



# 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.**

AKRF, Inc. was engaged to prepare an assessment of the likely impact on school populations in the Town of Thompson and nearby municipalities due to the opening of the Gaming Facility. AKRF’s Report detailing its analysis is provided as Attachment IX.A.5.-1. The Attachment details the methodology and data sources used to arrive at its conclusions.

AKRF’s conclusion is that the affected school districts are anticipated to experience minimal impact from the growth in school population as a result of the jobs added by the Gaming Facility:



All five school districts have experienced a decline in student population between 2005 and 2012. Overall, the student population in all of these districts has declined by 1,483. Given that the greatest number of schoolchildren generated by the proposed project in any of the Gaming Facility revenue scenarios is 45 for all five districts combined, it is expected that there is sufficient capacity in the public school systems serving the Town of Thompson and nearby municipalities to accommodate new school-aged children associated with the in-migrating households. Any additional cost on individual school districts in the area, due to the shrinking student population in these districts, is expected to be minimal.

AKRF Report at p. 5. In view of the fact that the impact on affected school districts is anticipated to be minimal, there are no contracts, agreements or other understanding evidencing any mitigation commitment.