4,100.5	3,958.4	- 3.5
French	684.5	686.0	+ 0.22
Spanish	875.9	839.3	- 4.2
Greek/Latin/ classics	184.7	169.9	- 8.0
Geography	145.9	158.1	+ 8.4
History	719.7	720.6	+ 0.13
Social studies	2,278.5	2,237.3	- 1.8
Biology	797.7	758.1	- 5.0
Chemistry	473.6	458.2	- 3.3
Earth/general science	1,749.5	1,794.2	+ 2.6
Math/ math & science	3,761.5	3,658.2	- 2.7
Physics	262.9	254.7	- 3.1
Behavioral science	74.2	89.1	+20.1
Art, dance, music, drama	3,163.1	3,219.8	+ 1.8
Reading	2,108.8	2,079.7	- 1.4
Speech	191.6	205.9	+ 7.5