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Poughkeepsie's Joint Water Board  
3431 North Rd.  
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Dear Members of the Joint Water Board,

I am writing to request your consideration for placing the Dutchess BOCES campus, on Salt Point Turnpike, in Hyde Park, on municipal water through the Water and Wastewater Authority of Dutchess County. We have had several preliminary conversations regarding this matter, I and would like this letter to serve as a formal request to the Joint Water Board.

You may be aware that we are embarking on a \$36.8M construction project this year, and we want to include municipal water in our site plans. Water from our current water system contains high levels of chloride and sodium, which affects our students and employees. Moreover, the County Health Department has cited concerns about our fire suppression systems. Their concern could affect permitting from the State Education Department (SED) for the whole construction project.

If you are willing to enter into agreements with us for municipal water as outlined above, it would be helpful to obtain a letter from the Board indicating that we have begun that planning, which we could file with SED to address of their concerns.

I know there are a number of considerations in these agreements, and we are happy to provide all the information necessary to move this process along, as our construction is scheduled to begin this spring. To start, I want to note that our estimated average daily usage of water is 15,000 gallons based on our need after the construction and our students transferred from our current rental space.

Thank you for your consideration. You may reach me at my direct number: (845)-486-8190 if you have questions or need further information.

Sincerely,

Richard M. Hooley, Ed. D.  
District Superintendent

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