

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

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MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Joshua P. Starr, Superintendent of Schools

Subject: Update on Enrollment and the Capital Improvements Program

Montgomery County Public Schools enrollment is estimated to increase this year by approximately 2,500 students. Since 2007, total enrollment has increased by more than 8,600 students. The large enrollment increases are impacting elementary schools the most. Unfortunately, the elementary school level is where the school system has the most capacity shortages. Of the 350 relocatable classrooms at schools, 315 are at elementary schools. In addition, in many parts of the county, significant increases in middle and high school enrollments are beginning to occur. An ambitious effort is needed to address a wide range of current and projected capacity shortages.

Today's update on enrollment and the Capital Improvements Program will provide an overview of demographic trends and the planning issues as a result of these trends. The upcoming Fiscal Year (FY) 2013–2018 Capital Improvements Program will contain my recommendations for the coming six years and will be released on October 28, 2011.

Present at the Board table for today's discussion are Mr. Bruce Crispell, director, Division of Long-range Planning, Department of Facilities Management and Mr. James Song, director, Department of Facilities Management.

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