

### **Exhibit IX.A.5 - School Population**

For the purposes of this report, the school district expenditures of interest are those of the three school districts that are located within the Town of Union, which are Union-Endicott Central School District, Maine-Endwell Central School District, and Johnson City Central Schools.

Econsult Solutions, Inc. utilized a standard fiscal impact analysis framework to determine the net new activity associated with the arrival of the proposed casino project into a commensurate amount of net new school-aged children within these school districts and a resulting amount of net new operating expenditures for these school districts. Where assumptions were used to derive this estimate, Econsult Solutions, Inc. conservatively overstated the potential impact, so as to avoid minimizing its magnitude.

Based on this approach, the Econsult Solutions, Inc. report estimated 12 net new school-aged children and a net new operating expenditure amount on the school districts of about \$100,000.

The complete Econsult Solutions, Inc. report is included in Exhibit VIII.B.3.b.2.

To mitigate this direct impact on the three school districts within the Town of Union, Traditions Resort & Casino shall agree to pay up to \$100,000 per year for the first 5 years to the respective school district, upon request, to offset additional expenses incurred by the school district as a result of an increase in student population as a direct result of families relocating to the Town of Union for casino employment.

Because of the low probability of any impact with any of the School Districts a formal mitigation agreement with any of the multiple school districts has not been executed.

Should an unanticipated impact occur, upon request from the school boards, the owners and management will discuss the impacts and work to develop a good faith, mutually acceptable mitigation solution.

It is important to note that Traditions Resort & Casino did formally reach out to each and every school district in the county prior to the submission of this Application. Administrators and School Board members from schools throughout the Town of Union and Broome County, as well as the surrounding counties were invited to a lunch program to learn about our project,

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its potential impact and begin the process of developing mutually beneficial relationship with key members of all organizations.