

Office of the Superintendent of Schools
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Rockville, Maryland

November 15, 2023

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Monifa B. McKnight, Superintendent of Schools

Subject: Public Comments and Pre-K Expansion, Blueprint Pillar 1 Discussions

During the *Public Comments* and the *Pre-K Expansion, Blueprint Pillar 1*, discussions during the September 21, 2023, meeting, Board members requested the following information.

Question:

During the Public Comments discussion, Mrs. Smondrowski requested a written response regarding the points raised in Ms. Chung's testimony, and Ms. Rivera-Oven requested that the response be shared with the full board.

Response:

As of today, 3,605 students, 27 percent of the class of 2025, have not registered for Health B. Consequently, Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) has taken the following actions:

- Student online learning will offer additional sections of Health B during the fall/winter semester this year. Students in the graduating class of 2025 who already have earned credit for Health A may register for Health B. Registration closes on November 21, 2023.
- Courses are offered in a blended format with one, 1.5 hours synchronous meeting each week and significant asynchronous work between meetings. Classes will be held either Wednesday or Thursday evenings from 5:00–6:30 p.m., beginning December 6 or 7, 2023, and ending January 24 or 25, 2024. Students will need to select whether they wish to attend the Wednesday or Thursday course upon registration and must attend the same evening for the duration of the course. This opportunity is open only to students in the class of 2025 who already have earned credit in Health A.
- Health B will be offered during summer school, both in-person and virtually, and will be prioritized for any student in the class of 2025.
- Health B will be offered during the fall and spring semesters in all high schools, giving first preference to students in the class of 2025.
- The high school graduation validation team, met with the counselors to communicate the importance of students being enrolled in Health B.

Directors in the Office of School Support and Well-Being are monitoring Health B participation data with principals during school visits.

Question:

During the Public Comments discussion, Ms. Harris requested given the changed state requirement, what is the data on the number of students in the Class of 2025 that still lack Health B?

Response:

The following table summarizes the data.

Original Year of Graduation 2025 Students and Health Requirements		
	Number of Students	Percentage of 2025 Students
Total Students	13,309	100%
Met 1.0 Grade Requirement	5,222	39%
Not Met	8,087	61%
Enrolled in Health B 2023–2024	4,482	34%
Not enrolled in Health B 2023–2024	3,605	27%
0 Credits Earned, No Health Enrollment 2023–2024	1,351	10%

Question:

During the Pre-K Expansion, Blueprint Pillar 1 discussion, Ms. Silvestre requested what were the Pre-K expansion funds in the last budget, and how will the ending of the ESSER funds affect the expansion efforts?

Response:

The Pre-K expansion funds were not included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 budget due to MCPS anticipating Blueprint funding from the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE). However, even though additional Tier 1 students were counted, no additional funds were allocated to MCPS for Pre-K expansion. Instead, Pre-K expansion occurred in the following two ways:

1. Two MSDE grants, Prekindergarten Expansion Grant and Prekindergarten Capacity Building Grant, funded classes for Cabin Branch and Stonegate elementary schools. Funds will expire on June 30, 2024. The budget submission for FY 2025 includes a request to fund these classes through the operating budget.
2. Federal Title I funds were used to convert 10 part-day Pre-K classes in 10 Title I schools to full-day classes.

ESSER funds have not been used for Pre-K expansion efforts.

Question:

During the Pre-K Expansion, Blueprint Pillar 1 discussion, Ms. Harris asked, “is there attendance data for Pre-K programs? If so, please provide it to the full Board.”

Response:

According to Performance Matters reports, as of November 3, 2023, there are 1,660 out of 4,662 students enrolled in Pre-K classrooms who have been identified as chronically absent. This represents 35.61 percent of students who have been absent 10 percent or more of the days enrolled.

Question:

During the Pre-K Expansion, Blueprint Pillar 1 discussion, Ms. Rivera-Oven requested please provide a list of the schools with Pre-K programs.

Response:

A list of schools with Pre-K programs is provided in Attachment A.

Question:

During the Pre-K Expansion, Blueprint Pillar 1 discussion, Ms. Rivera-Oven requested please provide a list of the partners that work with MCPS on the Pre-K program. Demographically where are the partners located?

Response:

The requested information is included in the following chart, as well as detailed in the attached map (Attachment B).

Private Provider Name	Zip Code	Closest MCPS Pre-K Program(s)
Academy Child Development Center, Inc	20904	Galway Elementary School* (inside the building)
Alef Bet Montessori School	20852	Bells Mill Elementary School (3 miles)
The Arc Montgomery County Karasik Family, Infant & Child Care Center (KFICCC)	20901	McDonald Knolls Early Childhood Center (shares the building)
CentroNia	20912	Takoma Park Elementary School* (2.5 miles), East Silver Spring Elementary School, Rolling Terrace Elementary School (1 mile), New Hampshire Estates Elementary School (1 mile)
Peppertree Children’s Center	20874	Lake Seneca Elementary School* (1.4 miles)
St. Francis International School	20903	JoAnn Leleck Elementary School at Broad Acres* (.1 mile)

Family Child Care Alliance of Maryland		
Provider Name	Zip Code	Closest MCPS Pre-K Program(s)
Anny Gonzalez Family Child Care	20874	Lake Seneca Elementary School* (.8 mile)
Journey Preschool	20902	Oakland Terrace Elementary School* (.8 mile)
Bun Bun Bunny Bilingual Family Child Care	20853	Brookhaven Elementary School (1.2 miles)
Lindelia Ventura De Aranivar Daycare	20906	Weller Road Elementary School* (.3 mile)
Omolara Bedu Daycare Home Preschool	20904	Galway Elementary School* (1 mile)
Thoughts of the Heart and Mind Children's Cottage	20872	Lois P. Rockwell Elementary School* (.8 mile)
Precious Moments Family Daycare	20850	Beall Elementary School (.7 mile)

* indicates home school based on the provider's address

Question:

During the Pre-K Expansion, Blueprint Pillar 1 discussion, Ms. Rivera-Oven requested regarding the +/- 4,000 students enrolled in the Pre-K program: Please provide the geographic areas in which they are located and their demographic information.

Response:

Please see the attached maps (Attachments B and C).

If you have further questions, please contact Dr. Peggy A. Pugh, chief academic officer, or Dr. Kisha Logan, director of pre-K-12 curriculum, Office of Curriculum and Instructional Programs, via email.

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School	General Education PreK	Special Education PreK
Arcola ES	Full Day PreK	
Beall ES	AM Head Start - 3yo	
Beall ES	PM PreK	
Beall ES		AM PreK
Beall ES		AM PreK
Beall ES		AM PreK
Bel Pre ES	Full Day PreK/PEP Inclusion	
Bel Pre ES	AM PreK	
Bel Pre ES	PM PreK	
Bel Pre ES	AM PreK	
Bel Pre ES	PM PreK	
Bells Mill ES	Full Day Head Start	
Brooke Grove ES	Full Day PreK	
Brookhaven ES	AM PreK	
Brookhaven ES	PM PreK	
Brookhaven ES		Full Day
Brookhaven ES		AM PreK
Brookhaven ES		PM PreK
Brookhaven ES		AM PreK
Brookhaven ES		PM PreK
Brookhaven ES		AM PreK
Brookhaven ES		PM PreK
Brookhaven ES		AM PreK
Brookhaven ES		PM PreK
Brown Station ES	AM PreK	
Brown Station ES	PM PreK	
Brown Station ES	Full Day Head Start	
Brown Station ES		Full Day
Brown Station ES		Full Day
Brown Station ES		AM PreK
Brown Station ES		PM PreK
Brown Station ES		AM PreK
Brown Station ES		PM PreK
Burnt Mills ES	AM PreK	
Burnt Mills ES	PM PreK	
Burnt Mills ES		Full Day
Burnt Mills ES		AM PreK
Burnt Mills ES		PM PreK
Burnt Mills ES		AM PreK
Burnt Mills ES		PM PreK
Cabin Branch ES	Full Day PreK/PEP Inclusion	
Cabin Branch ES		Full Day
Cabin Branch ES		Full Day
Cabin Branch ES		AM PreK
Cabin Branch ES		PM PreK
Carson ES	AM PreK	
Carson ES	PM PreK	
Cashell ES	Full Day PreK/PEP Inclusion	
Cashell ES		Full Day
Cashell ES		Full Day

Clearspring ES	Full Day Head Start	
Clearspring ES	Full Day PreK	
Clopper Mill ES	Full Day Head Start/PEP Inclusion	
Clopper Mill ES	AM PreK	
Clopper Mill ES	Full Day PreK	
Clopper Mill ES	PM PreK	
Cloverly ES		AM PreK
Cloverly ES		PM PreK
Cloverly ES		AM PreK
Cloverly ES		PM PreK
Cloverly ES		AM PreK
Cloverly ES		PM PreK
College Gardens ES	Full Day Head Start - 3/4yos	
Daly ES	Full Day PreK	
Drew ES	AM PreK	
Drew ES	PM PreK	
Drew ES	Full Day Head Start	
East Silver Spring ES	Part Day Head Start - 3/4yos	
East Silver Spring ES	AM PreK	
East Silver Spring ES	PM PreK	
East Silver Spring ES		Full Day
East Silver Spring ES		AM PreK
East Silver Spring ES		PM PreK
East Silver Spring ES		AM PreK
East Silver Spring ES		PM PreK
East Silver Spring ES		AM PreK
East Silver Spring ES		PM PreK
Fairland ES	Full Day Head Start	
Fairland ES	Full Day PreK	
Fairland ES		Full Day
Fairland ES		Full Day
Fairland ES		AM PreK
Fairland ES		PM PreK
Fairland ES		AM PreK
Fairland ES		PM PreK
Fields Road ES	Full Day PreK	
Fields Road ES		Full Day
Fields Road ES		Full Day
Flower Hill ES	AM PreK	
Flower Hill ES	PM PreK	
Forest Knolls ES	Full Day PreK/PEP Inclusion	
Forest Knolls ES		Full Day
Forest Knolls ES		AM PreK
Forest Knolls ES		PM PreK
Forest Knolls ES		AM PreK
Fox Chapel ES	AM PreK	
Fox Chapel ES	PM PreK	
Gaithersburg ES	Full Day PreK	
Gaithersburg ES	AM PreK - 3yos	
Galway ES	AM PreK	
Galway ES	PM PreK	

Georgian Forest ES	AM PreK	
Georgian Forest ES	PM PreK	
Georgian Forest ES	Full Day Head Start	
Germantown ES		Full Day
Germantown ES		AM PreK
Germantown ES		PM PreK
Germantown ES		AM PreK
Germantown ES		PM PreK
Gibbs, Jr ES	AM PreK	
Gibbs, Jr ES	PM PreK	
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Gibbs, Jr ES		PM PreK
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Gibbs, Jr ES		PM PreK
Gibbs, Jr ES		AM PreK
Gibbs, Jr ES		PM PreK
Glen Haven ES	Full PreK	
Glen Haven ES		AM PreK
Glen Haven ES		PM PreK
Glen Haven ES		AM PreK
Glen Haven ES		PM PreK
Glenallen ES	Full Day Head Start	
Glenallen ES		Full Day
Glenallen ES		Full Day
Glenallen ES		AM PreK
Glenallen ES		PM PreK
Goshen ES		AM PreK
Goshen ES		AM PreK
Greencastle ES	AM PreK	
Greencastle ES	PM PreK	
Greencastle ES		Full Day
Greencastle ES		AM PreK
Greencastle ES		PM PreK
Greencastle ES		AM PreK
Greencastle ES		PM PreK
Greencastle ES		AM PreK
Greencastle ES		PM PreK
Greenwood ES		Full Day
Greenwood ES		AM PreK
Greenwood ES		PM PreK
Harmony Hills ES	Full Day Head Start	
Harmony Hills ES	Full Day PreK	
Harriet R. Tubman ES	Full Day PreK/PEP Inclusion	
Harriet R. Tubman ES		Full Day
Harriet R. Tubman ES		AM PreK
Harriet R. Tubman ES		PM PreK
Highland ES	Full Day Head Start	

Highland ES	Full Day PreK	
Jackson Road ES	Full Day PreK	
Jackson Road ES		Full Day
Jackson Road ES		Full Day
Jackson Road ES		Full Day
Jackson Road ES		AM PreK
Jackson Road ES		PM PreK
Jackson Road ES		AM PreK
Jackson Road ES		PM PreK
JoAnn Leleck ES at Broad Acres	Full Day Head Start	
JoAnn Leleck ES at Broad Acres	Full Day PreK/PEP Inclusion	
JoAnn Leleck ES at Broad Acres	Full Day PreK	
JoAnn Leleck ES at Broad Acres	Full Day PreK	
Kemp Mill ES	Full Day PreK	
Kemp Mill ES	Full Day PreK	
Kemp Mill ES	Full Day PreK	
Kemp Mill ES	Full Day PreK	
Lake Seneca ES	AM PreK	
Lake Seneca ES	PM PreK	
Lake Seneca ES		Full Day
Lake Seneca ES		AM PreK
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Macdonald Knolls Early Childhood Center	Full Day PreK/Head Start Braid Inclusion	
Macdonald Knolls Early Childhood Center	Full Day PreK/PEP Inclusion	
Macdonald Knolls Early Childhood Center	Full Day PreK/PEP Inclusion	
Macdonald Knolls Early Childhood Center		Full Day
Maryvale ES	AM Head Start - 3yos	
Maryvale ES	Full Day Head Start	
Maryvale ES	AM PreK	
Maryvale ES	PM PreK	
Maryvale ES		Full Day
Maryvale ES		Full Day
Maryvale ES		Full Day
Maryvale ES		Full Day
McAuliffe ES	Full Day PreK	
McAuliffe ES	Full Day Head Start	
McNair ES	Full Day PreK/PEP Inclusion	

Mill Creek Towne ES	Full Day PreK	
Mill Creek Towne ES		AM PreK
Mill Creek Towne ES		AM PreK
Montgomery Knolls ES	Full Day PreK	
Montgomery Knolls ES	Full Day PreK	
Montgomery Knolls ES	Full Day Head Start	
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Montgomery Knolls ES		Full Day
Montgomery Knolls ES		AM PreK
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New Hampshire Estates ES	Full Day Head Start	
New Hampshire Estates ES	Full Day Head Start	
New Hampshire Estates ES	Full Day PreK/PEP Inclusion	
New Hampshire Estates ES	Full Day PreK	
New Hampshire Estates ES	AM Head Start - 3yos	
New Hampshire Estates ES	Full Day Head Start	
Nix ES	Full Day PreK	
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Resnik ES	PM PreK	
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Ride ES	AM PreK	
Ride ES	PM PreK	
Ride ES	AM Head Start - 3yos	
Rock Creek Forest ES	Full Day PreK/PEP Inclusion	
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Rock Creek Forest ES		AM PreK
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Rolling Terrace ES	Full Day Head Start	
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Rustin ES		AM PreK
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Sherwood ES		PM PreK
Sherwood ES		AM PreK
Sherwood ES		PM PreK
Singer ES	Full Day PreK	
South Lake ES	Full Day Head Start	
South Lake ES	Full Day PreK	
Stedwick ES	AM PreK	
Stedwick ES	PM PreK	
Stephen Knolls ES		Full Day
Stephen Knolls ES		Full Day
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Stonegate ES	Full Day PreK/PEP Inclusion	
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Summit Hall ES	Full Day PreK	
Summit Hall ES	Full Day Head Start	
Summit Hall ES	Full Day PreK	
Summit Hall ES	Full Day PreK - 3-4yos	
Summit Hall ES	Full Day PreK	
Takoma Park ES	Full Day PreK/PEP Inclusion	
Takoma Park ES	Full Day PreK - 3-4yos	
Thurgood Marshall ES		AM PreK
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Thurgood Marshall ES		AM PreK
Thurgood Marshall ES		PM PreK
Thurgood Marshall ES		AM PreK
Thurgood Marshall ES		PM PreK
Twinbrook ES	AM PreK	
Twinbrook ES	PM PreK	
Twinbrook ES	Full Day Head Start	
Up-County Early Childhood Center	Full Day PreK/PEP Inclusion	
Up-County Early Childhood Center	Full Day PreK/PEP Inclusion	
Up-County Early Childhood Center	Full Day PreK/PEP Inclusion	
Up-County Early Childhood Center	Full Day PreK/PEP Inclusion	
Up-County Early Childhood Center	Full Day PreK/PEP Inclusion	
Viers Mill ES	Full Day PreK	
Viers Mill ES	Full Day Head Start	
Viers Mill ES	Full Day PreK	
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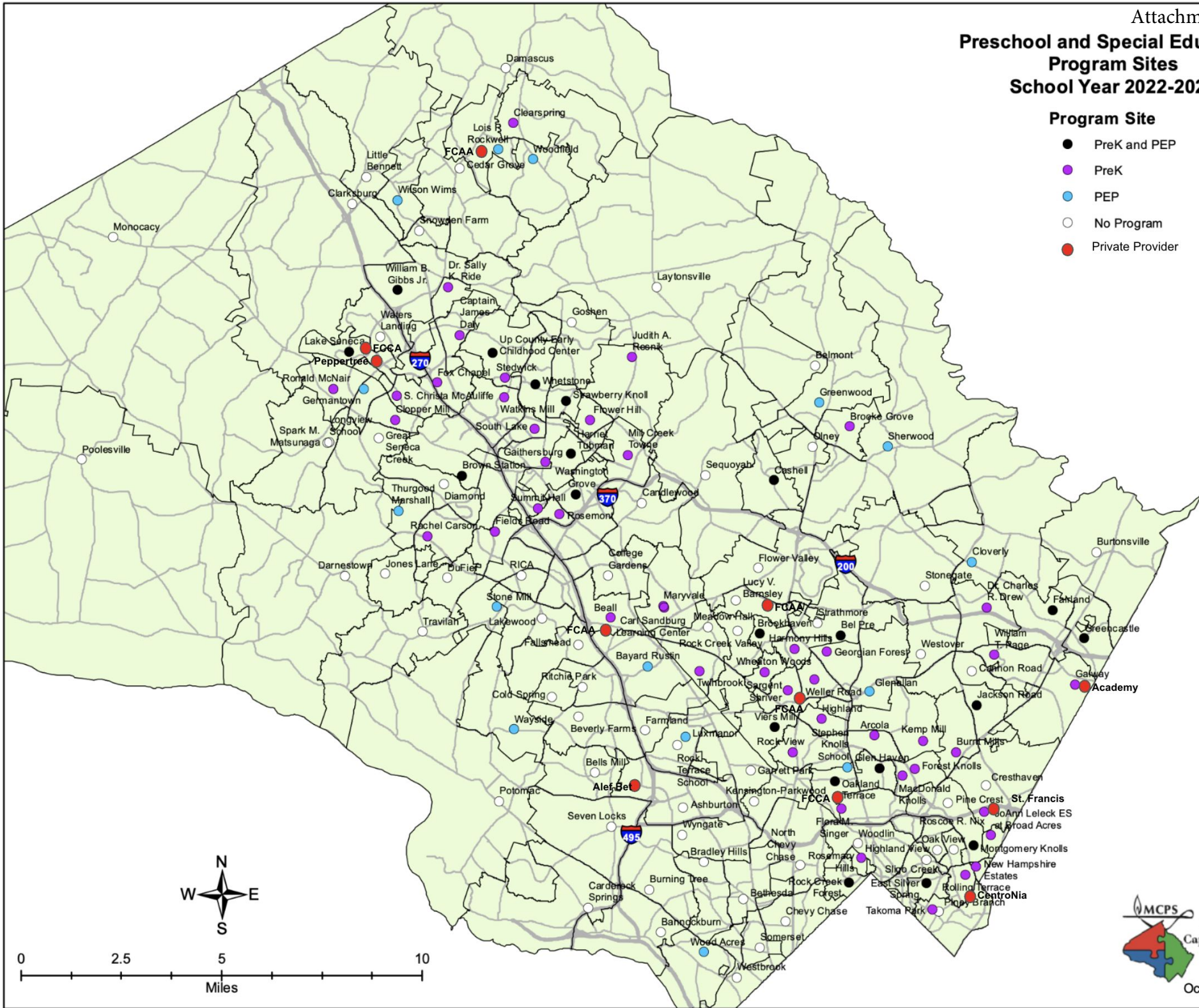
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Watkins Mill ES	Full Day PreK/PEP Inclusion	
Watkins Mill ES	Full Day Head Start	
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Weller Road ES	Full Day Head Start	
Weller Road ES	AM PreK	
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Weller Road ES	Full Day PreK/PEP Inclusion	
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Weller Road ES		Full Day
Westover ES		AM PreK
Westover ES		AM PreK
Wheaton Woods ES	Full Day PreK	
Wheaton Woods ES	Full Day Head Start	
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Wood Acres ES		AM PreK
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Woodfield ES		Full Day

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Woodfield ES		Full Day
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Woodfield ES		PM PreK

Preschool and Special Education Program Sites School Year 2022-2023

Program Site

- PreK and PEP
- PreK
- PEP
- No Program
- Private Provider



Attachment C
**Preschool and Special Education
 Program Sites**
School Year 2022-2023

Program Site

- PreK and PEP
- PreK
- PEP
- No Program

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