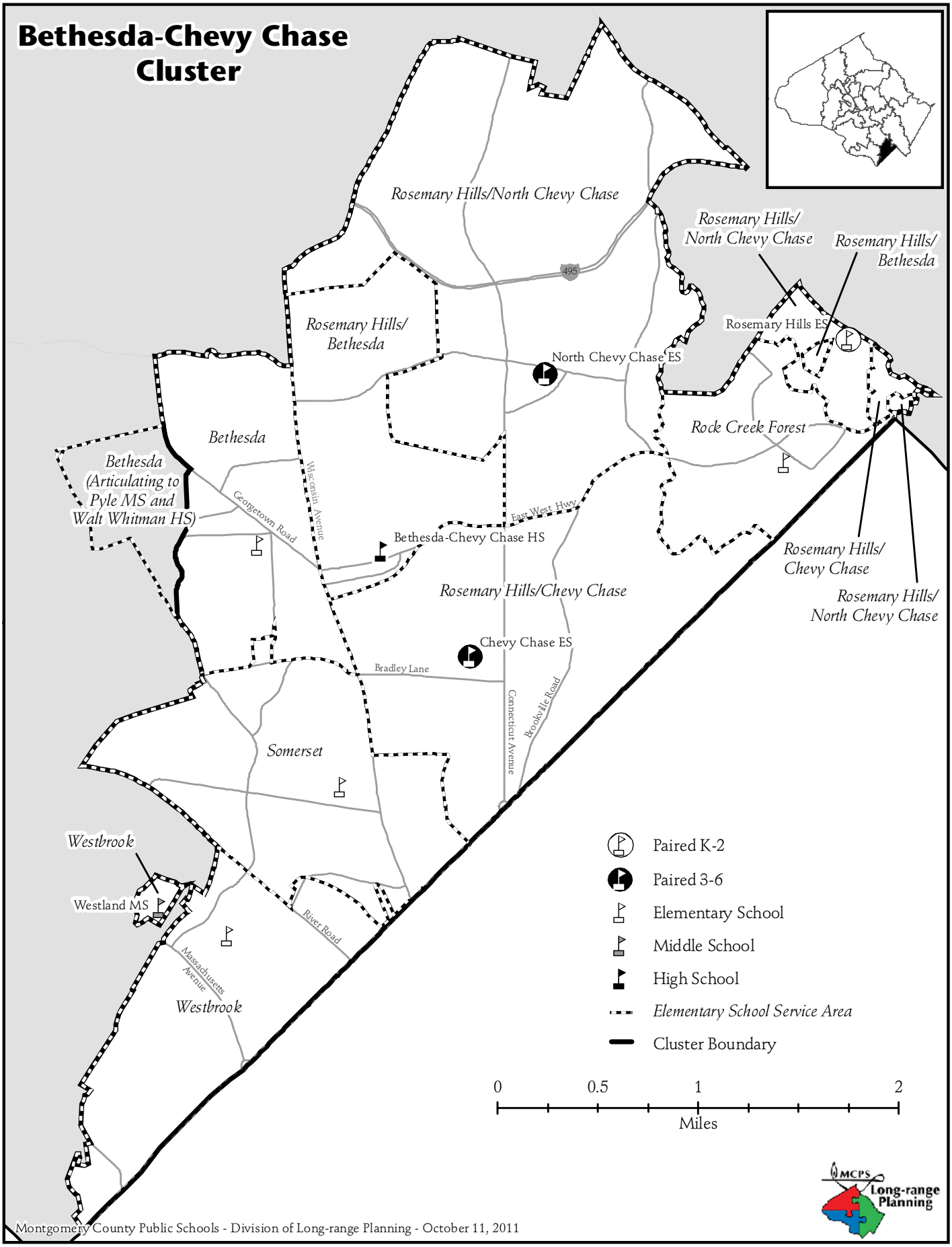
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Rock Creek Forest
Bethesda
Bethesda (Articulating to Pyle MS and Walt Whitman HS)
Wisconsin Avenue
Georgetown Road
East-West Hwy
Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS
Rosemary Hills/ Chevy Chase
Rosemary Hills/ North Chevy Chase
Rosemary Hills/Chevy Chase
Chevy Chase ES
Bradley Lane
Connecticut Avenue
Brookville Road
Somerset
Westbrook
Westland MS
River Road
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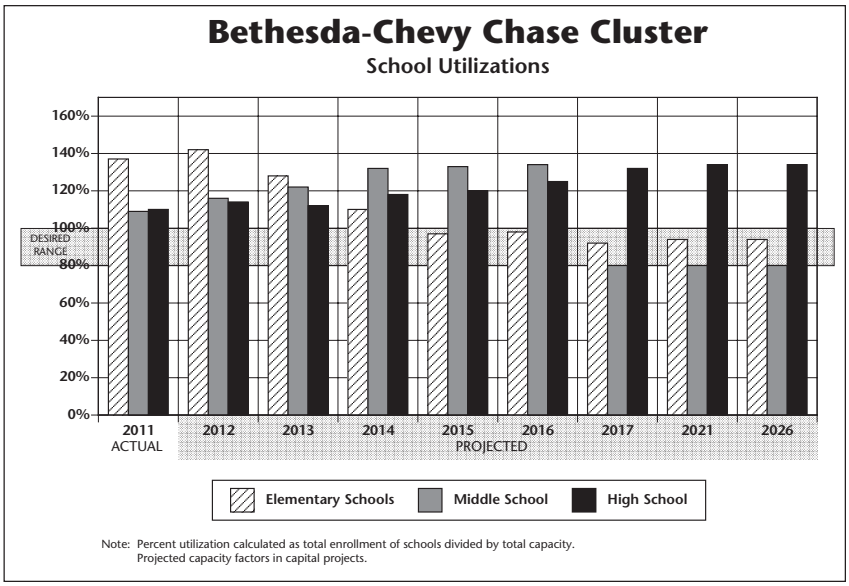
CLUSTER PLANNING ISSUES

Student enrollment at all the schools in the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Cluster has increased dramatically over the past few years. To address the overutilization at the schools, capital projects were approved as part of the Amended FY 2011–2016 CIP, and several planning activities occurred over the past two years to develop long-range plans for schools in this cluster. The approved capital projects include the following:

- An addition that opened at Somerset Elementary School during the 2010–2011 school year;
- An addition at Westbrook Elementary School scheduled to open in August 2013; and
- A modernization at Rock Creek Forest Elementary School (with increased capacity) is scheduled to open in January 2015.

A summary of other planning actions and activities for other Bethesda-Chevy Chase Cluster schools include the following:

- In March 2010, the Board of Education adopted a boundary change between Bethesda and Bradley Hills elementary schools to address the overutilization at Bethesda Elementary School. Beginning in August 2013, the western portion of the Bethesda Elementary School service area (that articulates to the Walt Whitman Cluster secondary schools) will be reassigned to Bradley Hills Elementary School. A classroom addition was approved at Bradley Hills Elementary School that will provide sufficient capacity for the expansion of the school's service area.
- On November 18, 2010, the Board of Education authorized a boundary study among Bethesda, Chevy Chase, North Chevy Chase, and Rosemary Hills elementary schools. The study was conducted in spring 2011 and the Report of the Boundary Advisory Committee for Bethesda, Chevy Chase, North Chevy Chase, and Rosemary Hills Elementary Schools was sent to the superintendent of schools and Board of Education members on June 3, 2011. The boundary options reviewed by the committee incorporated information that was previously developed from feasibility studies on the number of classrooms that can be added to the schools. The superintendent of schools released his recommendation on October 14, 2011. The Board of Education will take action on November 17, 2011. The recommendation is available at the following link: *http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/pdf/BCC_SuperintendentsRecommendation10142011.pdf*
- To support the boundary recommendations, three elementary school addition projects are recommended in the FY 2013–2018 CIP at Bethesda, Chevy Chase, and Rosemary Hills elementary schools. An FY 2013 appropriation for planning funds is recommended for Bethesda, North Chevy Chase, and Rosemary Hills elementary schools to begin the architectural design for the classroom additions to be constructed by August 2015.
- A new middle school is needed in the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Cluster to address Grades 6–8 enrollment growth in the cluster and allow the Grade 6 students currently enrolled at Chevy Chase and North Chevy Chase elementary schools to be reassigned to the middle school level. In addition, the reorganization of these two elementary schools, from Grades 3–6 to Grades 3–5, will help relieve some of the projected overutilization at these schools when the new middle school opens. A feasibility study for the new middle school, to be located at the Rock Creek Hills Local Park site, was conducted in summer 2011. FY 2014 expenditures for planning funds are programmed in the FY 2013–2018 CIP to begin the architectural design for Bethesda-Chevy Chase Middle School #2 for completion in August 2017.
- In addition to middle school growth in the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Cluster, there is significant growth in the Walt Whitman Cluster middle school population. Enrollment projections for Thomas W. Pyle Middle School indicate that the school will have an enrollment of close to 1,500 students and will be more than 200 seats over capacity by the end of the six-year CIP planning period. The new Bethesda-Chevy Chase Middle School #2 will be designed for a capacity of 944 students. This capacity will enable the new school and Westland Middle School to accommodate all the projected middle school enrollment in the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Cluster, as well as provide sufficient capacity for the possible sharing of Westland Middle School with the Walt Whitman Cluster if enrollment at Thomas W. Pyle Middle School continues to increase beyond the school's capacity.



SCHOOLS

Bethesda Chevy Chase High School

Capital Project: Enrollment increases occurring at cluster elementary schools, and at Westland Middle School, are moving up to the high school level. Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School is projected to exceed capacity by over 500 students by the end of the six-year CIP planning period. An FY 2012 appropriation for facility planning funds was approved to determine the feasibility, scope, and cost of an addition at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School. The timing for a possible addition will be determined in a future CIP.

Bethesda Chevy Chase Middle School #2 (B-CC MS #2)

Capital Project: Enrollment increases at Westland Middle School, and the plan to reassign Grade 6 students from Chevy Chase and North Chevy Chase elementary schools to the middle school level, will result in a total cluster middle school enrollment of about 1,600 students. This projected enrollment would far exceed the current capacity of Westland Middle School. A new middle school is needed in the cluster to accommodate the projected enrollment. FY 2014 expenditures are programmed for planning funds to begin the architectural design for a new school. The scheduled completion date for the new school is August 2017. In order for this project to be completed on schedule, county and state funding must be provided at levels recommended in this CIP.

Westland Middle School

Utilization: Although a six-classroom addition opened in the 2009–2010 school year to accommodate the overutilization at Westland Middle School, enrollment continues to increase beyond the capacity of the school. The opening of a new middle school in the cluster will address overutilization of Westland Middle School. Relocatable classrooms will be utilized until the new school opens.

Bethesda Elementary School

Non-capital Solution: In March 2010, the Board of Education approved the reassignment of the western portion of the Bethesda Elementary School service area (the area that articulates to Whitman Cluster secondary schools) to Bradley Hills Elementary School. This boundary change will provide partial relief to overutilization at Bethesda Elementary School when it is implemented in August 2013.

In spring 2011, a boundary study including Bethesda, Chevy Chase, North Chevy Chase, and Rosemary Hills elementary schools was conducted. The superintendent of schools released his recommendation on October 14, 2011, and Board of Education action is scheduled for November 17, 2011. The recommendation is available at the following link: *http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/pdf/BCC_SuperintendentsRecommendation10142011.pdf*

Capital Project: Enrollment projections that incorporate recommended boundary changes indicate that enrollment at Bethesda Elementary School will exceed capacity by four or more classrooms throughout the six-year CIP planning period. Relocatable classrooms will be utilized until an addition is completed. An FY 2013 appropriation is recommended for planning funds to begin the architectural design for a classroom addition. The scheduled completion date for the addition is August 2015. In order for this project to be completed on schedule, county and state funding must be provided at levels recommended in this CIP.

Capital Project: An FY 2012 appropriation for Bradley Hills Elementary School is approved for construction funds to begin the construction of the addition. The scope of the addition at Bradley Hills Elementary School includes additional classrooms and an expansion of the administration suite and multipurpose room to accommodate the reassignment of students from Bethesda Elementary School. The scheduled completion date for the addition is August 2013. In order for this project to be completed on schedule, county and state funding must be provided at the levels approved in this CIP.

Chevy Chase Elementary School

Non-capital Solution: In November 2010, the Board of Education approved a plan to construct a new middle school in the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Cluster and reassign Grade 6 students from Chevy Chase and North Chevy Chase elementary schools to the middle school level when the new middle school opens in August 2017.

In spring 2011, a boundary study including Bethesda, Chevy Chase, North Chevy Chase, and Rosemary Hills elementary schools was conducted. The superintendent of schools released his recommendation on October 14, 2011 and Board of Education action is scheduled for November 17, 2011. Enrollment projections that incorporate recommended boundary changes indicate that once the Grade 6 students are reassigned to the middle school level, Chevy Chase Elementary School will be within capacity. The recommendation is available at the following link: *http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/pdf/BCC_SuperintendentsRecommendation10142011.pdf*

North Chevy Chase Elementary School

Non-capital Solution: In November 2010, the Board of Education approved a plan to construct a new middle school in the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Cluster and reassign Grade 6 students from Chevy Chase and North Chevy Chase elementary schools to the middle school level when the new middle school opens in August 2017.

In spring 2011, a boundary study including Bethesda, Chevy Chase, North Chevy Chase, and Rosemary Hills elementary schools was conducted. The superintendent of schools released his recommendation on October 14, 2011 and Board of Education action is scheduled for November 17, 2011. The recommendation is available at the following link:

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Capital Project: Projections that incorporate recommended boundary changes indicate enrollment at North Chevy Chase Elementary School will exceed capacity by four or more classrooms throughout the six-year CIP period. The reassignment of Grade 6 students out of North Chevy Chase Elementary School will relieve some, but not all, of the projected space deficit. Relocatable classrooms will be utilized until the addition is completed. An FY 2013 appropriation is recommended for planning funds to begin the architectural design for a classroom addition. The scheduled completion date for the addition is August 2015. In order for this project to be completed on schedule, county and state funding must be provided at levels recommended in this CIP.

Capital Project: A gymnasium project is scheduled for this school. An FY 2012 appropriation was approved for construction funds to construct the gymnasium, which is scheduled for completion in August 2012.

Rock Creek Forest Elementary School

Capital Project: A modernization project is scheduled for this school with a completion date of January 2015. An FY 2012 appropriation for planning funds was approved to begin the architectural design of the modernization. In order for this project to be completed on schedule, county and state funding must be provided at the levels approved in this CIP. Because projections indicate enrollment at Rock Creek Forest Elementary School will exceed capacity throughout the six-year period, relocatable classrooms will be utilized until additional capacity can be added as part of the modernization.

Rosemary Hills Elementary School

Non-capital solution: In spring 2011, a boundary study including Bethesda, Chevy Chase, North Chevy Chase, and Rosemary Hills elementary schools was conducted. The superintendent of schools released his recommendation on October 14, 2011 and Board of Education action is scheduled for November 17, 2011. The recommendation is available at the following link: *http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/pdf/BCC_SuperintendentsRecommendation10142011.pdf*

Capital Project: Enrollment projections that incorporate the recommended boundary changes indicate enrollment at Rosemary Hills Elementary School will exceed capacity by four or more classrooms throughout the six-year CIP period. Relocatable classrooms will be utilized until the addition is completed. An FY 2013 appropriation is recommended for planning funds to begin the architectural design for a classroom addition. The scheduled completion date for the addition is August 2015. In order for this project to be completed on schedule, county and state funding must be provided at levels recommended in this CIP.

Capital Project: A modernization project is scheduled for this school with a completion date of January 2021. FY 2016 expenditures are programmed for facility planning for a feasibility study to determine the scope and cost of the project. In order for this project to be completed on schedule, county and state funding must be provided at the levels recommended in this CIP.

Westbrook Elementary School

Capital Project: Projections indicate enrollment at Westbrook Elementary School will exceed capacity by four or more classrooms by the end of the six-year CIP planning period. An FY 2012 appropriation was approved for construction funds to begin construction of the classroom addition and gymnasium. The scheduled completion date for the addition and gymnasium is August 2013.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

School	Project	Project Status*	Date of Completion
Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS	Classroom addition	Proposed	TBD
Bethesda-Chevy Chase MS #2	New school	Programmed	Aug. 2017
Bethesda ES (Addition at Bradley Hills ES)	Boundary change	Approved	Aug. 2013
Bethesda ES	Classroom addition	Recommended	Aug. 2015
North Chevy Chase ES	Gymnasium	Approved	Aug. 2012
	Classroom addition	Recommended	Aug. 2015
Rock Creek Forest ES	Modernization	Approved	Jan. 2015
Rosemary Hills ES	Classroom addition	Recommended	Aug. 2015
	Modernization	Programmed	Jan. 2021
Westbrook ES	Classroom addition	Approved	Aug. 2013
	Gymnasium	Approved	Aug. 2013

*Approved—Project has an FY 2012 appropriation approved in the Amended FY 2011–2016 CIP.

Recommended—Project has an FY 2013 appropriation recommended in the FY 2013–2018 CIP.

Programmed—Project has expenditures programmed in a future year of the CIP for planning and/or construction funds.

Proposed—Project has facility planning funds approved in the Amended FY 2011–2016 CIP for a feasibility study or recommended in the FY 2013–2018 CIP.

Projected Enrollment and Space Availability

Effects of the Recommended FY2013–2018 CIP and Non–CIP Actions on Space Available

Schools			Actual 11–12	Projections 12–13	13–14	14–15	15–16	16-17	17-18	2021	2026
Bethesda–Chevy Chase HS		Program Capacity	1665	1642	1642	1642	1642	1642	1642	1642	1642
		Enrollment	**1830**	**1875**	**1843**	**1940**	**1969**	**2060**	**2162**	**2200**	**2200**
		Available Space	*(165)*	*(232)*	*(200)*	*(298)*	*(326)*	*(418)*	*(520)*	*(558)*	*(558)*
		Comments	Facility Planning for Addition								
Bethesda-Chevy Chase MS #2		Program Capacity							944	944	944
		Enrollment							**0**	**0**	**0**
		Available Space							*944*	*944*	*944*
		Comments			Planning for new school				Opens Aug. 2017		
Westland MS		Program Capacity	1063	1063	1063	1063	1063	1063	1063	1063	1063
		Enrollment	**1159**	**1232**	**1298**	**1401**	**1409**	**1422**	**1608**	**1600**	**1600**
		Available Space	*(96)*	*(170)*	*(236)*	*(338)*	*(346)*	*(360)*	*(545)*	*(537)*	*(537)*
		Comments							See text		
Bethesda ES		Program Capacity	384	384	384	384	568	568	568		
Grades (K–5)		**Enrollment**	**491**	**515**	**539**	**510**	**515**	**534**	**535**		
Grades (3–5)		Available Space	*(107)*	*(131)*	*(155)*	*(126)*	*53*	*34*	*33*		
Paired With		Comments		Planning for Addition	Boundary		Addition opens				
Rosemary Hills ES											
Chevy Chase ES		Program Capacity	450	450	450	450	450	450	450		
Grades (3–6)		**Enrollment**	**504**	**526**	**518**	**510**	**520**	**525**	**415**		
Paired With		Available Space	*(54)*	*(76)*	*(68)*	*(60)*	*(70)*	*(75)*	*35*		
Rosemary Hills ES		Comments			Boundary change				See text		
North Chevy Chase ES		Program Capacity	220	220	220	220	358	358	358		
Grades (3–6)		**Enrollment**	**421**	**443**	**426**	**430**	**445**	**445**	**330**		
Paired With		Available Space	*(201)*	*(223)*	*(206)*	*(210)*	*(87)*	*(87)*	*28*		
Rosemary Hills ES		Comments	Mod. Complete Jan. 2012	Planning for Addition	Boundary Change		Addition opens		See text		
Rock Creek Forest ES	CSR	Program Capacity	310	310	310	745	745	745	745		
		Enrollment	**578**	**594**	**615**	**620**	**689**	**680**	**673**		
		Available Space	*(268)*	*(284)*	*(305)*	*125*	*56*	*65*	*72*		
		Comments	Planning for Modernization		@ Radnor	Mod Complete Jan. 2015	+ 2 AUT +1 PEP + PreK				
Rosemary Hills ES		Program Capacity	476	476	476	476	615	615	615		
Grades (K–2)		**Enrollment**	**691**	**715**	**634**	**622**	**571**	**571**	**571**		
Paired With		Available Space	*(215)*	*(239)*	*(158)*	*(146)*	*44*	*44*	*44*		
Bethesda ES		Comments		Planning for Addition	Boundary Change		Addition opens -1 AUT, -PreK		Planning for Mod		
Chevy Chase ES											
North Chevy Chase ES											
Somerset ES		Program Capacity	516	516	516	516	516	516	516		
		Enrollment	**509**	**533**	**555**	**547**	**534**	**529**	**532**		
		Available Space	*7*	*(17)*	*(39)*	*(31)*	*(18)*	*(13)*	*(16)*		
		Comments									
Westbrook ES		Program Capacity	283	283	558	558	558	558	558		
		Enrollment	**411**	**425**	**434**	**429**	**434**	**441**	**445**		
		Available Space	*(128)*	*(142)*	*124*	*129*	*124*	*117*	*113*		
		Comments	Planning for Addition		Addition Complete + Gym						
Cluster Information		HS Utilization	110%	114%	112%	118%	120%	125%	132%	134%	134%
		HS Enrollment	1830	1875	1843	1940	1969	2060	2162	2200	2200
		MS Utilization	109%	116%	122%	132%	133%	134%	80%	80%	80%
		MS Enrollment	1159	1232	1298	1401	1409	1422	1608	1600	1600
		ES Utilization	137%	142%	128%	110%	97%	98%	92%	94%	94%
		ES Enrollment	3605	3751	3721	3668	3708	3725	3501	3600	3600

Demographic Characteristics of Schools

Schools	2011–2012						2010–2011		
	Total Enrollment	Two or more races %	Black or Afr. Amr. %	Asian%	Hispanic %	White %	FARMS%*	ESOL%**	Mobility Rate%***
Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS	1830	3.6%	15.4%	6.3%	16.0%	58.7%	9.3%	1.9%	7.9%
Westland MS	1159	5.7%	12.0%	4.8%	17.1%	60.1%	10.0%	4.5%	5.9%
Bethesda ES	491	6.1%	6.9%	13.0%	11.4%	62.5%	6.6%	7.1%	7.7%
Chevy Chase ES	505	5.9%	8.7%	6.1%	7.7%	71.3%	8.9%	2.3%	4.3%
North Chevy Chase ES	421	6.4%	12.8%	5.9%	13.1%	61.5%	5.6%	3.0%	3.7%
Rock Creek Forest ES	578	5.5%	15.4%	5.0%	29.2%	44.3%	22.0%	14.9%	7.8%
Rosemary Hills ES	691	6.8%	13.0%	5.1%	15.8%	58.9%	19.0%	11.6%	5.7%
Somerset ES	511	5.1%	3.7%	11.0%	7.8%	72.4%	2.7%	13.3%	10.0%
Westbrook ES	411	6.6%	1.5%	3.2%	7.1%	81.8%	2.5%	5.2%	5.0%
Elementary Cluster Total	**3608**	**6.0%**	**9.3%**	**7.0%**	**13.8%**	**63.6%**	**10.5%**	**8.6%**	**6.4%**
Elementary County Total	**70136**	**4.9%**	**20.3%**	**14.3%**	**28.0%**	**32.3%**	**35.2%**	**22.0%**	**12.6%**

**Percent of students approved for Free and Reduced–priced Meals Program (FARMS) during the 2010-2011 school year.*

***Percent of English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) during the 2010-2011 school year. High School students are served in regional ESOL centers.*

****Mobility Rate is the number of entries plus withdrawals during the 2010-2011 school year compared to total enrollment.*

Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander and American Indian/Alaskan Native categories total less than 1% and were therefore excluded from the table.

Program Capacity and Room Use Table

(School Year 2011–2012)

Schools	Grades Served	Capacity (HS @90% MS@85%)	Total Rooms	Support Rooms	Regular Secondary @25	Regular Elementary @23	CSR Grades 1–2 @17	Pre–K @20	Pre–K @40	HS @20	CSR KIND @15	KIND @22	ESOL @15	METS @15	Special Education Programs: School Based: SEC LAD@15	School Based: HSM @13	Cluster Based: ELEM LAD @13	Quad Cluster Based: ELC @10	LANG @12	LFI @10	SCB @6	County & Regional Based: AAC@7	AUT @6	BRIDGE @10	DHOH @7	ED @10	EXTENSIONS @6	LD/GT @13	PD @7	PEP@6	PEP @12	PEP @18	SLC @10	VISION (Elementary) @7	OTHER
Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS	9-12	1665	76		71								1	1	3																				
Westland MS	6-8	1063	52		47								1		4																				
Bethesda ES	K-5	384	21	3		13						3					1				1														
Chevy Chase ES	3-6	450	24	4		19										1																			
North Chevy Chase ES	3-6	220	15	5		9										1																			
Rock Creek Forest ES	K-5	310	23	4		3	9				5					1																			1
Rosemary Hills ES	PreK-2	476	27	4		9			1			9				1							3												
Somerset ES	K-5	516	27	4		19						3				1																			
Westbrook ES	K-5	283	18	4		8						3				1										2									

Facility Characteristics of Schools 2011–2012

Schools	Year Facility Opened	Year Reopened/ Modernized	Total Square Footage	Site Size Acres	Adjacent Park	Reloc-atable Classrooms	Linkages to Learning Program	Home School Model
Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS	1934	2001	308,215	16.4				
Westland MS	1951	1997	146,006	25.1		3		
Bethesda ES	1952	1999	62,557	8.42		5		Yes
Chevy Chase ES	1936	2000	70,976	3.8				Yes
North Chevy Chase ES	1953	1995	42,035	7.9		5		Yes
Rock Creek Forest ES	1950	1971	54,522	8		6		Yes
Rosemary Hills ES	1956	1988	70,541	6.1		6		Yes
Somerset ES	1949	2005	80,122	3.7				Yes
Westbrook ES	1939	1990	46,822	12.5	Yes	5		Yes