

You are Invited to Attend Two Public Information Meetings Gaithersburg Elementary School Capacity Study

**Gaithersburg High School, Cafeteria
101 Education Boulevard, Gaithersburg, Maryland**

**Initial Meeting: February 24, 2015, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Results of Elementary School Meetings: April 28, 2015, 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

Enrollment growth in the Gaithersburg Cluster elementary schools requires classroom additions or a new elementary school. In November 2013, the Board of Education directed Montgomery County Public Schools' staff to study the feasibility of classroom additions at four elementary schools in the Gaithersburg Cluster area. The results of these studies will be compared to the cost of opening a new elementary school. The other cluster schools are included in the scope of the study. The seven schools are listed below:

Schools to be Studied for Additions

**Goshen Elementary School
Laytonsville Elementary School
Rosemont Elementary School
Washington Grove Elementary School**

Other Cluster Schools

**Gaithersburg Elementary School
Strawberry Knoll Elementary School
Summit Hall Elementary School**

Come learn about the upcoming process and have your questions addressed. The schedule of meetings at the four elementary schools to be studied for additions is listed on the back of this page. During the study, all relevant materials will be posted, as they become available, at the website listed below:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/construction/studies/gcstudy.shtm>



Spanish interpreters will be present at all evening meetings. Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals who need accommodations or special assistance, may contact the Office of Interpreting Services at 301-517-5539 and for video phone at 301-637-2933.



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Schedule of Meetings

Location	Date/Time	Description of Meeting
Gaithersburg High School, Cafeteria 101 Education Boulevard Gaithersburg, Maryland	February 24, 2015 7:00-8:30 p.m.	Public Information Meeting
Rosemont Elementary School, Media Center 16400 Alden Avenue Gaithersburg, Maryland	March 11, 2015 3:30-5:00 p.m. 7:00-8:30 p.m.	Review Concept Plan for Addition
Goshen Elementary School, Media Center 8701 Warfield Road Gaithersburg, Maryland	March 25, 2015 4:00-5:30 p.m. 7:00-8:30 p.m.	Review Concept Plan for Addition
Laytonsville Elementary School, Media Center 21401 Laytonsville Road Laytonsville, Maryland	March 30, 2015 4:00-5:30 p.m. 7:00-8:30 p.m.	Review Concept Plan for Addition
Washington Grove Elementary School Media Center 8712 Oakmont Street Gaithersburg, Maryland	April 13, 2015 4:00-5:30 p.m. 7:00-8:30 p.m.	Review Concept Plan for Addition
Gaithersburg High School, Cafeteria 101 Education Boulevard Gaithersburg, Maryland	April 28, 2015 7:00-8:30 p.m.	Public Information Meeting

Elementary School Meetings

The meetings at each elementary school are an opportunity for community members to provide input on the classroom additions being studied. At each school, the architect will present one or more concepts for the classroom addition. Comments will be recorded and the architect will incorporate any changes based on the input.

Capacity Study Follow-up

Following completion of the meetings, the architect will develop cost estimates for each proposed school addition. The cost of additions will be compared with the cost of a new elementary school. In the fall of 2015, the superintendent of schools will make a recommendation on whether to construct additions at some schools, build a new elementary school, or a combination of both. The recommendation will be included as part of the *Superintendent's Recommended FY 2017–2022 Capital Improvements Program (CIP)* where funds and opening dates will be recommended.