

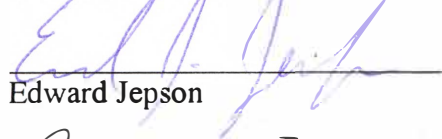
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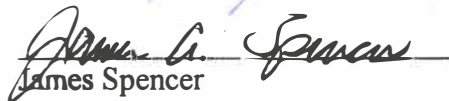


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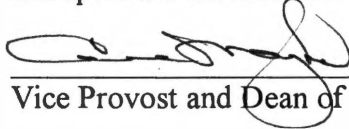


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This Thesis is dedicated to my parents, Verna and Robert Engstrom Heg who provided me with the support, encouragement, and means to choose a new career and more meaningful life.

ABSTRACT

The purpose of this thesis was to examine the impact of suburban school construction on public school district enrollment. A determination of a direct, positive relationship could shed light on the effect of public schools on urban migration patterns. It could also provide public school administrators with information regarding planning post-construction staffing.

In-depth data and information were collected with regard to three New York State suburban school districts that showed interesting trends in both school construction and enrollment patterns. A thorough enrollment study was conducted on these three school districts. Enrollment and school construction information was collected from 13 additional New York State suburban school districts that had experienced significant construction during the 1990's. A statistical study, comparing district-wide enrollment patterns with construction dates, was done for 15 school districts.

The study found a significant positive relationship between school construction and post-construction district-wide enrollment only when the construction project was district-wide. There was no identifiable relationship between post-construction district-wide enrollment and large construction projects involving individual schools.

There are two primary possible explanations for the results. One possibility is that district-wide projects garner enough attention to affect the housing and/or school enrollment decisions of suburban families. A second likely cause is that there was a drop in enrollment during the construction with those students returning to the public schools following construction. There is some, but far from conclusive, evidence for the second explanation in the data.

No significant data was gathered with respect to the previous enrollment of the post-construction new students. The intent of this thesis was to establish a link between enrollment levels and school construction, providing the basis for a study of the origin of post-construction enrollees.

The findings do indicate that suburban school administrators should be prepared for a moderate spike in enrollment following district-wide construction projects.

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I. Introduction

This thesis examines the relationship between suburban school construction and public school district enrollment. It is widely accepted that public school quality has a major impact on housing markets. This is particularly applicable in areas where parents have a choice of school districts when selecting their homes.

While there is little literature documenting a connection between school facilities, school quality, and migration patterns, Maryland Governor Glendening has made some policy decisions that seem to be based on this premise. Gov. Glendening made solving the problems caused by sprawl development a major part of his administration's agenda with a smart growth initiative. Even before he put forward that initiative, the state government dramatically shifted school construction funds away from suburban schools. In 1995, 43 percent of school construction spending went to older schools while the rest went to new schools. By 1998, more than 80 percent of the state construction money went to older schools, despite the fact that suburban schools were experiencing the largest increases in enrollment. It was viewed that the new, suburban schools were adding to their own increased enrollment and that some of the students would follow the construction money to the older districts. (Freece, 1998)

The basis of this thesis is the hypothesis that school construction helps sway many parents when choosing their homes. This thesis looks for evidence of this pattern in the post-school construction enrollment figures. If newly constructed or renovated schools attract families with children, it follows that there should be a spike in enrollment following the construction. This is of particular interest to school district administrators who plan for future enrollments. An unexpected post-construction enrollment spike

could have a serious negative impact on a school district's budget, staffing and classroom capacity.

The extent to which construction affects enrollment also demonstrates public schools' effects on migration and development patterns within regions. While this does not provide a measurement of education's effects on migration and development, it does imply that there is a cause and effect relationship.

This study focuses entirely on suburban school districts in New York State. Parents in rural school districts have less school choice because their jobs often preclude the long commute that would be required if they moved to a new district. City residents may also have difficulty changing school districts. 1990 Census figures show that city residents with children are generally less affluent and more dependent on public transportation than their suburban counterparts. This thesis looks at the effects of school construction on suburbanites, who have more choices in where to locate their homes.

New York State public school district boundaries, with the exception of city school districts, do not usually follow municipal boundaries. The districts vary dramatically in size and population. A 200-student school district with only a K-3 elementary school can be surrounded by 5,000-student school districts. Major cities in New York usually have their own school districts with boundaries that follow the city lines.(Wardle 1999) Considering that most city boundaries in the State have not changed in over 100 years, New York State suburban school construction can be identified and studied with relative ease.

II. Methodology

Three case studies generated the hypothesis for this thesis and form Chapters IV, V, and VI. Two of the case studies examine Averill Park and Ballston Spa, suburban school districts that have recently undergone major upgrades in their facilities. The third case study examines Shenendehowa, a suburban district that has experienced significant controversy due to the perceived inadequacy of its high school facilities. Both Averill Park and Ballston Spa experienced unexpected spikes in their enrollment soon after the construction was completed. Shenendehowa, on the other hand, saw its private high school enrollment go up by 34% the year following the tension and newspaper headlines.

All three of these districts have good academic reputations, with Shenendehowa having the best reputation. All three districts spend between \$8,500 and \$9,500 per student per year on instructional costs.

After the case studies, the thesis examines statewide enrollment patterns to verify whether the case study experiences are pervasive or isolated. The first step was to identify New York State's suburban school districts. School districts in the counties containing major cities and the adjacent counties were selected during the first cut. The New York State Education Department school construction records were then examined to determine which of these districts have had significant school construction in the recent past. The construction data are available in digital format starting with 1987 contracts. Those school districts that have had construction approved for more than \$9,000 per full-time enrolled student on school construction since 1987 were selected as the second cut. Then, each of these school districts was evaluated based on commuting

distance to the central urban areas. Those school districts from the second cut that were determined to be suburban, with more than 1,000 students, make up the study group.

The \$9,000 cut-off was selected as a means of paring down the field to those districts that may have had the largest construction projects.

After the school districts were selected, the historical enrollment and construction dates for each district were assembled. For the 16 years between the 1983-84 school year and the 1999-00 school year, the school district's 2nd through 12th grade enrollment was divided by the 1st through 11th grade enrollment from the previous year. This study averages these survival ratios and compares them with the survival ratios for the two years following construction completion. Kindergarten enrollments were not incorporated in this study because Kindergarten enrollment is not compulsory.

For the purposes of this study, a survival ratio is defined as the number of students in a cohort divided by the number of students in that same cohort in the previous year. For example, if there are 102 Fifth and Sixth Graders this year and there were 100 Fourth and Fifth Graders last year, the survival ratio would be 1.02 (102 students divided by 100 students.)

If the hypothesis is correct, there should be a spike in the survival ratios for the school years following construction.

This thesis will conclude that the experiences of the case study school districts were either isolated occurrences or part of a pattern that school administrators should keep in mind when planning construction.

III. Literature Review

This thesis examines a segment of the population with many schooling options. There is limited literature about the motivations of suburban families when selecting between highly regarded public schools. There is a great amount of literature debating the merits of school choice laws and programs where a family is not required to pay tuition or move to a different home to change schools. Most of these books and articles discuss the effects of school choice on the schools from which students transfer, particularly urban schools with high minority enrollments.

The literature covering school choice issues does have some data about the motivations of families that move their children when given school choice. These motivations are relevant to this thesis, but they are the motivations of a different demographic than suburban families. Families who change their children's schools without having to change residences may have different motivating factors than families choosing between suburban housing locations. Families choosing between suburban home locations will face an array of issues such as property tax levels, commuting time, and the real estate market in making their decisions. Families given school choice without having to move will not consider the multitude of migration-related factors. They may however include such things as school safety that suburban parents are less likely to consider in choosing between affluent school districts.

The following is a summary of the literature relating to facilities' effects on enrollment.

Competition in Education: a Case Study of Interdistrict Choice, written by David Armor in 1997, is a thorough examination of 20 school districts during the first five years

after the 1991 adoption of Massachusetts' comprehensive interdistrict school choice law. Armor's study was a product of the Pioneer Institute for Public Policy Research and strongly favors school choice and a "market" approach to public education. For this thesis, the most pertinent aspect of Armor's study is his extensive surveying of parents and students who chose to change school districts. His surveys of the sending and receiving school district staff may also shed some light on the way school administrators view facilities' impact on enrollment.

Armor found that facilities were cited 60% of the time by parents as a major reason for choosing a different school district. Facilities were third behind high standards and curriculum as major reasons for school choice. Students took a different view. While standards and curriculum topped the student's list, students also picked safety and teachers ahead of facilities. Only 33% of the surveyed students selected facilities as a major reason for changing schools.

The staff surveys deviated significantly from the parent and student interviews. Staff from the receiving school districts overwhelmingly selected high standards as a major reason for choice. No other categories were selected more than 1/3 as many times as high standards. Interestingly, not even one staff member from a receiving school district selected facilities as a major reason for students changing districts. This may indicate a significant oversight on behalf of school administrators.

Naturally, staff from school districts that lost students had a very different view from the receiving staff, parents, and students. They selected race most frequently as a major reason for changing schools. Facilities came in second to race for the sender staff.

While the sociological implications of other motivations are interesting, they are outside the purview of this thesis. Three of the four surveyed groups viewed facilities as a significant factor in school choice. Remarkably, the one group that did not, the receiving staff, is the group that will be most affected by facilities issues surrounding rising enrollment. The receiving staff views indicate that this thesis may have an audience in need of information.

Choosing Schools- the Consumer's Perspective, by Anne West is an essay on different school choice studies and can be found in Parental Choice and Education: Principles, Policy and Practice, edited by Mark Halstead. In her essay, West notes that secondary school students have significant input about school choice. One study found that "Our child wanted to go to the school" was a very important reason for 38% of parents of a group of secondary school students.

If older students are given a larger say over their school choice, and if Armor's study is correct that students value facilities less than parents, it is possible that school construction has a greater impact on elementary and middle school enrollments.

In Family Choice in Schooling: Issues and Dilemmas, Michael Manley-Casimir conducted a study of a college town of 47,000 persons that had intradistrict school choice. He found that with intradistrict choice, parents place little priority on facilities. This could be because there may be little variation in facility quality within the district. Another reason for the lack of interest in facilities could be that parents may view facilities as a measure of a district's commitment to funding education. If this is the case, post-construction school enrollment spikes should include students that do not attend the new or renovated schools.

School Ways: The Planning and Design of America's Schools, written by Ben Graves in 1993, lays out the three primary forces influencing school construction. Graves ranks enrollment as the leading force while he ranks program requirements second and the need to replace outmoded facilities is third. Enrollment certainly is the major factor in new school construction, which raises a concern about this thesis. Will any spikes in enrollment be the result of good planning by school district administrators? Could they be aware of planned housing developments and expand their facilities accordingly?

The experiences of the case studies indicates that in New York the answer is no. Two of the three case studies are school districts in Saratoga County, the fastest growing county between 1990 and 2000 in Upstate New York and the third fastest growing county outside of New York City. No single subdivision in any of the case studies was large enough or developed quickly enough to create a one or two year spike in enrollment.

Graves also sites numerous city school systems in need of billions of dollars in renovations to underscore widespread inadequacies in the nation's school facilities. Widespread disparities in facility quality may help account for the importance that American parents place on facilities. A number of studies of European and New Zealand school choice found little concern about facilities.

IV. Ballston Spa Central School District

In the 2000-01 school year, the Ballston Spa School District administration was surprised by a significant jump in enrollment. Ballston Spa's Director of Business and Support Services said that the unexpected 176-student increase almost forced the district to hire teachers on an emergency basis (Engstrom 2000).

In 1998-99, Ballston Spa opened its new High School at a cost of \$46,690 per High School student (NYS Education Department). That same year, the middle school renovations were completed and the Middle School reopened. In 1997-98, the school district instituted new, more stringent promotion standards. These new academic standards created the possibility that a large number of students would need to spend five years in high school. In 1998-99 and 1999-00, after the effects of the new policy became clear, there was a major drop in the cohort survival level in the High School grades (Engstrom, 2000). In 2000-01, possibly after the students adjusted to the higher academic standards, the school district saw an unexpected enrollment increase. This chapter investigates the causes of that increase.

A. Historical Enrollment Trends

The data shown on Table A1 represent the number of Ballston Spa students enrolled by grade between 1983-84 and 2000-01. In each year between 1991-92 and 2000-01, total enrollment increased over the previous year. The 176-student increase in 2000-01 was a return to the larger increases of the early 1990's. The enrollment increases from 1996-97 to 1999-00 averaged 68 students. By comparison, increases between 1991-92 and 1995-96 averaged 143 students. District-wide enrollment rose from a low of 2976 students in 1986-87 to an enrollment of 4381 in 2000-01, a 47% increase.

Since Kindergarten at Ballston Spa is half-day and not required, First Grade enrollment is the best measure of the size of the incoming classes. There have been three significant jumps in First Grade enrollment. As shown on Table 1, the first two were from 1984-85 to 1985-86 and from 1987-88 to 1988-89. A later jump was from 322 students in 1994-95 to 389 students in 1995-96. After each jump, the enrollment stabilized around the new level. The effects of the first two jumps can be seen in the rapid increase in high school enrollment after 1995-96. The effects of all three jumps are shown in the 70% increase in K-5 enrollment between 1984-85 and 2000-01.

- Elementary Enrollment

As shown on Table A1, in 13 out of the 14 years between 1986-87 and 2000-01, enrollment in Grades K-5 increased from the previous year. The 2000-01 K-5 enrollment of 2,164 was 82 more than in 1999-00 and represents a 32% increase over 1990-91 and a 70% increase over 1984-85.

- Middle School Enrollment

The larger incoming classes started having their impact on grades 6-8 enrollment after 1992-93. Between 1992-93 and 1996-97, 6-8 enrollment increased 29%. The 6-8 enrollment continued to grow steady but at a slower rate after 1996-97.

- High School Enrollment

After bouncing back from a low of 864 students in 1990-91, high school enrollment increased consistently in the mid-900's until 1996-97 when it climbed back over the 1,000 student mark. High school enrollment rose steadily after 1996-97, reaching 1,204 in 2000-01.

B. Grade-To-Grade Survival Ratios

Table 1 identifies the grade-to-grade survival ratio for 1995-96 to the 1999-00 school years, comparing the five and ten-year average for each grade. The most striking element of Table 1 is the high school survival ratio. The 1997-98 academic policy changes had a significant effect on the Grade 9-12 enrollment. The 0.96 and 0.93 survival ratios for 1998-99 and 1999-00 are significantly lower than the 10 year average of 0.98. At the same time, the elementary and middle school grades had no major deviation from the historic averages. By the 2000-01 school year the turmoil over the new high school academic standards subsided and enrollment surged.

C. Live Births and Building Activity

The number of resident live births in the Towns of Malta and Milton, and the Village of Ballston Spa between 1979 and 1998 are listed in Table A3. Though the school district encompasses only a portion of each of these towns, the number of town-wide births is the most comprehensive data set available for computing survival ratios. Between 1992 and 1998, the number of live births in these communities stayed within 25 births of 500. New York State Health Department figures show that between 1979 and 1992, there was a steady increase in the number of live births

As noted on Table A4, since 1990, with the exception of 1991, single-family home construction has stayed between 100 and 150 new homes per year. This building activity is still below the levels experienced in the late 1980's. However, due to

Table 1
Grade-To-Grade Survival Ratios

Grade to Grade	1999-00-2000-01	1998-99-1999-00	1997-98-1998-99	1996-97-1997-98	1995-96-1996-97	5-Year Average	10-Yr Average
Birth to K	0.68	0.69	0.68	0.69	0.73	0.69	0.73
K to 1 st	1.04	1.06	1.04	1.08	1.06	1.04	1.06
1 st to 2 nd	1.02	1.01	0.90	0.94	0.93	0.96	0.97
2 nd to 3 rd	1.04	0.96	0.99	0.98	0.98	0.98	1.00
3 rd to 4 th	1.04	1.01	0.94	1.00	0.91	0.98	0.98
4 th to 5 th	1.04	0.99	1.02	0.98	1.02	1.01	1.01
5 th to 6 th	1.03	1.02	1.07	0.98	0.99	1.02	1.04
6 th to 7 th	1.02	1.05	1.03	0.99	1.03	1.02	1.02
7 th to 8 th	1.01	0.99	1.00	0.96	1.00	0.99	0.99
8 th to 9 th	1.13	1.03	1.21	1.03	1.02	1.09	1.09
9 th to 10 th	0.99	0.83	0.91	0.95	0.97	0.92	0.93
10 th to 11 th	0.81	0.86	0.80	0.94	0.93	0.87	0.90
11 th to 12 th	0.99	1.06	0.90	0.95	1.00	0.98	1.01
1st-11th to 2nd-12th	1.015	0.981	0.979	0.976	0.981	0.986	0.995
1st-7th to 2nd-8th	1.029	1.005	0.988	0.977	0.981	0.996	1.002
8th-11th to 9th-12th	0.987	0.934	0.960	0.973	0.982	0.967	0.982

Note: Survival ratios involving Kindergarten and 9th Grade tend to be unpredictable. The live birth data are not geographically consistent with school district boundaries and Kindergarten is optional, leaving enrollment decisions completely up to the families. The 8th to 9th Grade ratio depends significantly on the academic performance of 9th grade students. A 9th Grade student can fail one class and be classified in the 9th Grade for a second year.

consistency, the 1990's saw approximately the same number of single-family homes constructed as in the 1980's. Townhouses account for most of the difference in building activity. While hundreds of townhouses were constructed during the 1980's, primarily at Luther Forest in Malta, almost none were constructed in the 1990's. Colonial Hills in Ballston Spa was originally approved for construction of 286 townhouses in the mid 1990's, but those plans were changed in favor of single family homes.

The building inspectors in the Towns of Malta and Milton have noted an apparent trend in the mobile home developments. A significant number of old mobile homes are being replaced with larger doublewide homes that are more likely to house families.

The consistent strength in building activity during the past decade can be attributed to several types of developments. Two or three large subdivisions have been under construction at any one time throughout the 1990's. In 2000, Highpointe at Malta and Kayaderoseras Estates, both single-family subdivisions, were each adding about 25 houses per year. Previously, Colonial Hills and Milton Oaks had provided similar activity. Smaller, fast-moving subdivisions, such as West Wind Hills, whose 60 single-family homes were completed in one year, also added significantly to the yearly totals. As a result the District is seeing consistent building patterns as opposed to the 1980's when the District was impacted by the development of one major subdivision, Luther Forest, with 1,323 units. Moderately low interest rates and a solid local economy, buoyed by a high level of consumer confidence, helped to maintain the consistent growth (CDRPC 2000). Ballston Spa's location, Central Saratoga County, is also considered a desirable place to live, particularly for families with children. The area served by the Ballston Spa School District is the fastest growing part of the Capital Region and the marketplace remains very

competitive, with a fairly large inventory of new and existing homes on the market throughout the Region.

In the six years between 1986 and 1991, the number of single-family housing units in the School District increased by approximately 30%(Table A4). In the nine years after 1991, the number of single-family units increased by approximately 20% while maintaining a consistent level of construction activity. These facts, combined with the Building Inspector's comments about the replacement of old mobile homes with doublewide homes, lead to the assumption that it is fairly easy for families to locate in the Ballston Spa School District.

D. Enrollment Events

Ballston Spa's 47% increase in enrollment between 1986-87 and 2000-01 is unmatched in the Capital Region of New York State, a region that only grew by 2% between 1990 and 2000. Ballston Spa's growth was fairly consistent between 1986 and 2000, with the largest increases coming in the five years following the 1986-1989 construction of Luther Forest (Table A4). After the large enrollment increases of the early 1990's, the enrollment increases tapered off until the large increase of 2000-01 (Table 1).

This chapter's focus is whether the 1998-99 opening of the new High School caused the 2000-01 enrollment spike. It seems easy to dismiss the suggestion that a 1998-99 school opening would have a two-year delay before impacting enrollment. However, in this case, the High School survival ratios speak to the additional impact of the new academic policies. In 1998-99 the 11th and 12th grade survival ratios were 10% off the ten - year average. The following year, the 10th grade survival ratio was 10% off the ten-year average while the 12th grade survival ratio was 5% above the 10 year average. These drastic

swings in survival ratios are likely a result of the grade assignment policy and the unease in the school community as it adjusted to the new academic policies.

As Table A5 demonstrates, the 5-8th Grade enrollment in 1995-96 had 108 more students than those same classes four years later in high school. Historically, that had not been the case. High School students left the Ballston Spa school system, most likely as a result of the new academic policies. These policies were having their impact at the same time as the new High School was opening. As a result, it is possible that the new policies delayed the positive impact of the new High School.

The remaining question is whether there could be another explanation for the 2000-01 spike in enrollment. Table A4 demonstrates that housing construction has not changed significantly since 1992. The local economy has remained stable with a strong base of government and university employment. At the same time, there were no major new employers in Saratoga County or the Capital District between 1996 and 2000 (CDRPC 2000). Census2000 showed that the Capital District's population grew by 2% in the 1990's while Saratoga County grew 10.7%. These are all indications of a stable environment where large enrollment swings would not be expected.

With a lack of alternatives and the evidence of the 1998-99 and 1999-00 High School survival ratios, there is a good likelihood that the 2000-01 spike in enrollment was a delayed result of the 1998-99 opening of the new Ballston Spa High School.

V. Averill Park School District School Enrollment Study

Averill Park is a primarily suburban school district in Rensselaer County. Due to the rough topography in the eastern and southern portions of the district, Averill Park has large amount of sparsely populated rural land. According to the 2000 Census, most of the population is located in the northwestern portion of the district, where sewer and water services are available.

During the mid-to-late 1990's, Averill Park saw its enrollment increase dramatically, primarily due to changes in the district's policies and configuration. In 1994-95, Averill Park began accepting students from two small adjacent school districts. One school district, North Greenbush Common, has a very limited elementary program while the Wynattskill School District has a K-8 program. The following year, in 1995-96, Averill Park merged with Brunswick Common School District, a district with a K-5 program. Because of the merger, the State of New York paid for 95% of any enrollment related construction. Thanks to this largess, Averill Park embarked on a \$67 million construction program. All of the district's schools were completely renovated and additions were built on to all but one school. In the 1997-98 school year, the year after the vast majority of the construction was completed, Averill Park experienced a spike in enrollment comparable to the enrollment increases resulting from the transfers and the merger. However, in 1997-98, there was no merger and there was no change in transfer policies.

This chapter will examine whether the 1997-98 jump in enrollment was a result of the district-wide construction.

A. Historical Enrollment Trends

The data shown on Table A6 represent the number of students enrolled by grade between 1983-84 and 2000-01. The 2000-01 enrollment represents the third year of consistent District-wide enrollment. Between 1997-98 and 2000-01, the School district did not see a change of more than 21 students from the previous year. Prior to 1997-98, Averill Park underwent some dramatic enrollment increases. In four years, from 1993-94 to 1997-98, the School District experienced a 30% increase in enrollment. The 1997-98 enrollment also represented a 39% increase over the 1990-91 enrollment.

There are three factors that may account for the mid-90's enrollment increases. The first factor was the increase in live births that occurred during the late 1980's (Table A8). The second factor was the transfer of students from other school districts. The third factor was the complete renovation and expansion of the school facilities that occurred following the Brunswick Common merger.

Due to the higher number of births, larger elementary classes began replacing the smaller graduating classes of the early and mid 1990's. Soon after, in 1994-95, the School District began admitting students from the Wynantskill and North Greenbush Common school districts. The following year, Averill Park merged with the Brunswick Common School District. As a result, enrollment increased by 438 students over two years. While most of the construction was done by 1996-97, in September 1997-98 the last of the facility improvements were complete and the district experienced another surge of new students. That year, the Wynantskill and North Greenbush Common transfer enrollment more than doubled (Table A10). Thanks to the new Wynantskill and North Greenbush students and

202 other new students, the School District saw an increase of 298 students in the 1997-98 school year.

- **Elementary Enrollment**

Between 1998-99 and 2000-01, enrollment in Grades K-5 decreased from the previous year (Table A7). Smaller entering classes have replaced the larger “boomlet” classes as they moved into middle school. The 2000-01 K-5 enrollment represents a 7% decrease from the all-time high of 1,591 in 1997-98. Elementary enrollment increased dramatically in 1995-96 with the addition of Brunswick Common School District.

- **Middle School Enrollment**

Middle school enrollment increased each year between 1989-90 and 2000-01. In 2000-01, enrollment in Grades 6-8 was 62% higher than it was in 1989-90. In 1997-98, after the new facilities were completed, Grades 6-8 showed an increase of 101 students. This was largely the result of a 312-student cohort entering 6th Grade and a 231-student cohort entering 9th Grade. The increases in middle school enrollment leveled off after 1998-99.

- **High School Enrollment**

With the exception of 1999-00, high school enrollment has increased each year since 1993-94. Students transferred from other districts combined with larger classes to result in 329 additional high school students between 1993-94 and 2000-01.

B. Grade-To-Grade Survival Ratios

Table 2 identifies the grade-to-grade survival ratios between 1994-95 and 2000-01 and compares them to the five and ten-year average for each grade.

Table 2
Grade-To-Grade Survival Ratios

Grade to Grade	1999-00- 2000-01	1998-99- 1999-00	1997-98- 1998-99	1996-97- 1997-98	1995-96- 1996-97	1994-95 1995-96	5-Year Average	10-Yr Average
Birth to K	1.14	1.13	1.10	1.13	0.95	1.09	1.09	1.07
K to 1 st	1.02	1.05	1.00	1.20	1.15	1.27	1.08	1.12
1 st to 2 nd	1.02	1.01	1.02	1.00	0.97	1.06	1.00	0.97
2 nd to 3 rd	1.03	1.01	1.03	1.11	1.05	1.15	1.05	1.04
3 rd to 4 th	0.99	1.00	1.01	1.04	1.04	1.14	1.02	1.04
4 th to 5 th	1.04	1.02	1.04	1.09	1.03	1.17	1.04	1.04
5 th to 6 th	1.05	1.05	1.05	1.11	1.06	1.21	1.09	1.10
6 th to 7 th	0.99	1.03	0.99	1.03	1.00	1.06	1.02	1.01
7 th to 8 th	0.97	0.99	1.01	1.05	0.99	1.04	1.00	1.00
8 th to 9 th	1.13	1.09	1.18	1.19	1.10	1.03	1.14	1.09
9 th to 10 th	0.96	0.94	1.07	1.14	0.91	1.02	1.00	1.01
10 th to 11 th	0.85	0.82	0.91	1.12	1.00	1.02	0.93	0.97
11 th to 12 th	0.96	0.89	0.91	1.08	0.93	0.99	0.95	0.99
1st-11th to 2nd-12th	1.00	0.99	1.02	1.08	1.01	1.08	1.02	1.02
<i>Change in District Enrollment</i>	<i>+7</i>	<i>-31</i>	<i>+20</i>	<i>+298</i>	<i>+71</i>	<i>+262</i>		

Note: Survival ratios involving Kindergarten and 9th Grade tend to be unpredictable. Kindergarten is optional, leaving enrollment decisions completely up to the families. The 8th to 9th Grade ratio depends significantly on the academic performance of 9th grade students. A 9th Grade student can fail one class and be classified in the 9th Grade for a second year.

From 1998-99 to 2000-01, survival ratios were similar to the historic averages. The ratios show that the enrollment increase in 1995-96 only affected the elementary grades while the 1997-98 enrollment jump was spread throughout the grades. The 1995-96 increase was due to the merger with Brunswick Common, which only had a K-6 program. Reasons for the 1997-98 increase are harder to pin down.

In 1997-98, enrollment from Wynattskill (Grades 9 to 12) increased by 72 students while enrollment from North Greenbush Common increased by 24 students (Table A10). There was no change in policy regarding these districts until the 1999-00 school year, when transferring from Wynattskill began to be phased out.

If the Wynattskill and North Greenbush Common Students are removed from the totals, the 1997-98 1st-11th to 2nd-12th survival ratio drops to 1.05, still significantly higher than years when there were no mergers or changes in transfer policies.

C. Live Births and Building Activity

The number of resident live births since 1979 in the Towns of Poestenkill, Sand Lake and 50% of the live births in the town of North Greenbush are listed in Table A8. Though these towns only cover part of the school district, the number of town-wide births is the most comprehensive data set available. These Towns were chosen because they represent the vast majority of the School District's population and they produced the strongest correlation with First Grade enrollment. Table A8 displays a strong correlation between live births and 1st Grade enrollment six years later. Between 1985 and 1993, the number of live births per year averaged 210 while in the five years before and after they averaged 192.

As shown in Table A9, since 1990, single-family home construction has stayed between 65 and 91 new homes per year. Since no significant increases or decreases in home

building have been experienced, building activity has not likely changed the survival ratios during the 1990's.

The second half of the 1980's did see a rapid increase in housing activity. Averill Park School District went from 35-40 home starts per year in the early 1980's to well over 100 by the end of the decade. This surge coincided with the rise in the number of live births. Not coincidentally, the District saw increasing class sizes five to six years after the beginning of the surge in home construction and the rise in live births.

The northwest part of the Averill Park School District is experiencing the vast majority of the residential growth. The Town of North Greenbush, on the west side of the district, has experienced the most development activity. With the 100-lot Lake Meadows subdivision and the 42-lot Hills of North Greenbush subdivision under construction, North Greenbush has seen significant growth for a relatively small area of the School district. The areas around West Sand Lake and Averill Park are also experiencing a moderate level of subdivision activity.

D. Enrollment Events

The municipalities in Averill Park School District have experienced slow growth during the 1990's. The highest growth rate was in the Town of Sand Lake with 7% growth (2000 Census). With this slow growth and the consistently low level of residential construction, sharp increases in enrollment should have identifiable, non-growth related causes.

In 1994-95, the first year that Wynatskill High School students were allowed to transfer to Averil Park, the rise in enrollment was seen primarily in the High School. There was an unprecedented 108-student increase in 1994-95 High School enrollment. The 8th

through 11th Grade cohorts from the previous year would have suggested a 30-student increase in High School enrollment. School records indicate that 45 Wynantskill students enrolled at Averill Park in 1994-95. It is clear that the 1994-95 increase in enrollment was significantly influenced by the new transfers.

In 1995-96, the year that Brunswick Common's K-5 program merged with Averill Park, the K-5 enrollment saw a 262 student increase that corresponded directly with the Brunswick Common enrollment. The cause of the 1995-96 increase is clearly due to the merger.

Between 1995-96 and 1998-99, Averill Park made no changes in transfer policies and did not form any new mergers. However, in the 1997-98 school year, Averill Park's enrollment was up in all grades. This happened despite no significant change in residential building patterns or birth rates. The one thing that did happen before 1997-98 was the completion of the \$67 million in construction projects associated with the Brunswick Common merger.

The 1997-98 enrollment was 298 students higher than the previous year. The increase in transfers from other districts was significant. There were 96 additional students from Wynantskill and North Greenbush Common (Table A10). This still leaves 202 new students attending Averill Park Schools.

One could question whether the classes were overcrowded before the construction. That might result in a return of students to a newly adequate school situation in 1997-98. There are two pieces of evidence against this argument. The teacher-student ratio at Averill Park was 16 to 1 before and after the construction. Additionally, New York State sets strict requirements for class sizes. There were no reports of any violations of state class size

standards before the construction. Unfortunately, records on average class sizes were not reported by New York State until the 1997-98 school year, making it difficult to completely rule out this scenario. (NYS Education Department)

VI. Shenendehowa Central School District Enrollment Study

During the 1999-00 school year, a controversy over the Shenendehowa High School facilities came to a head. The District residents voted down two construction bond issues. In the next school year private school enrollment saw a noticeable increase, particularly in the upper grades. The controversy was resolved during the 2000-01 school year, but the process may have exposed a negative side of the relationship between facilities and enrollment.

A. Historical Enrollment Trends

The data shown on Table A11 represent the number of students enrolled by grade between 1980-81 and 2000-01. While enrollment declined considerably during the first half of the 1980's, from a high of 8,771 in 1980 to a low of 7,662 in 1985, it did show consistent increases through the 1999-00 school year. Excluding un-graded students, enrollment rose from 7,662 students in 1985-86 to a high of 8,622 in 1999-00. This represented an increase of 960 students or 12.5% in 14 years. The 2000-01 enrollment of 8,453, a drop of 169 students, was a sharp reversal in this trend and represents the lowest enrollment since the 1992-93 school year. Three factors help to account for the 2000-01 drop in enrollment: higher private school enrollment (Tables A16 and A17), the Waterford-Halfmoon Central School District waiving out-of-district tuition, and the seven-year gradual trend toward lower elementary school enrollment.

- **Elementary Enrollment**

As shown on Table A12, in six of the seven years between 1994-95 and 2000-01, enrollment in Grades K-5 declined from the previous year. The 2000-01 K-5 enrollment of

4,060, 69 fewer than the previous year, was the lowest since the 1989-90 school year, and represented a 6% decrease from the high of 4,334 in 1993-94. The declining K-5 enrollment is in contrast with the earlier increases. For the ten-year period leading up to 1994-95, there had been steady enrollment increases in Grades K-5. Between the 1984-85 and 1993-94 school years, enrollment for this group increased by 1,196 students or 38.1%. These increases coincide with the 1983-1989 spike in building activity shown in Table A14 and the 1982-1990 rise in live births shown in Table A13.

- Middle School Enrollment

A grade reconfiguration made it necessary to reclassify sixth grade Special Education students previously included in the regular class population. As a result, in 1995-96, the Sixth Grade special education students became non-graded and were not included in the by-grade enrollment figures. This change skews calculations comparing Sixth Grade enrollments from before and after the 1995-96 school year.

Enrollment in Grades 6-8 increased significantly between 1987-88 when there were 1,694 students and 1994-95, when there were 2,005 students. This increase coincided with the larger elementary classes leaving Fifth Grade. In 1998-99, there were 2,010 Middle School students, excluding the 56 reclassified sixth graders receiving Special Education services. In 2000-01, enrollment in grades 6-8 declined to 1,907 students, 103 fewer than 1998-99. Some of this decline can be attributed to higher private school enrollments. Table A16 shows that there was a 68-student or 44% increase in private school enrollment for Grades 6-8 between 1998-99 and 2000-01. At the same time, Fifth Grade classes were getting smaller, providing fewer potential private school students (Table A11). The result

was an even higher percentage of middle school students in private school. Between 1998-99 and 2000-01, private middle school enrollment as a percentage of Shenendehowa Middle School enrollment went from 8% to 12%.

- **High School Enrollment**

During the ten-year period after 1984-85, enrollment in Grades 9-12 steadily declined. There was a decrease of 529 students or 19.1% between 1984-85 and 1994-95. From the mid-1990's through 1999-00, 9-12 enrollment saw steady increases. From 1994-95 through 1999-00, enrollment increased by 295 students or 13.2%. The 2000-01 enrollment was 2,486 students, a decrease of 43 from the previous year. The decrease is somewhat surprising, since the 6-8 enrollment peaked when it included the same cohorts in 1998-99. A possible cause for the decrease was the marked increase in the private school enrollment for the 2000-01 10th and 11th grade classes.

B. Grade-To-Grade Survival Ratios

A review of the historical grade-to-grade survival ratios shows a downward trend for selected grades from historical averages. Table 3 identifies the grade-to-grade survival ratio last year compared the five and ten-year average for each grade. The K-5 survival ratios for 2000-01 were generally lower than the historical five- and ten-year averages. With the exception of the Grade 4 to 5 ratio, all the Elementary survival ratios were less than or equal to the historical averages. The most significant deviation was the Birth-to-Kindergarten ratio, which was 11% lower than the 5-year average and 14% lower than the 10-year average. This change is partially due to the 2000-01 elimination of out-of-district tuition in

Table 3
Grade-To-Grade Survival Ratios

Grade to Grade	1999-00- 2000-01	1998-99- 1999-00	1997-98- 1998-99	1996-97- 1997-98	1995-96- 1996-97	5-Year Average	10-Yr Average
Birth to K	0.84	0.95	1.02	0.97	0.99	0.95	0.98
K to 1 st	1.06	1.11	1.06	1.04	1.06	1.06	1.05
1 st to 2 nd	0.98	1.00	1.01	0.99	1.03	1.00	0.99
2 nd to 3 rd	1.00	1.03	1.00	1.02	1.02	1.01	1.00
3 rd to 4 th	0.96	1.00	1.01	1.01	0.99	0.99	1.00
4 th to 5 th	1.02	0.98	1.00	1.02	1.00	1.01	1.00
5 th to 6 th	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.91	0.91	0.90	NA
6 th to 7 th	1.01	0.99	1.03	1.00	1.02	1.01	NA
7 th to 8 th	0.97	0.98	1.00	1.01	0.98	0.99	0.99
8 th to 9 th	1.01	1.03	0.98	0.99	1.00	1.00	1.00
9 th to 10 th	0.95	0.99	0.97	0.99	0.99	0.98	0.99
10 th to 11 th	0.95	1.00	0.96	0.93	0.93	0.95	0.96
11 th to 12 th	0.93	0.93	0.92	0.96	0.93	0.93	0.95
1st-11th to 2nd-12th	1.00	0.99	1.02	1.08	1.01	1.08	1.02

Note: Survival ratios involving Kindergarten and 9th Grade tend to be unpredictable. Kindergarten is optional, leaving enrollment decisions completely up to the families. The 8th to 9th Grade ratio depends significantly on the academic performance of 9th grade students. A 9th Grade student can fail one class and be classified in the 9th Grade for a second year.

the Waterford-Halfmoon School District. Of the 52 Shenendehowa students that chose to attend Waterford-Halfmoon, 20 of them were Kindergarteners.

The 2000-01 survival ratios for the middle school grades were mixed but very close to the historical ratios. The ten-year averages are not available for Grades 5 to 6 and 6 to 7 due to the changes in the school district's configuration and the reclassification of sixth graders receiving resource room services.

In the high school, the 2000-01 survival ratios for all grades were lower compared to the prior year. The 2000-01 ratios were also generally lower than the historical averages. The only exception is the Grade 8 to 9 ratio which was slightly higher than the 5 and 10 year averages. Ninth Grade enrollment is generally unstable because of promotion policies. A 10th Grade student can repeat one 9th Grade class and be classified in the 9th Grade.

The 2000-01 Grade 9 to 10 survival ratio hit a 20-year low. That 2000-01 low can be partially credited to the private school enrollment of this cohort increasing by 16 students (compared to an increase of 4 for last year's cohort as shown in Table A17).

C. Live Births and Building Activity

The number of resident live births in the Towns of Clifton Park, Halfmoon, and Waterford, and the Village of Round Lake since 1975 are listed in Table A13. Though the school district encompasses only a portion of each of these towns, the number of town-wide births is the most comprehensive data set available for computing survival ratios. Between 1985 and 1994, the number of live births in these communities, with the exception of 1990, were in the mid-to-high 600 range. Between 1995 and 2000-01, has been a slight increase in the number of live births.

As noted on Table A14, between 1998 and 2000, single-family home construction

was higher than previous years. Though there was an increase in construction activity during the time between 1998 and 2000, the activity was still well below the levels experienced during the mid and late 1980's. The increase in single-family home construction between 1998 and 2000 was offset by the decline in the number of apartment units being built in the District. In 2000, only 18 apartment units were constructed in the District, compared to 282 in 1996, 336 in 1997, and 154 in 1998. This decline in apartment construction is primarily attributable to the completion of several apartment complexes located in the Town of Halfmoon. Between 1997 and 1999, construction was completed at The Landings, a 240-unit apartment complex, Carole Jean and Cranberry Estates, 96- and 88-unit apartment complexes, respectively, and an additional 24 units at Squire Park Apartments located on Sitterly Road.

The increase in housing activity between 1998 and 2000 can be attributed to several factors. Building activity was initiated in several previously approved subdivisions, including The Oaks, Somerset and Sun Meadows (formerly a part of Peacock Glen) in Clifton Park, Windsor Pointe, also in Clifton Park, Kingsbrook Estates in Halfmoon, and Burton Meadows in Malta. There has also been a noticeable increase in activity in several of the subdivisions throughout the district (Towns of Clifton Park and Halfmoon planning and building departments). The southern part of Saratoga County is considered a desirable place to live, particularly for families with children. According to the 2000 Census, the area served by the Shenendehowa School District is the fastest growing part of the Capital Region.

D. Enrollment Events

The Shenendehowa School District's total population increased by 16% between

1990 and 2000 (Census Bureau). Residential construction in Shenendehowa is strong by Upstate New York standards and the number of live births is at near-record levels. With these numbers, school enrollment would be expected to increase. Instead, enrollment, particularly elementary enrollment, is steady to declining. A large part of the explanation for this is private school enrollment. Tables A15 and A16 show that private school enrollment has gone from approximately 5% of Shenendehowa's enrollment in 1991-92 to a likely 10% in 2000-01. As shown in the Historic Enrollment Trends, these changes were not large enough to have a noticeable effect on year-to-year survival ratios. However, this trend does show that residents of Shenendehowa School District have the means, and frequently the inclination, to move their children to different educational settings. This, in turn, makes a recent controversy over school facilities interesting with respect to enrollment.

Shenendehowa High School consists of two instructional buildings, the original High School and Junior High. The original High School is now called High School West while the original Junior High is High School East. High School West can hold one and a half grade levels at current enrollment levels, while High School East holds a maximum of two and a half grade levels. During the late 1990's, pressures from new state standards for graduation and the viewed inadequacy of the split-grade situation created community pressure for change. In 1999-00, the Shenendehowa Board of Education put two construction bond issues before the voters. Because both of these construction plans proposed the creation of a "two house" system with each High School housing separate ninth through 12th grade classes, both bond issues were defeated amidst significant controversy. (Times Union, 2000)

In the 2000-01 school year, the Shenendehowa Board of Education put forward a

bond issue that expands High School East to house grades 10, 11, and 12 with the entire Ninth Grade attending High School West. The voters approved this bond issue by an almost three-to-one margin.

In 2000-01, the year after the bond issues were defeated, private school enrollment was up by 15%, or 130 students over 1999-00 and 25%, or 199 students over 1998-99. Every cohort in 2000-01, with the exception of the 1st grade class, saw an increase in private school enrollment (Table A17). The 2000-01 10th and 11th grade cohorts showed especially large increases in private school enrollment. Both cohorts had private school enrollments increase by more than 30% over 1999-00 (Table A17). Compared to the increase for the 1999-00 10th and 11th grade cohorts, (both well under 10%), 2000-01 represents a significant jump. In spite of the consistent increases in Shenendehowa private school enrollment, the 2000-01 increase was unprecedented.

Without conducting a highly personal survey, there is no way to definitively say that the facilities controversy was the reason for the large jump in private school enrollment in the upper grades. One thing that can be eliminated is academic performance. Between 1987-88 and 1997-98, Shenendehowa Schools have consistently had among the highest percentages of Regents diplomas and students going on to college in the four-county Capital District. (NYS Department of Education) Construction patterns, live birth data, and migration patterns remained consistent between 1996 and 2000. There is also no sign that the School District became a less desirable location during this period.

In 1998, a major private high school, Christian Brothers Academy (CBA), did move to a location closer to Shenendehowa School District. It is a possibility that the rise in private school enrollment was a result of this move. However, Shenendehowa's private

school records show an increase of only four students attending CBA in 2000-01.

The economy was especially strong before the 2000-01 school year, but it had been strong throughout the late 1990's. The economy may have helped parents in their ability to change schools. However, if the economy is a major player in short-term private school enrollment trends, we should have seen a decline during recessions. In contrast, Shenendehowa saw a 10% increase in private school enrollment for the 1992-93 school year, during the 1991-1993 recession. Additionally, at no point during Governor Pataki's 1994 cuts in government employment, which sent the local economy into recession (Wardle, 2000), did Shenendehowa private school enrollment decline (Table A16). The principal variable leading up to the 2000-01 school year was the controversy and uncertainty over the High School facilities and their configuration.

Another development was that in 2000-01, the Waterford-Halfmoon School District started a 3½-year trial plan to eliminate tuition for out-of-district students. The objective is to increase enrollment from approximately 870 to 1000 students. This year, 52 Shenendehowa students enrolled at Waterford-Halfmoon. Most significant are the 20 Kindergarteners who enrolled. There were less than 10 high school students who transferred to the Waterford-Halfmoon District, which includes some older urban core areas and does not share Shenendehowa's academic reputation. The primary reason for some Shenendehowa students to attend Waterford-Halfmoon is the much shorter trip to the Waterford-Halfmoon schools. (Times Union, Sept. 2000)

VII. Comparison of the Enrollment Studies

The three case studies showed a strong possibility that suburban public school facilities have a direct impact on enrollment and, in turn, on the location of suburban families. While the spike in private school enrollment in Shenendehowa showed little with respect to the location of families, it did demonstrate the willingness of families to change educational settings due to a facilities controversy.

The Ballston Spa and Averill Park studies demonstrated, through a lack of other obvious explanation, that new facilities may attract students at a rate that can have serious staffing consequences. Because neither school district has more than 10 students paying out-of-district tuition, it can be assumed that most of the increase in enrollments was a result of families locating in the school district.

There are certainly other possible explanations for the enrollment changes in these three districts. The higher educational standards at Ballston Spa could have drawn new families to the District and Averill Park could have had a similar occurrence. The Shenendehowa High School students that transferred to private schools could have had a problem with an administrator or a group of parents could have had a financial windfall.

All of the above are possibilities, which requires the examination of a larger group of school districts. The following chapter analyzes the enrollments of 14 other suburban school districts. The analysis examines the district-wide survival ratios for school districts that have had significant construction projects during the 1990's.

VIII. Analysis of Suburban New York State Enrollment Patterns with Respect to School Construction Activity.

In the selection process described in Chapter II, 25 school districts met the final criteria. They are suburban school districts, they had significant construction approved after 1987, and they have enrollments of greater than 1,000 students. The task for this analysis is to compare the construction completion dates with the school districts' survival ratios.

Unfortunately, the New York State Education Department does not keep records on the completion dates of construction projects. It does keep records of the contract approval dates, however that is not a reliable indicator of the completion date. As a result, the construction date information needed for this analysis had to be gathered from the individual school districts. Of the 24 districts, two were studied earlier in this thesis. They were Averill Park and Ballston Spa. Two others had approved construction contracts but had not completed construction at the time of this study. These two, Schodack and Central Square were not included.

Mount Sinai School District went through some major changes at the time of construction. Mount Sinai expanded from a K-9 program to a full K-12 program, making survival ratios incomparable to the other districts. As a result Mount Sinai was not included. Of the remaining 20 school districts, 13 responded to phone calls with useable information.

Data about these 13 districts, along with Averill Park and Ballston Spa School Districts, are displayed in Tables A18 through A32 and in Figures A3 through A17. Each of these figures displays a graph showing the district-wide survival ratio for 2nd through

12th Grades compared to 1st through 11th grades the previous year. Each of these figures also has at least one arrow indicating the year of a major construction project completion. Each of these tables displays the historical enrollment for an individual district, the survival ratios, and the district’s construction information.

Tables A18-A32 and Figures A3-A17 make it clear that this collection of 15 school districts do not have a significant enrollment pattern associated with construction activity. While eight of the school districts did experience a rise in enrollment either the year of completion or the following year, four actually had negative survival ratio trends associated with the completion of the construction. As shown in Figure 1, there is no consistent pattern when the construction-related survival ratios are compared with the 16-year historical averages.

While this would seem to preclude a connection between construction activity and enrollment, a closer look at the amount of construction reveals a significant pattern. Of the seven school districts where construction affected 100% of the student body in the same year, six had a sizeable survival ratio increase in the year following the construction completion. In each of these six cases, the survival ratio was more than 1.4% greater than the 16-year average. Table 4 lists the seven school districts and the relevant data.

# of Survival Ratios Less Than Historic Average	# of Survival Ratios Less Than 1% Greater Than Historic Average	# of Survival Ratios More Than 1% Greater Than Historic Average
15	9	11

Figure 1: Post-Construction Survival Ratios Compared With Historic Averages

Table 4
Survival Ratios for School Districts with District-wide Construction

School District	Survival Ratio		16-Year Average	% Difference	% Difference
	Survival Ratio For the Year of Completion	For the Year Following Completion		Between the Completion Yr and Following Year	Between 16 Yr Average and Following Year
Elmira Heights	1.01	1.02	0.98	0.54%	4.11%
Holland	0.98	1.00	0.99	1.80%	1.40%
Sauquoit Valley	0.98	1.03	1.01	5.04%	1.80%
Averill Park	1.01	1.09	1.01	7.98%	7.68%
Schuylerville	0.97	1.00	0.99	3.35%	1.46%
Hampton Bays	1.01	1.03	1.01	1.73%	1.99%
Katonah Lewisboro	1.00	1.00	1.01	-0.03%	-0.67%

It should be noted that this study did not investigate the nature of the individual construction projects. The presumption that the projects were district-wide is based on records the State data base that specify how many students attend the schools where the construction occurred. The database does not specify the nature of the construction.

It appears that the construction-related enrollment spikes frequently occur when the construction project covers the entire district. The fact that Katonah-Lewisboro was in the process of a merger at the time of the construction might explain its deviation.

It is noticeable that the enrollment in the year of completion was generally lower than the historic averages, possibly as a result of the construction activity. This might indicate that the survival ratio rise in the following year is a result of the construction activity coming to an end. Such a rebound effect is a real possibility and further study would be required to determine the true cause of the spike.

IX. Conclusion

The three case studies indicated that there might be a facility-enrollment connection in suburban public schools. Averill Park provided by far the most conclusive evidence of this connection with its dramatic rise in enrollment following the district-wide construction project. Interestingly, the results of the statistical analysis indicate that only school districts with district-wide construction projects consistently experienced jumps in enrollment. Even large construction projects that affected only a segment of the school district do not appear to have any similar impact on 1-12 Grade enrollment.

The most obvious conclusion would be that larger, broader school construction projects attract more attention and thus families to the new schools. However, that conclusion would be premature without further study. There are other possibilities such as a depression in enrollment during construction and a resulting rebound following construction. A determination of the cause of the spike would require an in depth study of each of the seven school districts that had district-wide construction.

There are numerous avenues of further study that could be followed based on the results of this thesis. One possibility would be an in-depth analysis of each of the seven school districts with district-wide construction. This analysis should explore the previous enrollment of the students for the years in question, the nature of the construction projects, and any patterns in the marketing of the school districts' real estate. Another avenue for further study would emphasize a more in-depth statistical analysis of the existing data. This would look particularly at regression models comparing enrollment trends to assorted variables including, but not limited to, the cost of construction, the grades affected by the construction, and the type of construction. This analysis should

also include a control-group of school districts that did not experience heavy construction.

In Competition in Education, Armor discovered that there is an almost complete dichotomy between the views of administrators at schools that receive transfer students and administrators at schools that lose transfer students. As discussed in Chapter III, none of the administrators who were net receivers of transfer students believed (or willing to admit they believed) that school facilities were a factor in the students' transfer decision. At the same time, a significant portion of the administrators losing students, the transferring students, and the students' parents listed facilities as a major reason for the transfers. The results of this thesis indicate that suburban school districts undertaking district-wide construction projects should plan for a moderate spike in enrollment during the year following the completion of the construction projects. If Armor's surveys were accurate, administrators of school districts that gain transfer students may not be aware that they might want to plan for the impact of new or renovated facilities on their enrollment.

In contrast to the lack of recognition from the receiving-school administrators, the Governor of Maryland has embarked on significant policy shifts based on the principle that there is a school construction-enrollment relationship. His premise is that removing school construction funding from the suburbs and expanding it in urban areas will help shift the migration patterns back to the older urban areas. While there is little prior research establishing the construction-enrollment link, it appears that the link is intuitive enough for some lawmakers to use it to make major shifts in resources.

While this thesis does not explore the effect of facility construction on urban school enrollment, it does establish a likely link between suburban district-wide construction and district-wide enrollment. Further study may create a clearer picture of the construction-enrollment relationship and provide policy-makers and school planners with accurate information for their decisions.

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Clarence CSD

East Aurora UFSD

Elmira Heights CSD

Guilderland CSD

Hampton Bays UFSD

Holland CSD

Jamesville-Dewitt CSD

Jordan Elbridge CSD

Katonah Lewisboro UFSD

Monroe Woodbury CSD

Nyack UFSD

Saquoit Valley CSD

Schylerville CSD

APPENDIX

TABLE A1
Ballston Spa Central School District
Historical School Enrollment : 1983-1984 to 2000-2001

Grade	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
K	223	219	239	218	285	275	262	313	304	297	316	357	361	342	352	354	342	352
1	212	199	246	252	244	324	312	292	334	345	322	322	389	381	369	367	356	355
2	209	232	204	224	253	220	268	295	285	319	342	309	325	365	360	334	372	364
3	190	209	233	203	220	252	236	273	303	290	314	326	324	320	358	355	319	386
4	203	201	218	230	205	234	239	224	274	301	282	314	326	296	321	335	360	334
5	230	192	211	212	241	210	228	238	236	274	311	282	314	331	290	327	333	373
6	237	229	198	205	219	251	221	232	260	245	297	324	297	311	326	311	332	344
7	253	246	238	201	222	225	263	229	243	248	257	293	335	307	308	335	328	338
8	250	249	237	230	222	224	213	255	221	246	255	249	293	335	295	308	332	331
9	347	303	309	296	262	243	246	248	302	243	257	260	269	300	346	359	317	378
10	271	253	252	253	259	213	210	222	239	270	225	244	251	260	285	315	297	313
11	242	221	201	223	230	226	201	194	213	210	243	223	233	234	244	229	274	241
12	262	248	237	229	233	228	219	200	207	222	229	249	215	233	223	220	243	272
Total	3,129	3,001	3,023	2,976	3,095	3,125	3,118	3,215	3,421	3,510	3,650	3,752	3,932	4,015	4,077	4,149	4,205	4,381

TABLE A2
Ballston Spa Central School District
Aggregated School Enrollment: 1983-84 to 2000-2001

Grade	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
K-5	1267	1252	1351	1339	1448	1515	1545	1635	1736	1826	1887	1910	2039	2035	2050	2072	2082	2164
6-8	740	724	673	636	663	700	697	716	724	739	809	866	925	953	929	954	992	1013
9-12	1122	1025	999	1001	984	910	876	864	961	945	954	976	968	1027	1098	1123	1131	1204
Total	3,129	3,001	3,023	2,976	3,095	3,125	3,118	3,215	3,421	3,510	3,650	3,752	3,932	4,015	4,077	4,149	4,205	4,381

Source: Ballston Spa Central School District Fall Enrollment Figures

TABLE A3
Ballston Spa Central School District
Town of Malta, Town of Milton,
and the Village of Ballston Spa
Number of Live Births: 1979-1998

Year of Birth	Number of Births	Yr. to Enter First Grade	Number of First Grade Students	Survival Ratio
1979	297	1985	246	0.82828
1980	326	1986	252	0.77301
1981	309	1987	244	0.78964
1982	321	1988	324	1.00935
1983	360	1989	312	0.86667
1984	350	1990	292	0.83429
1985	347	1991	334	0.96254
1986	423	1992	345	0.81560
1987	412	1993	322	0.78155
1988	377	1994	322	0.85411
1989	447	1995	389	0.87025
1990	475	1996	381	0.80211
1991	468	1997	369	0.78846
1992	513	1998	367	0.71540
1993	519	1999	356	0.68593
1994	498	2000	355	0.71285
1995	518	2001	-	
1996	498	2002	-	
1997	482	2003	-	
1998	475	2004	-	

Source: NYS Department of Health, Division of Biometrics

TABLE A4
Ballston Spa Central School District
Number of Housing Units by Type

Year	Total Beginning of the Year					Net Change During Year					Total End of Year				
	S.F.	T.H.	Duplex	Apt.	M.H.	S.F.	T.H.	Duplex	Apt.	M.H.	S.F.	T.H.	Duplex	Apt.	M.H.
1982						19	70	-2	22	32					
1983						47	70	0	95	28					
1984						63	50	0	32	39					
1985						94	32	14	21	71					
1986						198	120	28	1	26					
1987						218	75	18	84	36					
1988						138	200	30	108	44					
1989						212	260	-2	68	13					
1990	4,452	723	654	1,133	1,853	134	0	10	40	0	4,586	723	684	1,173	1,853
1991	4,586	723	684	1,173	1,853	210	22	20	0	0	4,796	745	704	1,173	1,853
1992	4,796	745	704	1,173	1,853	143	0	2	0	0	4,939	745	706	1,173	1,853
1993	4,939	745	706	1,173	1,853	135	0	12	0	0	5,074	745	718	1,173	1,853
1994	5,074	745	718	1,173	1,853	100	0	6	0	1	5,174	745	724	1,173	1,854
1995	5,174	745	724	1,173	1,854	109	0	6	18	1	5,283	745	730	1,191	1,855
1996	5,283	745	730	1,191	1,855	134	0	0	0	0	5,417	745	730	1,191	1,855
1997	5,417	745	730	1,191	1,855	122	0	4	8	0	5,539	745	734	1,199	1,855
1998	5,539	745	734	1,199	1,855	116	0	0	4	0	5,655	745	734	1,203	1,855
1999	5,655	745	734	1,203	1,855	128	0	0	12	0	5,783	745	734	1,215	1,855
2000	5,783	745	734	1,215	1,855	144	0	0	12	0	5,927	745	734	1,227	1,855

S.F. = Single Family

T.H. = Townhouse/Condominium

APT. = Apartment

M.H. = Mobile Home

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census; Individual Town & Village Building Permit Records

Note: Totals begin in 1990 because the 1990 Census enumerated the housing units within the School District boundaries by type.

The 1980 Census did not provide the same format.

TABLE A5
Ballston Spa Central School District
High School Cohort Survival

5th-8th		9th-12th		Percent		6th-8th		9th-11th		Percent	
Year	Enrollment	Year	Enrollment	Difference	Difference	Year	Enrollment	Year	Enrollment	Difference	Difference
1983-84	970	1987-88	984	14	1.4%	1984-85	724	1987-88	751	27	3.7%
1984-85	916	1988-89	910	-6	-0.7%	1985-86	673	1988-89	682	9	1.3%
1985-86	884	1989-90	876	-8	-0.9%	1986-87	636	1989-90	657	21	3.3%
1986-87	848	1990-91	864	16	1.9%	1987-88	663	1990-91	664	1	0.2%
1987-88	904	1991-92	961	57	6.3%	1988-89	700	1991-92	754	54	7.7%
1988-89	910	1992-93	945	35	3.8%	1989-90	697	1992-93	723	26	3.7%
1989-90	925	1993-94	954	29	3.1%	1990-91	716	1993-94	725	9	1.3%
1990-91	954	1994-95	976	22	2.3%	1991-92	724	1994-95	727	3	0.4%
1991-92	960	1995-96	968	8	0.8%	1992-93	739	1995-96	753	14	1.9%
1992-93	1013	1996-97	1027	14	1.4%	1993-94	809	1996-97	794	-15	-1.9%
1993-94	1120	1997-98	1098	-22	-2.0%	1994-95	866	1997-98	875	9	1.0%
1994-95	1148	1998-99	1123	-25	-2.2%	1995-96	925	1998-99	903	-22	-2.4%
1995-96	1239	1999-00	1131	-108	-8.7%	1996-97	953	1999-00	888	-65	-6.8%
1996-97	1284	2000-01	1204	-80	-6.2%	1997-98	929	2000-01	932	3	0.3%

Source: Ballston Spa Central School district Fall Enrollment Figures

TABLE A6
Averill Park Central School District
Historical School Enrollment : 1980-1981 to 2000-2001

Grade	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
K	176	172	193	181	184	164	196	232	208	201	217	221	215	234	224	216	228
1	217	214	214	237	228	224	203	219	258	243	221	275	254	258	234	236	232
2	168	175	184	193	188	206	201	193	194	233	227	234	266	253	263	236	240
3	175	180	175	196	197	192	200	207	185	184	240	261	245	296	260	267	243
4	205	172	189	180	195	188	190	204	204	193	206	274	272	254	300	260	265
5	169	200	168	188	164	208	200	197	200	200	196	241	281	296	265	306	270
6	196	178	209	186	186	186	207	211	215	211	220	238	256	312	310	278	320
7	215	206	182	222	177	190	183	217	215	231	221	234	237	264	309	320	276
8	236	227	204	176	219	183	198	182	222	214	230	229	231	249	266	305	310
9	240	241	217	214	162	201	175	203	178	212	241	236	253	274	294	291	346
10	207	249	230	226	207	159	203	175	198	175	227	245	215	289	294	276	280
11	229	211	233	220	205	202	160	206	179	196	195	232	244	240	265	244	235
12	220	221	216	223	213	190	195	163	213	183	211	194	216	264	219	237	234
Total	2,653	2,646	2,614	2,642	2,525	2,493	2,511	2,609	2,669	2,676	2,852	3,114	3,185	3,483	3,503	3,472	3,479

Source: Averill Park Central School District Fall Enrollment Figures.

TABLE A7
Averill Park Central School District
Aggregate School Enrollment : 1984-1985 to 2000-2001

Grade	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
K - 5	1,110	1,113	1,123	1,175	1,156	1,182	1,190	1,252	1,249	1,254	1,307	1,506	1,533	1,591	1,546	1,521	1,478
6 - 8	647	611	595	584	582	559	588	610	652	656	671	701	724	825	885	903	906
9 - 12	896	922	896	883	787	752	733	747	768	766	874	907	928	1,067	1,072	1,048	1,095
Total	2,653	2,646	2,614	2,642	2,525	2,493	2,511	2,609	2,669	2,676	2,852	3,114	3,185	3,483	3,503	3,472	3,479

Source: Averill Park Central School District Fall Enrollment Figures.

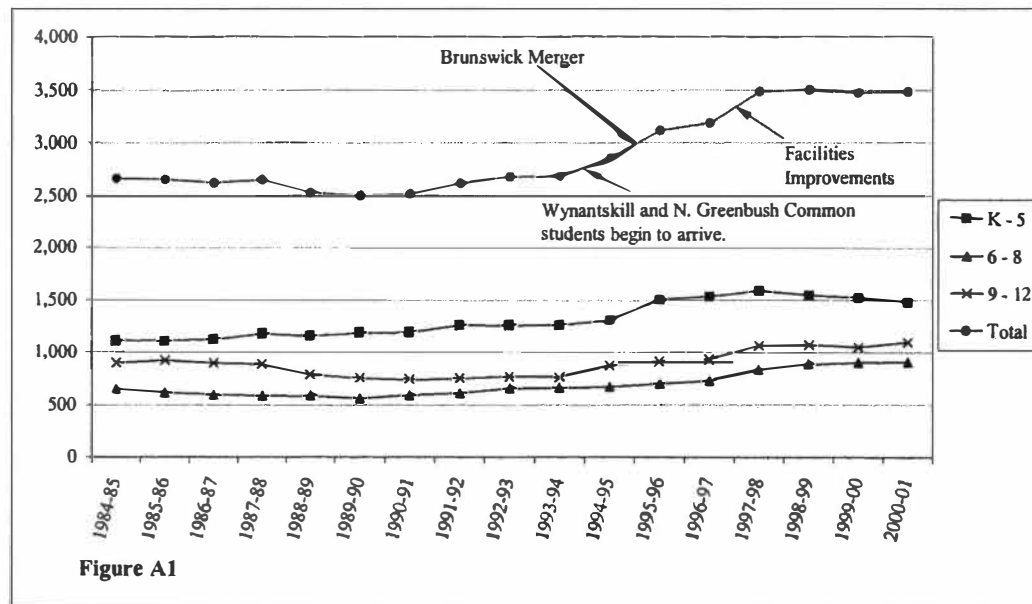


TABLE A8
Averill Park Central School District
Towns of Poestenkill, Sand Lake,
and 50% of North Greenbush
Number of Live Births: 1976-2000

Year of Birth	Number of Births	Yr. to Enter 1st Grade	Number of 1st Grade Students	Survival Ratio
1978	159	1984	217	1.36478
1979	176	1985	214	1.21591
1980	195	1986	214	1.09744
1981	189	1987	237	1.25397
1982	200	1988	228	1.14000
1983	200	1989	224	1.12000
1984	180	1990	203	1.12778
1985	228	1991	219	0.96053
1986	220	1992	258	1.17273
1987	208	1993	243	1.16827
1988	195	1994	221	1.13333
Merger with Brunswick Common				
1989	206	1995	275	1.33495
1990	202	1996	254	1.25743
1991	226	1997	258	1.14159
1992	207	1998	234	1.13043
1993	203	1999	236	1.16256
1994	191	2000	232	1.21466
1995	199	2001	-	
1996	205	2002	-	
1997	177	2003	-	
1998	187	2004	-	

Source: NYS Department of Health, Division of Biometrics

TABLE A9
Number of Housing Units
Averill Park Central School District

Year	Beginning of the Year					Net Change During the Year					Total End of Year				
	S.F.	T.H.	Duplex	Apt.	M.H.	S.F.	T.H.	Duplex	Apt.	M.H.	S.F.	T.H.	Duplex	Apt.	M.H.
1980						36	0	2	na	na					
1981						34	0	2	na	na					
1982						35	0	2	na	na					
1983						49	0	2	na	na					
1984						59	0	2	na	na					
1985						87	0	6	na	na					
1986						111	0	0	na	na					
1987						120	0	8	na	na					
1988						97	0	8	na	na					
1989						104	0	0	na	na					
1990	4,254	40	261	380	380	77	0	4	0	18	4,331	40	265	380	398
1991	4,331	40	265	380	398	68	0	4	0	12	4,399	40	269	380	410
1992	4,399	40	269	380	410	91	0	4	0	11	4,490	40	273	380	421
1993	4,490	40	273	380	421	66	0	2	0	2	4,556	40	275	380	423
1994	4,556	40	275	380	423	76	0	2	0	3	4,632	40	277	380	426
1995	4,632	40	277	380	426	87	0	4	0	3	4,719	40	281	380	429
1996	4,719	40	281	380	429	70	0	6	0	1	4,789	40	287	380	430
1997	4,789	40	287	380	430	65	0	0	0	2	4,854	40	287	380	432
1998	4,854	40	287	380	432	66	0	2	0	3	4,920	40	289	380	435
1999	4,920	40	289	380	435	82	0	2	0	0	5,002	40	291	380	435
2000	5,002	40	291	380	435	82	0	0	0	0	5,084	40	291	380	435

S.F. = Single Family
T.H. = Townhouse/Condominiums
Apt. = Apartments
M.H. = Mobile Homes
na= not available

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, individual town & village building permit issuances.

Note: Totals begin in 1990 because the 1990 Census enumerated the housing units within the School District boundaries by type.

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Table A10
Averill Park Central School District
Transfers from Other School Districts

North Greenbush							
Grades	2000-01	1999-00	1998-99	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96	1994-95
1	3	1	0	2	0	0	0
2	0	1	1	2	0	0	0
3	5	4	9	2	1	1	0
4	4	9	6	2	3	3	0
5	9	7	2	5	0	2	0
6	7	2	9	3	4	4	0
7	2	4	1	7	4	7	6
8	3	2	5	8	5	5	2
9	2	8	10	7	0	3	1
10	9	9	6	5	6	1	0
11	8	3	3	5	5	0	0
12	4	5	0	8	4	0	0
Subtotal	56	55	52	56	32	26	9
Wynatskill							
Grades							
9	5	1	27	34	4	18	30
10	0	21	22	39	13	26	7
11	16	15	24	20	24	8	5
12	15	26	15	27	7	5	3
Subtotal	36	63	88	120	48	57	45
Total from Both Districts	92	118	140	176	80	83	54

Source: Averill Park Central School District Enrollment Records

TABLE A11
Shenendehowa Central School District
Historical School Enrollment : 1980-1981 to 2000-2001

Grade	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
K	524	511	497	478	525	517	601	596	622	652	697	673	727	679	634	697	641	656	644	638	579
Pre-1st	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	29	21	28	36										
1	567	567	542	498	514	587	572	676	710	738	751	768	695	763	701	634	736	666	693	716	675
2	604	543	542	522	506	526	574	572	637	678	713	717	743	697	765	704	657	728	672	690	707
3	588	622	541	552	505	526	551	589	585	651	704	701	722	751	689	750	718	668	729	691	692
4	640	572	609	541	547	529	553	557	607	608	667	719	711	732	743	696	742	724	676	732	661
5	741	659	568	606	541	567	556	565	584	612	634	675	703	712	724	741	699	758	725	662	746
6	736	757	674	567	603	551	573	561	578	585	631	646	649	707	717	645	675	637	682	649	595
7	724	721	744	648	557	595	565	564	573	568	578	591	595	623	659	658	659	676	653	674	657
8	735	739	715	748	651	580	600	569	590	580	580	578	583	580	629	655	645	665	675	641	655
9	700	683	710	701	718	629	570	590	582	592	580	594	596	563	547	630	654	637	649	694	647
10	780	703	678	716	713	719	661	606	601	588	599	582	578	571	596	569	621	649	615	642	657
11	707	711	677	659	671	661	707	634	606	577	575	591	565	560	551	573	528	577	622	615	611
12	725	724	694	676	661	675	695	692	635	583	569	569	565	551	540	527	532	508	530	578	571
Sub-total	8,771	8,512	8,191	7,912	7,712	7,662	7,778	7,800	7,931	8,040	8,314	8,404	8,432	8,489	8,495	8,479	8,507	8,549	8,565	8,622	8,453
S.C.†	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	176	161	194	181	200	185	189	203
Resource‡	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	205	235	327	352	412	390	389	386
Total	8,771	8,512	8,191	7,912	7,712	7,662	7,778	7,800	7,931	8,040	8,314	8,404	8,432	8,870	8,891	9,000	9,040	9,161	9,140	9,200	9,042

† self-contained and language concept students

‡ non self-contained secondary students receiving resource room services

Source: Shenendehowa Central School District Fall Enrollment Figures.

TABLE A12
Shenendehowa Central School District
Aggregate School Enrollment : 1980-1981 to 2000-2001

	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
K - 5	3,664	3,474	3,299	3,197	3,138	3,252	3,407	3,584	3,766	3,967	4,202	4,253	4,301	4,334	4,256	4,222	4,193	4,200	4,139	4,129	4,060
6 - 8	2,195	2,217	2,133	1,963	1,811	1,726	1,738	1,694	1,741	1,733	1,789	1,815	1,827	1,910	2,005	1,958 *	1,979 *	1,978 *	2,010 *	1,964 *	1,907 *
9 - 12	2,912	2,821	2,759	2,752	2,763	2,684	2,633	2,522	2,424	2,340	2,323	2,336	2,304	2,245	2,234	2,299	2,335	2,371	2,416	2,529	2,486
Sub-total	8,771	8,512	8,191	7,912	7,712	7,662	7,778	7,800	7,931	8,040	8,314	8,404	8,432	8,489	8,495	8,479	8,507	8,549	8,565	8,622	8,453
S.C.†	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	176	161	194	181	200	185	189	203
Resource‡	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	205	235	327	352	412	390	389	386
Total	8,771	8,512	8,191	7,912	7,712	7,662	7,778	7,800	7,931	8,040	8,314	8,404	8,432	8,870	8,891	9,000	9,040	9,161	9,140	9,200	9,042

* These figures do not include 6th grade students who are classified as secondary students receiving resource room services.

The number of 6th Grade resource students in 1995-96 was 46 students; in 1996-97, 63 students; in 1997-98, 55 students; in 1998-99, 56 students; in 1999-00, 56 students; and in 2000-01, 61 students. These students are included in the "Resource" classification and are included in the enrollment totals for those years.

† self-contained and language concept students

‡ non self-contained secondary students receiving resource room services

Source: Shenendehowa Central School District Fall Enrollment Figures.

TABLE A13
Shenendehowa Central School District
Towns of Clifton Park, Halfmoon, Waterford
and the Village of Round Lake
Number of Live Births: 1975-2000

Year of Birth	Number of Births	Yr. to Enter First Grade	Number of First Grade Students	Survival Ratio
1975	430	1981	567	1.31860
1976	455	1982	542	1.19121
1977	497	1983	498	1.00201
1978	460	1984	514	1.11739
1979	504	1985	587	1.16468
1980	531	1986	572	1.07721
1981	536	1987	676	1.26119
1982	482	1988	710	1.47303
1983	525	1989	738	1.40571
1984	573	1990	751	1.31065
1985	632	1991	768	1.21519
1986	669	1992	695	1.03886
1987	666	1993	763	1.14565
1988	632	1994	701	1.10918
1989	654	1995	634	0.96942
1990	767	1996	736	0.95958
1991	643	1997	666	1.03577
1992	675	1998	693	1.02667
1993	632	1999	716	1.13291
1994	671	2000	675	1.00596
1995	688	2001	-	
1996	660	2002	-	
1997	706	2003	-	
1998	707	2004	-	

Source: NYS Department of Health, Division of Biometrics

TABLE A14
Shenendehowa Central School District
Number of Housing Units

Year	Beginning of the Year					Net Change During the Year					Total End of Year				
	S.F.	T.H.	Duplex	Apt.	M.H.	S.F.	T.H.	Duplex	Apt.	M.H.	S.F.	T.H.	Duplex	Apt.	M.H.
1980						147	0	26	0	0					
1981						149	0	66	20	0					
1982						140	0	102	90	2					
1983						327	0	48	100	1					
1984						338	52	68	174	0					
1985						543	375	36	285	0					
1986						691	108	40	91	0					
1987						471	246	10	6	0					
1988						377	50	8	218	0					
1989						353	52	8	87	0					
1990	11,901	1,206	912	3,959	1,166	167	5	4	36	0	12,068	1,211	916	3,995	1,166
1991	12,068	1,211	916	3,995	1,166	164	48	6	37	0	12,232	1,259	922	4,032	1,166
1992	12,232	1,259	922	4,032	1,166	183	26	8	109	0	12,415	1,285	930	4,141	1,166
1993	12,415	1,285	930	4,141	1,166	298	30	20	76	0	12,713	1,315	950	4,217	1,166
1994	12,713	1,315	950	4,217	1,166	252	6	10	85	0	12,965	1,321	960	4,302	1,166
1995	12,965	1,321	960	4,302	1,166	201	4	12	80	0	13,166	1,325	972	4,382	1,166
1996	13,166	1,325	972	4,382	1,166	238	2	10	282	0	13,404	1,327	982	4,664	1,166
1997	13,404	1,327	982	4,664	1,166	251	2	20	336	10	13,655	1,329	1,002	5,000	1,176
1998	13,655	1,329	1,002	5,000	1,176	331	10	14	154	2	13,986	1,339	1,016	5,154	1,178
1999	13,986	1,339	1,016	5,154	1,178	293	24	18	32	0	14,279	1,363	1,034	5,186	1,178
2000	14,279	1,363	1,034	5,186	1,178	328	32	16	18	0	14,607	1,395	1,050	5,204	1,178

S.F. = Single Family

T.H. = Townhouse/Condominiums

Apt. = Apartments

M.H. = Mobile Homes

Source: 1990 U.S. Bureau of the Census, individual town & village building permit issuances.

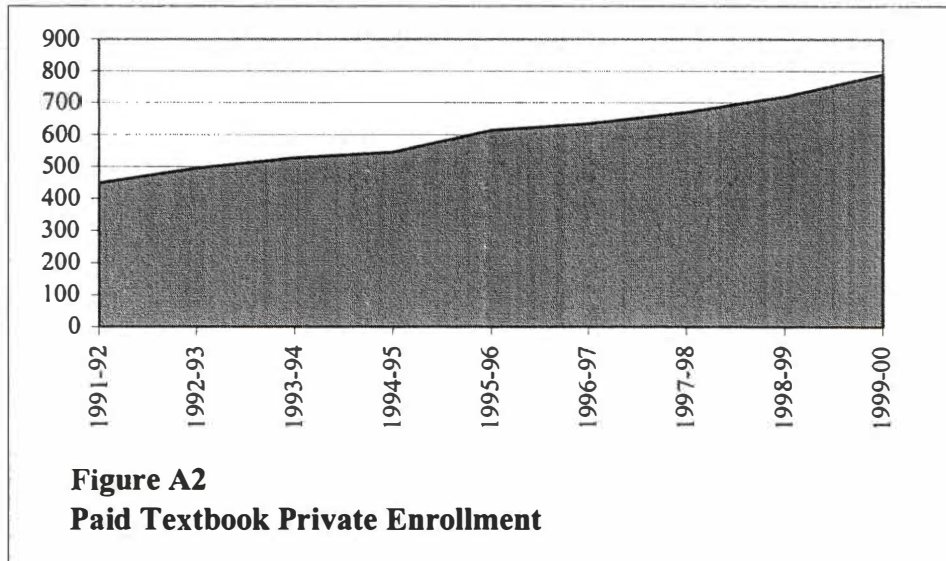
Note: Totals begin in 1990 because the 1990 Census enumerated the housing units within the School District boundaries by type.

The 1980 Census did not provide the same format.

Table 15
Shenendehowa Central School District
Paid Textbooks, Private School Enrollment 1991-92 to 1999-00

School Year	Private School Enrollment*	Percent Change From Previous Year	Shenendehowa Enrollment	Percent Change From Previous Year
1991-92	448		8404	
1992-93	495	10%	8432	0.33%
1993-94	527	6%	8489	0.68%
1994-95	545	3%	8495	0.07%
1995-96	614	13%	8479	-0.19%
1996-97	635	3%	8507	0.33%
1997-98	670	6%	8549	0.49%
1998-99	720	7%	8565	0.19%
1999-00	790	10%	8622	0.67%

* These numbers are the total number of private school students receiving funding for their books from Shenendehowa.



The best historical data available is the Non-Public Textbooks data, which does not include about 70 private school students but does provide consistent data beginning with the 1991-92 school year. Public school districts in New York State must provide textbooks for students attending private schools.

Table A16
Shenendehowa Central School District
Private School Enrollment, Grade Comparison 1998-99 to 2000-01

<i>Grade</i>	Private Sch Students 1998-99	% Change 98-99 to 99-00	Private Sch Students 1999-00	% Change 99-00 to 00-01	Private Sch Students 2000-01
<i>k</i>	89	11%	99	6%	105
<i>1</i>	79	0%	79	6%	84
<i>2</i>	60	23%	74	9%	81
<i>3</i>	72	-11%	64	23%	79
<i>4</i>	52	23%	64	5%	67
<i>5</i>	48	8%	52	29%	67
<i>6</i>	62	13%	70	-9%	64
<i>7</i>	45	44%	65	23%	80
<i>8</i>	46	15%	53	45%	77
<i>9</i>	47	4%	49	20%	59
<i>10</i>	55	-7%	51	27%	65
<i>11</i>	49	18%	58	21%	70
<i>12</i>	58	-12%	51	22%	62
<i>unkn</i>	27		29		28
Total	789	9%	858	15%	988

Note: This data represents the total private school enrollment and is not available for years prior to 1998-99.

Source: Shenendehowa Central School District Fall Enrollment Records

Table A17
Shenendehowa Central School District
Private School Enrollment, Cohort Comparison 1998-99 to 2000-01

Grade	Private Sch Students 1998-99	Cohort % Change 98-99 to 99-00	Grade	Private Sch Students 1999-00	Cohort % Change 99-00 to 00-01	Grade	Private Sch Students 2000-01
			<i>k</i>	99	-15%	<i>k</i>	105
<i>k</i>	89	-11%	<i>l</i>	79	3%	<i>l</i>	84
<i>1</i>	79	-6%	<i>1</i>	74	7%	<i>1</i>	81
<i>2</i>	60	7%	<i>2</i>	64	5%	<i>2</i>	79
<i>3</i>	72	-11%	<i>3</i>	64	5%	<i>3</i>	67
<i>4</i>	52	0%	<i>4</i>	52	23%	<i>4</i>	67
<i>5</i>	48	46%	<i>5</i>	70	14%	<i>5</i>	64
<i>6</i>	62	5%	<i>6</i>	65	18%	<i>6</i>	80
<i>7</i>	45	18%	<i>7</i>	53	11%	<i>7</i>	77
<i>8</i>	46	7%	<i>8</i>	49	33%	<i>8</i>	59
<i>9</i>	47	9%	<i>9</i>	51	37%	<i>9</i>	65
<i>10</i>	55	5%	<i>10</i>	58	7%	<i>10</i>	70
<i>11</i>	49	4%	<i>11</i>	51		<i>11</i>	62
<i>12</i>	58						
<i>unkn</i>	27		<i>unkn</i>	29		<i>unkn</i>	28
Total	789	9%		858	15%		988

Note: This data represents the total private school enrollment.

Source: Shenendehowa Central School District Fall Enrollment Records

Table A18
Averill Park Central School District
Enrollment and Survival Ratios

Grade	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
K	173	176	172	193	181	184	164	196	232	208	201	217	221	215	234	224	216	228
1	191	217	214	214	237	228	224	203	219	258	243	221	275	254	258	234	236	232
2	170	168	175	184	193	188	206	201	193	194	233	227	234	266	253	263	236	240
3	197	175	180	175	196	197	192	200	207	185	184	240	261	245	296	260	267	243
4	171	205	172	189	180	195	188	190	204	204	193	206	274	272	254	300	260	265
5	174	169	200	168	188	164	208	200	197	200	200	196	241	281	296	265	306	270
6	216	196	178	209	186	186	186	207	211	215	211	220	238	256	312	310	278	320
7	237	215	206	182	222	177	190	183	217	215	231	221	234	237	264	309	320	276
8	248	236	227	204	176	219	183	198	182	222	214	230	229	231	249	266	305	310
9	211	240	241	217	214	162	201	175	203	178	212	241	236	253	274	294	291	346
10	242	207	249	230	226	207	159	203	175	198	175	227	245	215	289	294	276	280
11	214	229	211	233	220	205	202	160	206	179	196	195	232	244	240	265	244	235
12	217	220	221	216	223	213	190	195	163	213	183	211	194	216	264	219	237	234
Total	2661	2653	2646	2614	2642	2525	2493	2511	2609	2669	2676	2852	3114	3185	3483	3503	3472	3479
Survival Ratio		0.99516	1.00133	0.97958	1.00862	0.94415	0.98919	0.98738	1.01792	0.99503	0.99288	1.05323	1.08003	1.0063	1.08606	1.0201	0.98693	1.0000

<u>School with Construction</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Cost/Student</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>
High School	1997-98	\$ 19,669	1105
Sand Lake Elementary	1997-98	\$ 10,109	322
Poestenkill Elementary	1997-98	\$ 17,208	367
West Sand Lake Elementary	1997-98	\$ 16,917	498
Algonquin Middle	1997-98	\$ 19,411	648
Miller Hill Elementary	1997-98	\$ 34,410	212
George Washington Elementary	1997-98	\$ 22,754	160

Note: The survival ratios that are underlined and in italics are for the year of construction completion and the following year

16-Year Average Survival Ratio *1.0093*

Table A19
Ballston Spa Central School District
Enrollment and Survival Ratios

Grade	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
K	223	219	239	218	285	275	262	313	304	297	316	357	361	342	352	354	342	352
1	212	199	246	252	244	324	312	292	334	345	322	322	389	381	369	367	356	355
2	209	232	204	224	253	220	268	295	285	319	342	309	325	365	360	334	372	364
3	190	209	233	203	220	252	236	273	303	290	314	326	324	320	358	355	319	386
4	203	201	218	230	205	234	239	224	274	301	282	314	326	296	321	335	360	334
5	230	192	211	212	241	210	228	238	236	274	311	282	314	331	290	327	333	373
6	237	229	198	205	219	251	221	232	260	245	297	324	297	311	326	311	332	344
7	253	246	238	201	222	225	263	229	243	248	257	293	335	307	308	335	328	338
8	250	249	237	230	222	224	213	255	221	246	255	249	293	335	295	308	332	331
9	347	303	309	296	262	243	246	248	302	243	257	260	269	300	346	359	317	378
10	271	253	252	253	259	213	210	222	239	270	225	244	251	260	285	315	297	313
11	242	221	201	223	230	226	201	194	213	210	243	223	233	234	244	229	274	241
12	262	248	237	229	233	228	219	200	207	222	229	249	215	233	223	220	243	272
Ungrded										9	12	12	12	16	10	9	6	
Total	3129	3001	3023	2976	3095	3125	3118	3215	3421	3519	3662	3764	3944	4031	4087	4158	4211	4381
Survival Ratio		0.97693	1.00158	0.9839	1.01463	0.98021	0.97025	0.98976	1.02998	0.98866	1.008	0.98973	1.0114	0.98219	<u>0.97396</u>	<u>0.97864</u>	0.98019	1.01324

<u>School with Construction</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Cost/Student</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>
Garrett Road High School	1997-98	\$ 46,691	940
Malta Avenue School	1998-99	\$ 3,493	523
Primary Middle School	1998-99	\$ 4,376	1557

Note: The survival ratios that are underlined and in italics are for the year of construction completion and the following year

16-Year Average Survival Ratio 0.99352

Table A20
Clarence Central School District
Enrollment and 1st-11th to 2nd-12th Survival Ratios

Grade	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00
K	186	192	213	202	236	251	271	256	258	284	269	280	338	297	300	289	303
1	220	198	216	233	243	272	295	291	279	281	297	296	288	359	303	304	312
2	175	212	189	202	239	234	266	278	287	276	283	309	292	291	353	319	314
3	181	180	221	201	218	256	256	277	287	297	278	295	311	302	302	383	341
4	209	181	185	226	219	230	279	255	283	298	306	300	297	329	321	315	397
5	191	217	185	187	236	221	244	295	268	294	305	317	302	313	321	326	329
6	227	190	223	192	197	243	223	254	291	274	292	322	324	309	314	332	327
7	237	225	196	231	210	220	257	240	264	297	276	296	331	332	315	322	348
8	277	241	238	196	228	211	225	260	241	259	301	280	323	333	335	314	335
9	254	293	233	238	203	244	223	235	279	247	268	297	276	340	337	344	337
10	277	258	293	236	238	202	243	225	230	269	245	255	284	268	321	331	359
11	272	283	256	286	236	243	202	245	220	232	273	250	269	289	266	322	338
12	308	273	276	242	295	228	236	196	235	213	218	268	251	253	272	257	324
Ungrded															10	20	26
Total	3014	2943	2924	2872	2998	3055	3220	3307	3422	3521	3611	3765	3886	4015	4070	4178	4390
Survival Ratio		1.0131	1.00686	1.00082	1.03748	1.02635	1.03028	1.01732	1.01051	1.00922	1.00694	<u>1.02081</u>	<u>1.01337</u>	1.0188	1.00058	<u>1.02487</u>	<u>1.03937</u>

<u>School with Construction</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Cost/Student</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>
Clarence Central High School	1998-99	\$ 19,473	1,210
Clarence Central Junior High	1994-95	\$ 7,585	979

16-Year Average Survival Ratio 1.01729

Note: The survival ratios that are underlined and in italics are for the year of construction completion and the following year

Table A21
East Aurora Union Free School District
Enrollment and 1st-11th to 2nd-12th Survival Ratios

Grade	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00
K	114	116	133	140	132	129	143	151	159	166	162	153	155	141	120	143	122
1	119	109	117	128	149	136	131	151	151	168	174	165	160	162	144	140	137
2	118	121	117	124	140	153	141	146	160	157	168	168	163	156	159	146	144
3	124	117	111	118	130	146	147	138	143	151	158	164	162	160	154	164	149
4	125	116	117	109	125	133	144	147	138	145	150	155	163	167	161	160	169
5	120	132	116	127	121	128	132	147	152	136	147	147	162	162	169	167	162
6	125	122	136	126	122	120	131	132	142	147	138	148	152	157	155	171	168
7	144	135	124	140	121	131	119	133	135	147	141	144	140	142	153	160	174
8	165	143	139	128	135	125	125	113	126	142	151	136	140	147	144	161	164
9	220	187	166	147	151	145	133	144	129	138	161	160	130	147	151	157	173
10	174	206	178	156	145	140	141	136	142	140	138	160	144	133	140	156	162
11	187	180	208	184	153	145	141	144	141	135	141	135	148	141	131	145	162
12	213	182	187	209	186	150	152	145	138	136	140	143	126	142	140	127	154
Ungrded								12	8	10	9	10	12	11	28	29	
Total	1948	1866	1849	1836	1810	1781	1780	1839	1864	1918	1978	1988	1957	1968	1949	2026	2040
Survival Ratio		<u>1.01234</u>	<u>1.01977</u>	<u>1.02551</u>	<u>1.02824</u>	<u>1.01609</u>	<u>1.00266</u>	<u>1.03502</u>	<u>1.00713</u>	<u>1.01085</u>	<u>1.01609</u>	<u>0.99642</u>	<u>0.97045</u>	<u>0.99344</u>	<u>1.00000</u>	<u>1.03197</u>	<u>1.01424</u>

School with Construction	Year	Cost/Student	Enrollment	16-Year Average Survival Ratio	<u>1.01126</u>
Parkdale Elementary	1998-99	\$ 6,111	417		
Senior High School	1998-99	\$ 14,150	832		

Note: The survival ratios that are underlined and in italics are for the year of construction completion and the following year

Table A22
Elmira Heights Central School District
Enrollment and 1st-11th to 2nd-12th Survival Ratios

Grade	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00
K	84	87	108	111	89	109	104	100	84	113	94	95	87	88	91	84	65
1	80	87	96	112	115	103	106	118	110	98	121	92	97	93	92	94	76
2	60	72	86	79	92	96	88	90	97	97	90	107	94	87	104	94	81
3	78	64	75	80	76	91	91	96	81	95	94	79	115	92	86	97	93
4	74	85	64	70	74	73	90	89	92	85	97	86	83	112	101	88	96
5	69	72	80	69	63	76	78	91	87	92	88	98	89	88	114	100	88
6	66	61	67	81	71	64	73	78	85	95	92	91	103	85	94	110	83
7	87	76	60	74	83	78	71	73	79	91	97	100	104	105	100	89	112
8	99	87	75	70	78	85	77	76	68	78	91	80	92	101	107	84	77
9	98	95	84	75	72	82	92	74	71	77	71	80	86	84	90	105	89
10	82	86	88	79	71	70	75	84	71	74	70	62	84	88	77	114	104
11	93	82	77	84	76	74	63	81	77	66	78	59	56	81	78	94	87
12	100	85	78	74	91	76	63	61	78	65	68	59	58	54	79	76	75
Ungrded						10	12		33	11	10	26				12	39
Total			1038	1058	1051	1087	1083	1111	1113	1137	1161	1114	1148	1158	1213	1241	1165
Survival Ratio		0.9763	0.96194	0.98005	0.97022	1.00459	0.96785	0.97489	0.96737	0.97371	0.98644	0.92793	1.00417	0.97408	1.01378	1.01918	0.94727

<u>School with Construction</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Cost/Student</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>
Edison Junior/Senior High	1997-98	\$ 9,732	417
Dr. N. Cohen Elementary	1997-98	\$ 8,021	832

16-Year Average Survival Ratio 0.97811

Note: The survival ratios that are underlined and in italics are for the year of construction completion and the following year

Table A23
Guilderland Central School District

Enrollment and 1st-11th to 2nd-12th Survival Ratios

Grade	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00
K	248	286	281	295	309	328	354	338	377	367	345	371	383	340	362	378	378
1	255	307	323	321	346	336	352	380	380	396	409	399	432	411	384	411	445
2	279	247	304	350	330	362	351	366	388	384	399	433	405	426	430	401	444
3	236	293	254	285	355	348	370	360	367	392	377	409	447	421	436	449	415
4	246	251	286	254	301	369	349	370	368	363	406	406	413	440	434	430	441
5	285	254	274	312	265	315	393	358	378	372	376	418	415	421	446	432	428
6	286	292	262	292	327	263	326	390	363	395	403	405	433	428	448	469	461
7	332	309	309	279	296	332	288	336	406	370	423	395	420	431	438	460	479
8	368	335	309	333	276	294	349	287	339	400	385	413	411	429	440	432	456
9	395	418	385	337	334	297	310	339	297	366	404	373	418	412	424	451	433
10	365	388	405	369	328	332	297	314	334	306	357	396	362	416	415	416	454
11	423	344	353	401	353	311	325	289	304	331	302	344	398	348	400	405	404
12	343	362	334	339	378	340	328	333	298	311	330	296	351	394	353	392	402
Ungrded				9	10	21	26	26	33	34	40	42	42	50	46	47	50
Total	4061	4086	4079	4176	4208	4248	4418	4486	4632	4787	4956	5100	5330	5367	5456	5573	5690
Survival Ratio		1.00663	1.01076	1.02512	1.00283	1.01481	1.03568	1.00863	1.01399	1.01682	1.02135	1.01108	1.01867	1.00264	1.01767	1.00895	1.01283

School with Construction	Year	Cost/Student	Enrollment
Guilderland High School	1998-99	\$ 17,102	1,593
Pine Bush Elementary	1994-95	\$ 15,052	533

16-Year Average Survival Ratio 1.01428

Note: The survival ratios that are underlined and in italics are for the year of construction completion and the following year

Table A24
Hampton Bays Union Free School District
Enrollment and 1st-11th to 2nd-12th Survival Ratios

Grade	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00
K	85	99	71	91	84	103	64	73	82	85	117	111	117	98	106	104	136
1	69	96	113	92	110	94	106	71	78	94	95	111	119	116	89	120	121
2	65	63	89	107	89	100	93	104	65	73	89	94	108	112	126	106	118
3	74	70	71	84	107	88	94	94	109	69	78	91	102	108	105	125	111
4	70	75	74	76	88	98	89	95	98	97	77	78	93	99	113	107	131
5	79	70	78	74	80	91	103	91	97	102	106	76	78	96	100	114	104
6	72	74	66	78	78	79	96	104	97	96	105	113	81	79	91	110	114
7	107	76	83	90	83	75	80	105	99	116	101	117	117	89	89	94	119
8	121	111	69	89	82	82	75	85	82	105	113	96	116	123	88	95	108
9	128	126	119	77	89	82	80	88	73	105	113	114	103	111	128	92	98
10	90	122	131	121	74	90	84	84	80	79	114	117	113	93	109	125	101
11	124	80	119	129	116	67	88	90	75	82	77	111	110	108	92	102	99
12	102	123	82	106	120	105	67	92	69	87	72	78	109	104	104	88	100
Ungrded	16	15	23	48	73	40	27	94	100	74	61	64	55	36	17		19
Total	1202	1200	1188	1262	1273	1194	1146	1270	1204	1264	1318	1371	1421	1372	1357	1382	1479
Survival Ratio		0.99015	1.02658	1.04251	1.01315	0.93265	0.98986	1.10936	0.9448	1.03039	1.01282	1.01771	1.00254	0.96904	0.99316	1.00959	1.02689

<u>School with Construction</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Cost/Student</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>
Hampton Bays Elementary	1998-99	\$ 8,526	562
Junior/Senior High School	1998-99	\$ 14,013	625

16-Year Average Survival Ratio **1.00695**

Note: The survival ratios that are underlined and in italics are for the year of construction completion and the following year

Table A25
Holland Central School District
Enrollment and 1st-11th to 2nd-12th Survival Ratios

Grade	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00
K	104	105	97	121	128	119	104	100	107	94	110	107	104	94	104	103	89
1	112	112	108	115	139	133	127	128	113	123	109	111	106	115	99	104	101
2	92	99	105	95	109	120	123	111	119	103	111	112	110	103	120	102	102
3	85	99	89	103	99	105	122	119	112	118	106	110	109	112	109	114	103
4	108	88	91	85	115	93	106	126	123	114	124	107	110	111	124	106	118
5	104	106	89	89	89	104	92	106	123	119	123	126	108	106	110	119	103
6	119	105	100	88	92	96	105	91	109	124	115	117	117	106	108	110	129
7	134	116	106	107	91	95	90	106	97	118	129	123	122	133	117	107	111
8	120	128	109	106	103	86	101	88	103	93	118	122	127	116	124	111	106
9	144	119	134	119	115	109	77	92	98	94	85	114	116	117	103	121	119
10	111	130	110	129	103	108	102	73	90	97	96	87	112	111	114	104	108
11	121	103	113	93	110	93	107	99	80	86	95	91	87	110	110	119	102
12	112	118	104	116	109	118	88	114	96	83	93	99	86	81	111	111	111
Ungrded					12	11	11	12	6	5	5	5		19			
Total	1466	1428	1355	1366	1414	1390	1355	1365	1376	1371	1419	1431	1414	1434	1453	1431	1402
Survival Ratio		0.9688	0.95436	0.9792	1.01594	0.96686	0.97485	0.97764	1.00434	0.9838	1.00503	0.99753	0.98286	1.00082	0.99285	0.98869	0.99589

<u>School with Construction</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Cost/Student</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>
Bumstead Elementary	1995-96	\$ 7,191	490
High School	1995-96	\$ 14,894	420
Elementary School	1995-96	\$ 9,060	404

Note: The survival ratios that are underlined and in italics are for the year of construction completion and the following year

16-Year Average Survival Ratio *0.98684*

Table A26
Jamesville-Dewitt Central School District
Enrollment and 1st-11th to 2nd-12th Survival Ratios

Grade	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00
K	151	142	156	155	162	158	146	191	162	158	152	162	158	136	173	201	194
1	150	171	141	163	159	198	187	172	210	186	187	181	188	173	161	167	208
2	132	141	164	139	171	166	195	195	180	197	182	193	178	189	177	178	175
3	163	124	132	169	145	171	161	196	202	181	189	183	187	169	181	198	193
4	151	152	121	136	156	146	178	162	199	205	187	187	199	189	170	189	200
5	158	139	164	121	136	162	160	190	170	212	210	195	200	208	190	185	205
6	182	156	135	168	136	134	173	169	198	174	220	199	193	204	214	191	186
7	238	179	160	146	172	147	143	174	185	205	192	226	219	200	213	224	199
8	232	222	178	165	149	178	148	140	170	191	208	178	218	218	201	209	233
9	252	241	227	172	179	155	183	163	138	178	209	225	213	235	226	230	241
10	250	236	233	225	168	177	159	163	147	134	171	189	206	193	221	203	203
11	228	245	236	228	221	158	171	153	171	143	134	168	187	197	191	210	195
12	260	218	249	228	224	216	147	156	146	174	140	135	164	181	186	182	202
Ungrded	26	27	14	15	13	15	18	31	4		21	18					
Total	2573	2393	2310	2230	2191	2181	2169	2255	2282	2338	2402	2439	2510	2492	2504	2567	2634
Survival Ratio		<u>0.96207</u>	<u>0.99016</u>	<u>1.00367</u>	<u>1.01245</u>	<u>1.01108</u>	<u>1.01605</u>	<u>1.00853</u>	<u>1.00105</u>	<u>1.01013</u>	<u>1.02841</u>	<u>0.99336</u>	<u><i>1.01027</i></u>	<u><i>0.99771</i></u>	<u><i>0.9977</i></u>	<u>1.02517</u>	<u>1.02198</u>

<u>School with Construction</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Cost/Student</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>
Dewitt Junior/Senior High Sch	1996-97	\$ 12,136	948
Moses Dewitt Elementary	1995-96	\$ 4,676	465

16-Year Average Survival Ratio *1.00561*

Note: The survival ratios that are underlined and in italics are for the year of construction completion and the following year

Table A27
Jordan Elbridge Central School District
Enrollment and 1st-11th to 2nd-12th Survival Ratios

Grade	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00
K	138	143	163	165	204	177	199	178	169	180	162	171	151	156	152	147	144
1	126	133	140	174	167	201	159	174	150	173	151	144	161	146	146	159	143
2	117	129	132	143	165	154	177	149	163	154	163	149	146	161	150	136	138
3	108	119	117	132	126	158	154	172	152	160	162	164	139	145	153	151	133
4	113	105	113	123	144	129	150	151	166	149	170	156	164	142	143	157	151
5	115	121	113	124	116	130	127	149	149	176	151	172	165	162	136	146	155
6	125	113	112	114	124	110	132	125	142	154	175	153	169	172	164	144	153
7	179	138	129	120	127	131	116	138	128	159	179	182	158	179	175	167	148
8	157	174	131	128	127	112	133	108	138	138	146	167	171	145	171	160	164
9	156	161	168	149	134	127	123	139	136	154	137	150	180	185	149	205	156
10	136	142	155	157	136	122	121	100	126	114	137	133	146	148	163	144	158
11	146	139	141	146	147	116	107	103	92	110	88	110	107	122	138	144	122
12	159	131	133	120	143	137	114	102	106	88	103	83	114	101	110	127	141
Ungrded			27			51	50	66	58								
Total	1775	1748	1774	1795	1860	1855	1862	1854	1875	1909	1924	1934	1971	1964	1950	1987	1906
Survival Ratio		0.99594	0.99796	0.98512	0.98609	0.97621	0.97599	0.96966	0.98856	<u>0.9725</u>	<u>0.98172</u>	0.97589	0.9875	<u>0.97421</u>	<u>0.96778</u>	0.99585	0.94513

<u>School with Construction</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Cost/Student</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>
Ramsdell Elementary/Middle	1996-97	\$ 14,388	948
Elbridge Elementary	1992-93	\$ 13,300	465

16-Year Average Survival Ratio 0.97976

Note: The survival ratios that are underlined and in italics are for the year of construction completion and the following year

Table A28
Katona Lewisboro Union Free School District
Enrollment and 1st-11th to 2nd-12th Survival Ratios

Grade	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00
K	163	167	189	188	216	219	210	245	230	242	264	329	310	288	301	329	300
1	178	175	167	196	183	230	225	218	242	243	244	282	338	327	321	320	353
2	171	156	165	166	206	180	227	234	217	243	247	250	287	338	342	330	315
3	172	169	153	168	164	199	181	222	234	219	244	254	250	298	350	361	337
4	191	176	170	155	179	172	190	181	218	223	225	245	267	263	301	355	351
5	192	191	173	179	154	180	170	194	187	242	226	225	243	262	276	319	354
6	191	197	193	176	182	162	178	187	206	198	254	248	232	260	279	288	332
7	262	207	202	210	179	194	171	187	190	215	210	257	246	237	271	277	292
8	281	249	191	208	214	181	189	172	190	187	218	217	259	247	241	268	279
9	295	260	262	206	214	196	187	194	185	199	192	232	220	221	250	230	271
10	245	289	252	271	224	219	191	192	201	173	195	185	222	226	261	251	227
11	288	240	277	251	269	216	216	202	186	190	170	194	178	174	205	254	251
12	295	291	246	275	239	259	205	207	202	184	190	161	185	194	218	203	244
Ungrded	53	41	46	43	50	55	50	43	56	71	61	62	48	49	38	2	4
Total	2977	2808	2686	2692	2673	2662	2590	2678	2744	2829	2940	3141	3285	3384	3654	3787	3910
Survival Ratio		0.97896	0.99149	1.02532	1.02019	0.99775	0.98672	1.01839	1.02066	1.01384	1.01207	1.0177	0.99472	0.99247	1.0448	1.00096	1.00061

<u>School with Construction</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Cost/Student</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>
John Jay High School	1998-99	\$ 74,423	240
Lewisboro Elementary	1998-99	\$ 11,950	347
Katonah Elementary	1998-99	\$ 15,871	334
Increase Miller Elementary	1998-99	\$ 11,330	399
John Jay Junior High School	1998-99	\$ 14,940	612
Meadow Pond Elementary	1998-99	\$ 11,545	321

16-Year Average Survival Ratio **1.00729**

Note: The survival ratios that are underlined and in italics are for the year of construction completion and the following year

Table A29
Monroe Woodbury Central School District
Enrollment and 1st-11th to 2nd-12th Survival Ratios

Grade	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00
K	283	342	359	396	384	384	410	400	420	445	427	476	502	481	449	469	473
1	314	310	364	380	395	376	384	427	419	440	458	450	497	528	480	454	495
2	321	325	331	377	376	386	386	384	416	407	420	472	461	520	525	487	470
3	329	326	320	341	384	379	384	367	384	421	429	452	483	477	504	525	519
4	325	345	347	331	355	370	377	381	372	380	410	461	481	496	458	522	550
5	317	336	355	357	333	361	359	372	384	374	380	434	450	477	488	506	565
6	308	331	344	370	348	321	345	367	366	385	378	406	450	457	465	525	517
7	397	348	374	360	400	369	358	387	406	408	434	418	421	447	471	492	546
8	465	407	348	383	367	376	368	360	378	397	410	448	417	428	451	479	492
9	399	495	431	379	410	388	404	397	378	397	414	424	459	472	481	496	515
10	361	381	493	429	363	400	383	385	390	378	391	407	425	434	410	447	480
11	385	359	358	460	404	346	378	363	378	374	354	373	385	382	423	394	414
12	453	391	349	364	463	400	344	377	370	373	370	342	375	389	390	410	395
Ungrded		47	49	59	66	75	93	87	116	141	121				130	110	53
Total	4657	4743	4822	4986	5048	4931	4973	5054	5177	5320	5396	5563	5806	5988	6125	6316	6484
Survival Ratio		1.04336	1.02219	1.02333	1.01018	0.99286	1.00772	1.00190	1.01426	1.01094	1.002	1.00826	1.01307	1.01014	1.01524	1.02024	1.01453

School with Construction

New High School

Year

1999-00

Cost

\$ 47,500,000

Enrollment

0

16-Year Average Survival Ratio1.01314

Note: The survival ratios that are underlined and in italics are for the year of construction completion and the following year

Table A30
Nyack Union Free School District
Enrollment and 1st-11th to 2nd-12th Survival Ratios

Grade	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00
K	241	215	233	199	194	185	173	201	198	232	224	238	243	212	210	211	182
1	224	215	225	251	226	233	224	217	229	198	244	227	263	250	225	227	231
2	186	208	202	193	200	175	207	198	188	228	198	243	244	250	235	217	231
3	177	190	196	199	183	204	176	201	198	177	232	196	245	237	250	231	212
4	182	176	193	189	188	183	200	183	204	194	186	225	197	234	224	247	230
5	181	184	171	187	185	190	174	191	182	210	200	188	225	195	235	213	238
6	197	189	183	163	179	180	191	200	215	215	233	224	203	246	210	246	221
7	235	182	208	190	164	196	197	212	217	214	213	236	226	202	242	213	240
8	253	208	194	211	185	171	186	185	216	229	217	211	229	198	195	247	220
9	267	266	267	246	238	225	198	211	226	260	251	256	245	258	270	204	272
10	291	246	270	228	229	234	201	205	226	214	271	231	233	243	229	250	186
11	294	265	245	253	237	226	226	204	184	208	214	237	228	237	211	236	219
12	236	263	265	216	222	208	196	214	205	189	213	207	237	220	217	201	206
Ungrded	95	93	32	42	48	72	84	60	80	78	69	60	64	72	72	60	44
Total	3059	2900	2884	2767	2678	2682	2633	2682	2768	2846	2965	2979	3082	3054	3025	3003	2932
Survival Ratio		0.95662	1.00165	0.97108	0.96003	1.00088	0.97685	1.00000	1.03264	1.02156	1.02969	0.99446	1.01657	0.99616	0.9878	0.9873	0.97221

<u>School with Construction</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Cost/Student</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>
Nyack Junior High School	1993-94	\$ 13,497	650
Nyack High School	1991-92		630

16-Year Average Survival Ratio **0.99409**

Note: The survival ratios that are underlined and in italics are for the year of construction completion and the following year

Table A31
Sauquoit Valley Central School District
Enrollment and 1st-11th to 2nd-12th Survival Ratios

Grade	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00
K	83	109	98	123	123	123	123	127	151	141	116	118	114	125	96	115	106
1	79	115	120	105	113	122	123	114	120	144	138	117	120	108	123	99	106
2	66	95	96	104	114	110	109	113	117	121	142	128	114	118	108	107	96
3	81	79	103	101	114	114	111	101	123	119	116	138	134	113	113	109	103
4	70	101	78	96	104	114	116	110	107	126	122	121	131	125	110	109	106
5	60	88	99	78	95	111	113	113	113	104	119	121	127	130	125	106	113
6	77	78	94	100	82	95	110	113	116	119	104	114	125	127	130	123	106
7	88	100	78	90	109	92	95	104	117	115	116	109	116	123	125	122	116
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Total	1025	1315	1296	1279	1336	1361	1382	1364	1452	1501	1485	1475	1515	1527	1502	1467	1424
Survival Ratio		<u>1.26566</u>	<u>0.9899</u>	<u>0.95719</u>	<u>1.04463</u>	<u>1.0045</u>	<u>0.99127</u>	<u>0.97567</u>	<u>1.02606</u>	<u>1.00662</u>	<u>0.97621</u>	<u>0.97103</u>	<u>1.00392</u>	<u>0.98854</u>	<u>0.99073</u>	<u>0.95722</u>	<u>0.97979</u>

<u>School with Construction</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Cost/Student</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>
Junior Senior High School	1990-91	\$ 14,130	436
Sulphur Springs Elementary	1990-91	\$ 7,365	735

16-Year Average Survival Ratio 1.00806

Note: The survival ratios that are underlined and in italics are for the year of construction completion and the following year

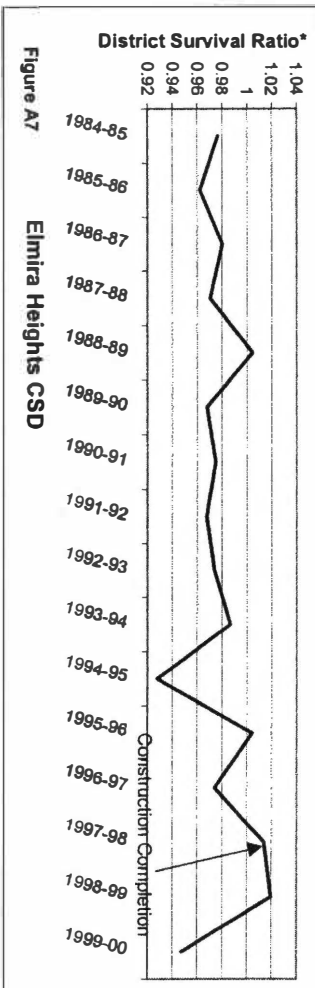
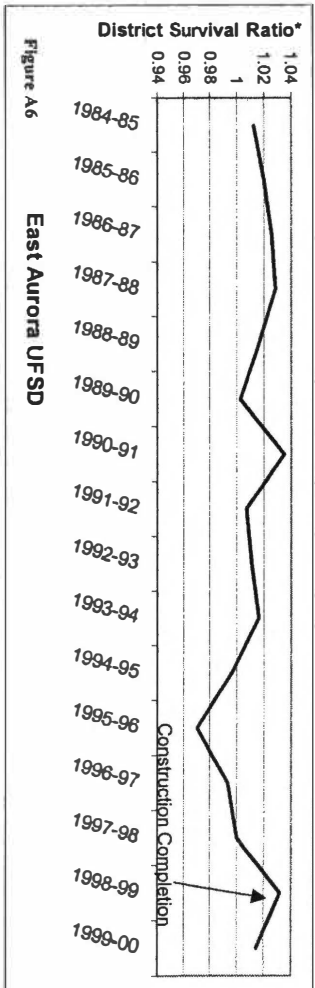
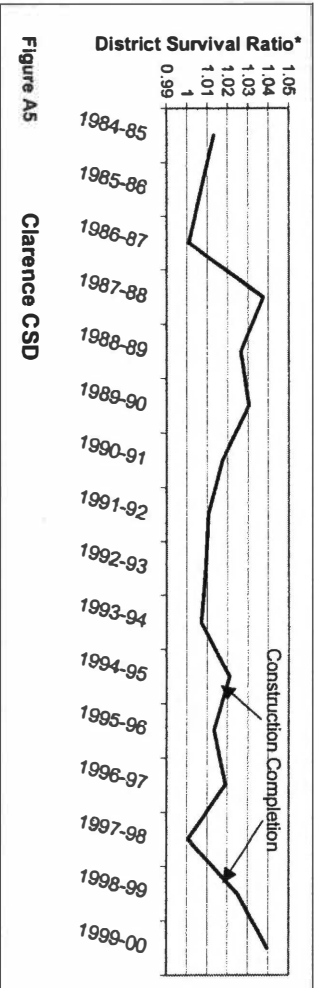
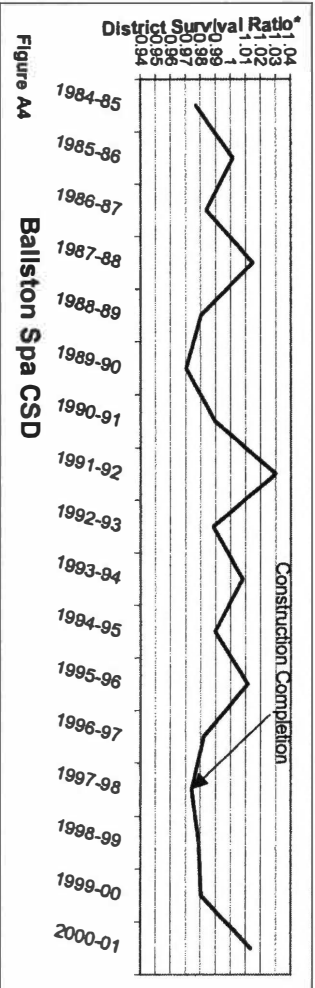
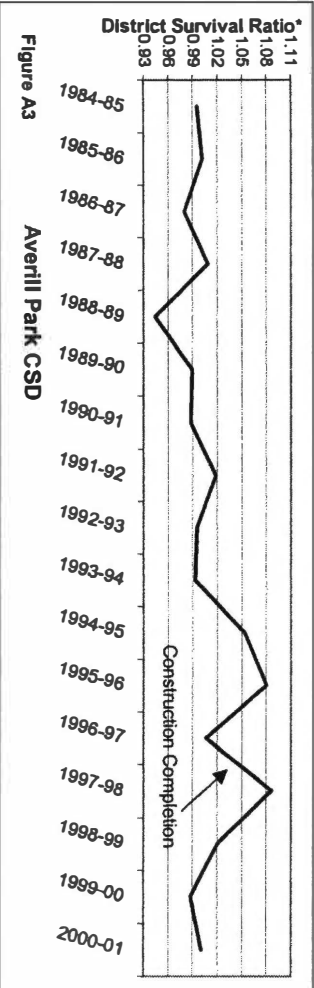
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Schuylerville Central School District
Enrollment and 1st-11th to 2nd-12th Survival Ratios

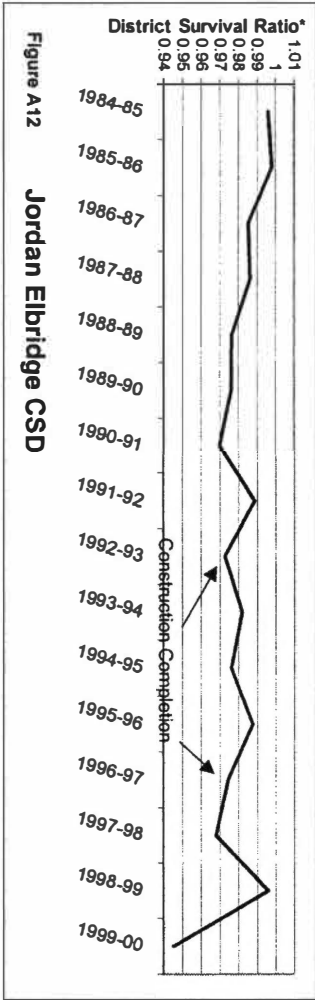
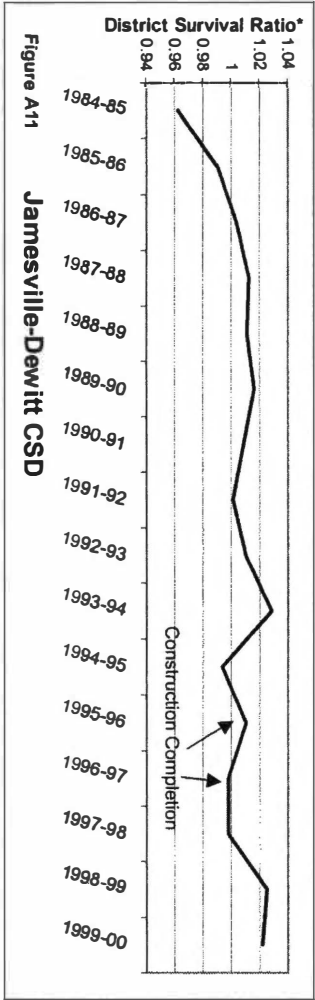
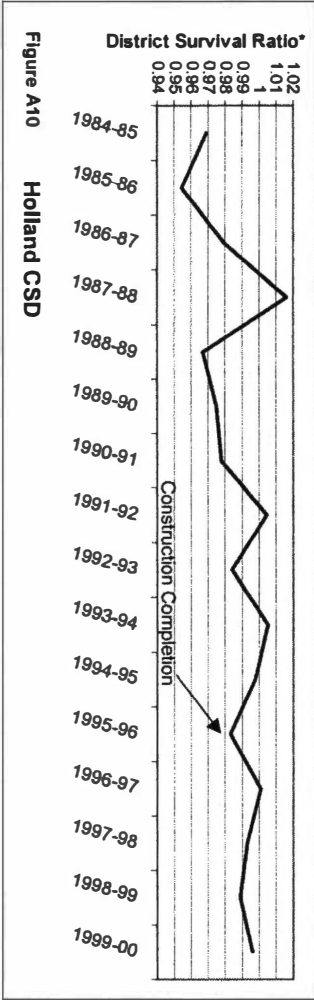
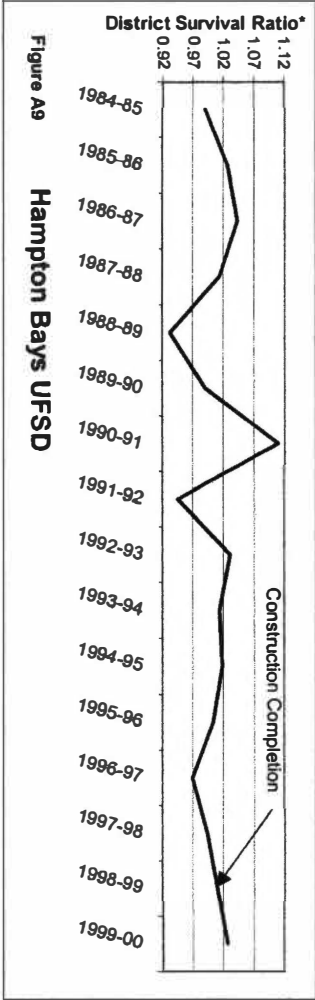
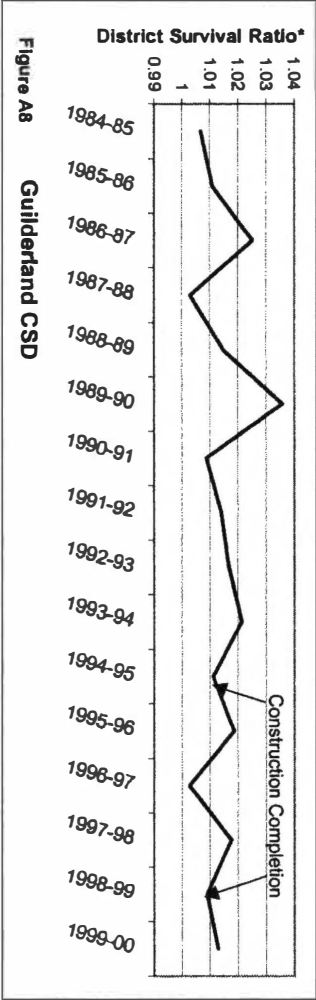
Grade	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00
K	111	105	83	116	91	114	136	104	117	125	144	133	133	122	133	123	127
1	96	110	109	102	114	106	123	145	118	114	144	149	132	136	130	139	131
2	121	114	101	112	98	110	111	115	134	118	125	154	148	129	130	139	142
3	100	121	108	100	101	103	115	95	124	121	109	117	147	134	122	127	133
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8	130	112	114	109	90	106	123	101	105	110	131	111	112	113	135	122	129
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12	95	106	85	122	104	85	95	99	79	86	114	85	83	102	100	97	104
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Total	1424	1429	1383	1438	1326	1348	1440	1426	1421	1468	1549	1568	1608	1597	1624	1649	1672
Survival Ratio		0.99672	0.97783	1.00412	0.93417	0.99735	1.02785	0.97353	<u>0.96975</u>	<u>1.00327</u>	1.00318	0.99613	0.99481	0.96193	0.99126	0.99712	0.9895

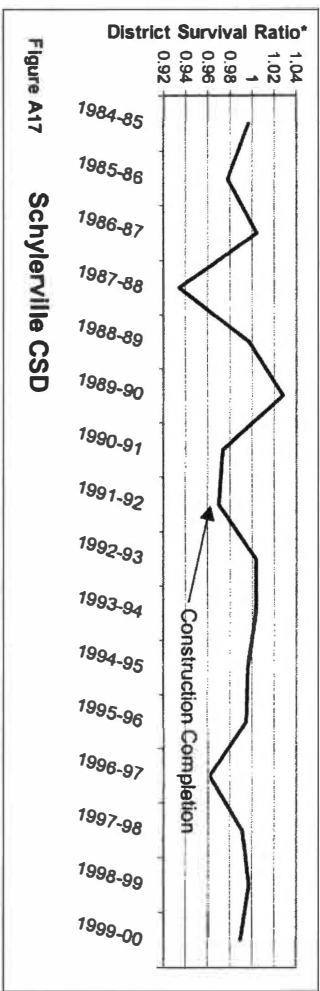
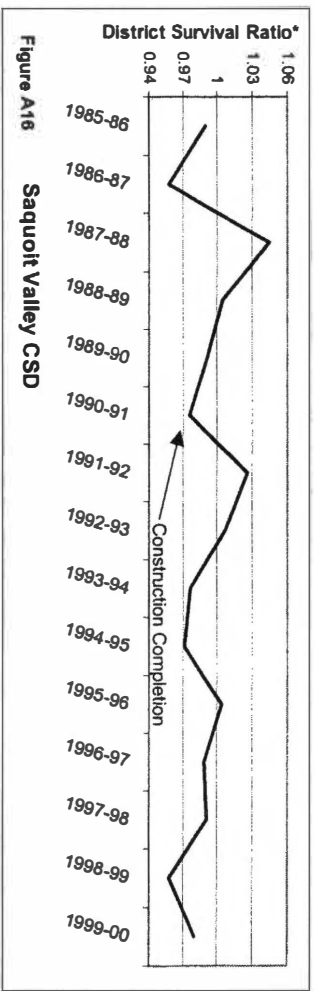
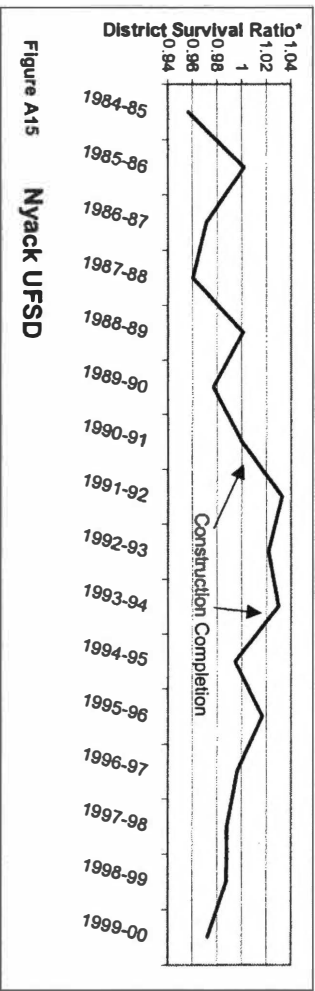
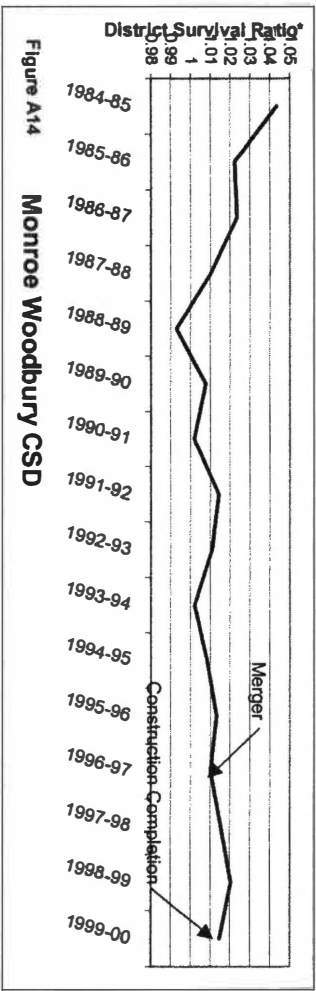
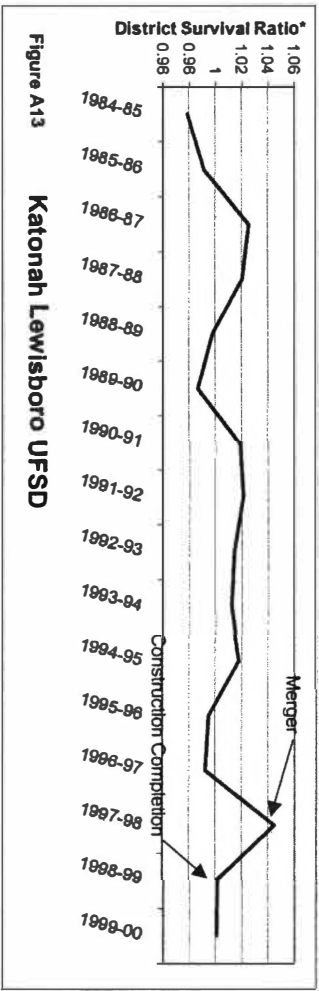
<u>School with Construction</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Cost/Student</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>
Junior Senior High School	1990-91	\$ 10,002	702
Elementary School	1990-91	\$ 6,975	923

16-Year Average Survival Ratio 0.98866

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