

**Chart #5**  
**Mississippi Black Students**  
**-- Class of 2002 --**  
**High School Graduation**  
**and**  
**“College Readiness” Rates**

**If student outcomes do not improve, this data suggests that if those who do NOT graduate are combined with those who graduate NOT college ready, the percentage of all black students NOT college ready will be 85.75 percent, or approximately 224,000 of the roughly 261,200 black students currently in the public school system.**

