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KENTUCKY ENROLLMENT IN REMEDIAL INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS PAINTS DIM PICTURE FOR UNGRADED PRIMARY

KENTUCKY'S REMEDIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM IS CALLED EXTENDED SCHOOL SERVICES.

TEACHERS RECOMMEND STUDENTS FOR ENTRY INTO ESS PROGRAMS. LARGE ESS ENROLLMENTS REFLECT TEACHER OPINION THAT LARGE NUMBERS OF STUDENTS HAVE ENTERED THEIR CLASSROOMS WITH INADEQUATE SKILLS.

ENROLLMENT IN ESS INCREASED DRAMATICALLY OVER THE PAST YEAR FOR BOTH 4TH AND 5TH GRADE.

4TH GRADE ESS IS UP 18%.

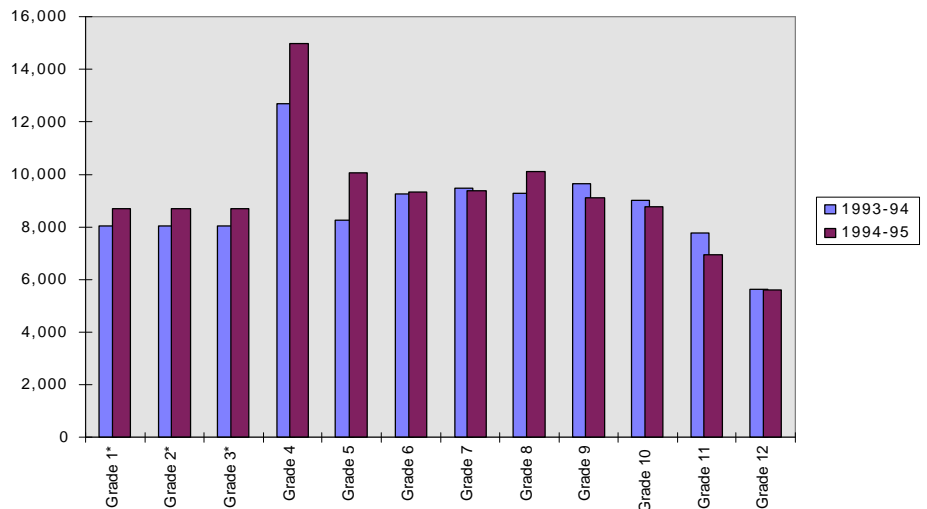
5TH GRADE ESS IS UP 22%.

THE INCREASE IN 4TH AND 5TH GRADE ENROLLMENTS TRACK THE GRADUATIONS OF THE FIRST GROUPS OF CHILDREN WITH EXPERIENCE IN THE UNGRADED PRIMARY.

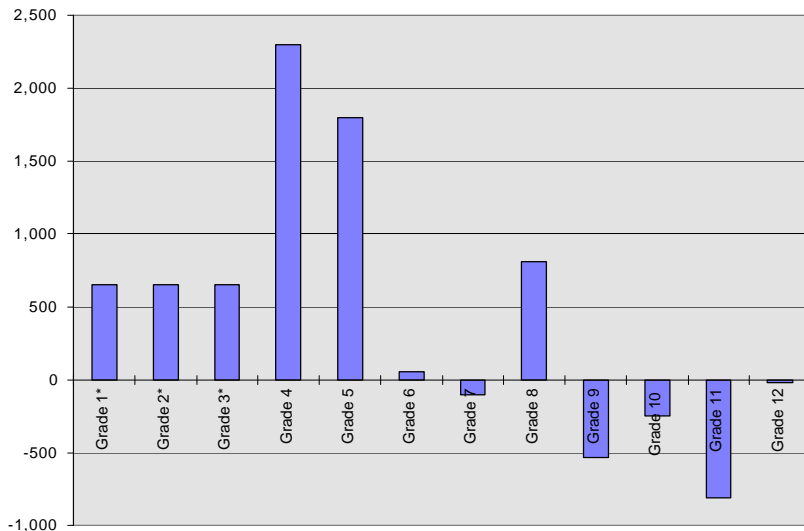
NOTE THAT 5TH GRADE ESS WAS MUCH LOWER IN 1993-94. VIRTUALLY ALL OF 1993-94'S 5TH GRADE ATTENDED GRADES 1 TO 3 PRIOR TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF UNGRADED PRIMARY. BY CONTRAST, THE 5TH GRADERS IN THE 1994-95 SCHOOL YEAR HAD MORE EXPOSURE TO UNGRADED PRIMARY, AND SOME HAD SPENT THE MAJORITY OF THEIR ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE IN GRADES 1 TO 3 IN THE PROGRAM.

WHAT IS CAUSING THESE DRAMATIC ESS TRENDS? COULD IT BE THAT UNGRADED PRIMARY ISN'T WORKING? SOME OF THE MOST SKILLED AND TALENTED JUDGES OF EDUCATION, OUR 4TH AND 5TH GRADE TEACHERS, SEEM TO BE SAYING EXACTLY THAT.

Kentucky ESS Enrollment Data 1993-94 and 1994-95 School Year



Change in KY Extended School Services Program Enrollment from the 1993-94 to 1994-95 School Year



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