TABLE 6

NUMBER OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS BY LEVEL^{b/} NEW YORK STATE FALL 2007, 2008 AND 2009

Level ^{a/}	Fall 2007	Fall 2008	Fall 2009
Elementary Schools	2,483	2,499	2,517
Middle Schools	624	669	667
Junior High Schools	154	123	119
Junior-Senior High Schools	281	261	277
Senior High Schools	808	835	855
K-12 Schools	80	78	94
Special (Ungraded) Schools	35	47	0
TOTAL STATE	4,395	4,512	4,529

^{a/}The following criteria were used in categorizing schools for this summary:

<u>Elementary Schools</u>: Schools containing at least one grade lower than 6 and no grade higher than 9, <u>except</u> those classified as middle schools.

Middle Schools: Schools containing any of the following grade organizations: 5-7, 5-8, 6-8.

<u>Junior High Schools</u>: Schools containing no grades lower than 6 or higher than 9, <u>except</u> for grade 6-8 schools which are classified as middle schools.

<u>Junior-Senior High Schools</u>: Schools containing any grade organization which includes both lower and higher than 9, <u>except</u> those which have <u>all</u> grades kindergarten through 12.

Senior High Schools: Schools containing no grade lower than 9.

K-12 Schools: School containing all grades kindergarten through 12.

<u>Special (Ungraded) Schools</u>: Schools containing pupils with special needs who are not classifiable by grade level.

^{b/}Changes in the number of schools reported for a particular category do not necessarily imply the closing or opening of particular school buildings. The majority of the differences in number result from changes in grades assigned to individual schools. Schools that have Pre-kindergarten enrollment only are excluded from this table.