CITY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT DOWN SLIGHTLY

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THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN IOWA'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS DECLINED AGAIN THIS FALL.

STATE EDUCATION DIRECTOR JASON GLASS SAYS HIS AGENCY ORIGINALLY PREDICTED AN INCREASE IN STATE K THROUGH 12 ENROLLMENT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN TEN YEARS:

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BUT ALISON BENSON OF THE SIOUX CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT SAYS LOCAL ENROLLMENT WAS ACTUALLY DOWN HERE ALSO:

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BENSON SAYS ENROLLMENT IS STILL HIGHER THAN A FEW YEARS AGO, THANKS TO A 150 STUDENT INCREASE TWO YEARS AGO.

IOWA CENSUS FIGURES SHOW 57% OF CHILDREN UNDER AGE FIVE LIVE IN THE 13 LARGEST COUNTIES.

(RADIO IOWA CONTRIBUTED TO THIS REPORT)