

## **Exhibit IX.A.5 (School Population):**

*Submit as Exhibit IX.A.5. an assessment of the likely impact on school populations in the Host Municipality and nearby municipalities resulting from new jobs the Gaming Facility provides, and the Applicant's plans and commitments to remedy or mitigate any negative impacts. Provide copies of any contracts, agreements or other understandings evidencing such mitigation commitments.*

Please see the section on "School Population" of the Impact Study - Housing and Schools by Custom Gaming Consulting/Maxim Strategy Group dated June 22, 2014.

## School Population

The impact on the school population would be directly proportional to the number of households relocating to area to fill Gaming Facility positions. Thus, the analysis in this section was based on the findings from Housing section, presented earlier. Nonetheless, this section starts with an analysis of the school infrastructure in local area, focusing on structure and capabilities.

### ***Public School System Infrastructure***

The public school systems related to the three key municipalities of Newburgh, Middletown, and Poughkeepsie include the following districts:

1. Newburgh Enlarged City School District
2. Enlarged City School District of Middletown
3. Poughkeepsie City School District, respectively.

### ***Newburgh Enlarged City School District***

The Newburgh Enlarged City School District (“NECSD”) has jurisdictions over four (4) municipalities: City of Newburgh, Town of Newburgh, New Windsor, and a small portion of Cornwall.

The district currently comprises of 6 elementary schools (four with Pre-K programs), 3 K-8 schools, 2 middle schools, and a high school. All but two of the K-8 schools and a middle are located in the City of Newburgh.

Total enrollment surpassed 11,150 for the 2011-2012 school year, with an average class size of 22 students for grades one through six. The enrollment count has been fairly static over the last few years.

Other Education Related Items related to SUNY Orange (the area community college):

- The Orange County Legislature recently approved the purchase of three buildings for the expansion of the community college (SUNY Orange) in the City of Newburgh. The buildings will be renovated to meet the requirements of the school.
- A major expansion of the SUNY Orange campus in Newburgh was completed in the spring of 2012. The expansion included the newly constructed Kaplan Hall, a state-of-the-art, 87,000 square foot building on Grand Street, and the renovation of the Tower Building.

### ***Enlarged City School District of Middleton***

The Enlarged City School District of Middletown (“ECSDM”) covers the entire City of Middletown as well as a portion of the towns of Wallkill, Wawayanda, and Goshen. The district contains 4 elementary schools, 2 middle schools and one high school, and employs over 1,000 teachers, administrators, and staff. According to Superintendent Eastwood, the district has been recognized as a high turnaround district based on improved graduation rates. This is particularly

impressive since many of the district's students are categorized as at-risk kids. Since the cost of housing is reasonable in the area, it attracts a high proportion of low income households.

The district currently enrolls roughly 7,100 to 7,200 students, up from about 6,900 students for the 2011-2012 school year. The district is the only school district in the region showing meaningful growth, adding roughly 200 to 250 students per year; about 3% growth per year. The district exhibits an average class size of about 19 to 20 students for the elementary grades.

The district recently added a new elementary school to its inventory. This facility, as well as other in the district, were designed with the ability to expand structurally if the need arises. The new elementary school evolved out of a referendum in December 2008 to demolish Chorley Elementary School and purchase property in Clemson Park to build a new K-5 elementary school.

Plans to upgrade various school facilities, including sports complexes, are currently on the table.

Based on a conversation with the Superintendent of the District – Dr. Kenneth Eastwood, the currently capabilities of the district in terms of manpower, facilities, and equipment are adequate or above. His main concern with regard to gaming coming to the area is the possibility of more “at-risk” kids based on the assumption that low-income households will move to Middletown to take gaming facility jobs, as Middletown has the most affordable housing in the area. As discussed, his district already contains a high portion of “at-risk” kids.

### ***Poughkeepsie City School District***

The Poughkeepsie City School District (“PCSD”) is one of only three school districts in the state of New York that is coterminous with the boundaries of the city in which they are located. Meaning it has the same boundaries as the City of Poughkeepsie.

The district is approximately 4.8 square miles in size, and comprises an Early Learning Center for pre-kindergartens and kindergartens, 4 elementary schools, a middle school, a high school, and one administration building. The district provides educational programs for nearly 5,000 students. There are around 660 professional and support staff personnel employed by the district, of which more than 360 are teaching staff. The district operates with a budget of more than \$80 million per year.

## *Estimate Impact on School Population*

The section estimates the impact of the Gaming Facility on the school population at area school districts.

Recall from the Housing section of this report, we estimated that about 90 households would be relocating to the area. Assuming each household contains an average of 2.1 children of school age, the area school districts would need to absorb about 190 new children.

We allocated the increase in children by district assuming Newburgh would receive a 60% share (113 children) compared to a 20% share (38 children) for both Middletown and Poughkeepsie. The higher proportion for Newburgh reflects the proximity to the proposed gaming facility.

We then compared the expected increase in students to the expected school population in 2018 for each district, yielding a percent increase for each district. In the final analysis, the Newburgh district on the high end showed only a 1.0% increase in school population compared to 0.5% on the low end for Middletown.

<b>School Population Increase Analysis</b>				
Relocating Households	90			
School Age Children / HH	2.1			
<b>School Population Increase</b>	<b>189</b>			
<b>By District:</b>	<b>% Allocation</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Baseline Population</b>	<b>% Increase</b>
Newburgh	60%	113	11,432	1.0%
Middletown	20%	38	7,331	0.5%
Poughkeepsie	20%	38	5,126	0.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>23,888</b>	<b>0.8%</b>

## *Conclusion*

We judge these school population impacts to nominal, and thus contend that these relevant school districts have the capacity to absorb the expected minimal increase in students. Again, this was a very conservative approach because in actuality, the projected increase in students will be spread out over more than just these three districts. Other smaller districts in the area that will likely bare some of the burden include Marlboro Central (north of Newburgh), Cornwall Central (south of Newburgh), Washingtonville Central (southwest of Newburgh), and Valley Central (west of Newburgh).

Based on preliminary estimates, the Newburgh Enlarged School District is expected to realize an additional \$8 million in funding via real estate taxes, equating to approximately \$42,300 per expected new student.