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PUBLIC HEARING: TOWN OF STANFORD

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In the Matter of the Application of:
MILLBROOK SCHOOL, FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
FROM THE DUTCHESS COUNTY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION.

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DATE: March 10, 2026
Stanford, New York
9:35 a.m. - 9:40 a.m.
Donna M. Wells, Reporter

VIDEOTAPED MINUTES
OF
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ALSO PRESENT:

Jeffrey Smith, CFO, Millbrook School
Roger Connor, Videographer

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1 Millbrook School

2 (Whereupon the following exhibits were marked
3 before the start of the public hearing)

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5 (NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING RECEIVED AND MARKED
6 AS HEARING OFFICER'S EXHIBIT 1
7 FOR IDENTIFICATION/IN EVIDENCE)

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11 FOR IDENTIFICATION/IN EVIDENCE)

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13 (AFFIDAVIT OF MAILED SERVICE RECEIVED AND MARKED
14 AS HEARING OFFICER'S EXHIBIT 3
15 FOR IDENTIFICATION/IN EVIDENCE)

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17 (AFFIDAVIT OF EMAILED SERVICE RECEIVED AND MARKED
18 AS HEARING OFFICER'S EXHIBIT 4
19 FOR IDENTIFICATION/IN EVIDENCE)

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21 (MARK DOYLE, CHAIRMAN DCLDC, DESIGNATION LETTER
22 RECEIVED AND MARKED
23 AS HEARING OFFICER'S EXHIBIT 5
24 FOR IDENTIFICATION/IN EVIDENCE)

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(SUSAN J. SERINO, DUTCHESS COUNTY EXECUTIVE,
DESIGNATION LETTER, RECEIVED AND MARKED
AS HEARING OFFICER'S EXHIBIT 6
FOR IDENTIFICATION/IN EVIDENCE)

HEARING OFFICER CAPPILLINO: Good morning everybody. I now open this public hearing in the matter of the application of the Millbrook School.

Before this public hearing began I had the stenographer mark, as Hearing Officer's Exhibit Number 1, the notice of public hearing in this matter indicating that this public will be held today, March 10, 2026, at 9:30 a.m., in the Town of Stanford Town Hall, Town Board Room, located at 26 Town Hall Road in Stanfordville, New York. We are here in that location right now. We began at 9:35 a.m. The notice of hearing was marked as Hearing Officer's Exhibit Number 1 in Evidence.

I have marked as Hearing Officer's Exhibit Number 2, in Evidence, the

1 Millbrook School

2 affidavit of publication indicating that
3 this notice of public hearing was
4 published in the Poughkeepsie Journal on
5 February 23, 2026.

6 I had marked as Hearing Officer's
7 Exhibit Number 3, in Evidence, the
8 affidavit of Jacqueline Hughes indicating
9 that on February 24, 2026, she served a
10 true copy of the notice of public hearing
11 upon Julia Descoteaux, the Town of
12 Stanford Supervisor, upon Supervisor Gary
13 Ciferri, Town of Washington Supervisor at
14 the Town Hall, in Millbrook, upon the
15 Honorable Susan J. Serino, Dutchess County
16 Executive at the County Office Building in
17 Poughkeepsie, upon Mr. Raymond Castellani,
18 Superintendent at the Webutuck Central
19 School District in Amenia, New York, and
20 upon Ms. Caroline Hernandez Pidala,
21 Superintendent of the Millbrook Central
22 School District in Millbrook, New York.

23 I had marked as Hearing Officer's
24 Exhibit Number 4, in Evidence, the
25 Affidavit of Jenna L. Jones indicating

1 Millbrook School

2 that on February 23, 2026, a true copy of
3 the notice of public hearing was served by
4 electronic mail upon Supervisor Descoteaux
5 in the Town of Stanford, Supervisor Gary
6 Ciferri for the Town of Washington, upon
7 Ms. Caroline Hernandez Pidala,
8 Superintendent of the Millbrook Central
9 School District, upon Mr. Raymond
10 Castellani, Superintendent of the Webutuck
11 Central School District, and upon the
12 Honorable Susan J. Serino, Dutchess County
13 Executive.

14 I had marked as Hearing Officer's
15 Exhibit Number 5, in Evidence, the letter
16 of Mark Doyle, Chairman of the Dutchess
17 County Local Development Corporation, by
18 letter dated February 23, 2026, appointing
19 me, Donald Cappillino, as the Hearing
20 Officer in this matter.

21 I had marked as Hearing Officer's
22 Exhibit Number 6, in Evidence, a letter of
23 Susan J. Serino, Dutchess County
24 Executive, to Mark Doyle, Chairman of the
25 Dutchess County Development Corporation,

1 Millbrook School

2 authorizing to conduct this public hearing
3 and authorizing the designation of me,
4 Donald Cappillino, as the Hearing Officer
5 in this matter.

6 With that, I'll just open the public
7 hearing for any comments. Jeffrey Smith
8 is here from the Millbrook School.

9 BY MR. SMITH: Good morning and
10 thank you. Thank you to the others who
11 are in the room.

12 I am the CFO of Millbrook School,
13 and the application concerns financing for
14 constructing a dormitory on our campus in
15 Sanford.

16 It's a building that's replacing a
17 temporary building. It will have no
18 impact on the size of our student body,
19 but it does dramatically improve the
20 quality of the service that we're able to
21 offer those students and the adults who
22 live on campus in that space.

23 I really appreciate the DCLDC for
24 their consideration in supporting this
25 project, and would be happy to answer any

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questions that anyone has for me about the
project.

HEARING OFFICER CAPPILLINO: There's
no one here from the public at this time,
and it is now 9:40 a.m. I will now close
this public hearing. Thank you.

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