

breaks down the projections into grade categories K to 5 and 6 to 8, with totals given for K to 8. The “best estimate” projections for 2005 to 2009 are as follows:

Table 7: River Vale Public Schools Enrollment Projections

GRADE	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Actual increase from 2005 to 2009	% increase from 2005 to 2009
<b>K – 5</b>	877	876	868	878	882	5	0.57
<b>6 – 8</b>	446	450	472	460	454	8	1.79
<b>K – 8</b>	1,323	1,326	1,340	1,338	1,336	13	0.98

These projected increases can be considered insignificant, and should not by themselves generate any need for expanded facilities.

The second study is entitled New Jersey Department of Education Long Range Facility Plan, and is dated May 10, 2001. This is a five-year plan mandated by the State. The River Vale School District is currently operating under this Plan. It has been reported that the recent expansions, renovations and improvements to the three schools directly resulted from the findings of this study. Since the study’s life span will soon expire, the School District will soon need to embark on an update to this plan for adoption in the spring of 2006. Its data is now obsolete, which means that it successfully fulfilled its objective.

River Vale’s secondary school children (public high school students in grades 9-12) attend the Pascack Valley Regional High School in the neighboring Borough of Hillsdale, which is one of two high schools in the district. It is located on the north side of Piermont Avenue approximately 0.4 miles west of River Vale’s western boundary. In addition to the school building, the site also contains numerous amenities including, baseball fields, softball fields, a soccer/multi-purpose field, a football field, tennis courts, track, and outdoor basketball courts. A referendum was recently passed that will result in major renovations and expansion of the facility.

### 8.1.2 Library

According to both the Library Board President and Library Director, River Vale first initiated their library in 1952 and then relocated it to its present building on the east side of Town Hall in 1983. The building measures approximately 8,000 square feet in size, and this has been determined to be insufficient for present and future needs. The River Vale library is a township library and thus operates only semi-independently from the Township. The library has a board of directors that has sole responsibility for governing the library operations and staff, yet the Mayor appoints the board and that makes it answerable to the Township. State laws governing all municipal libraries also govern the River Vale library. The library is funded by standards set by the State of New Jersey for municipal financial participation. Approximately 95% of the library’s \$603,000 budget comes from the Township. The remainder of their income is self-generated. Library employees are considered employees of the Township with full Township benefits.

The River Vale Public Library is a member of the Bergen County Cooperative Library System, which pools the resources of over 70 regional libraries. Membership in BCCLS allows the library to have a smaller shelf capacity, without limiting its resident’s reading selection. Currently, the River Vale library houses a total of about 55,000 books, compact disks, tapes, videotapes, and other pieces of media. This represents an adequate number of volumes for current and future needs. The library regularly undergoes a process known as “weeding”, wherein items that have not recently circulated are either inexpensively sold off or disposed of, in order to maintain their optimum inventory of 55,000. Through membership in BCCLS, the River Vale