

WINSTON CHURCHILL CLUSTER

CLUSTER PLANNING ISSUES

Planning Issue: On March 19, 2024, the Board of Education approved the boundary study scope to determine the service area for the new Crown High School and the expansion of Damascus High School. The scope of the boundary study includes the following high schools: Winston Churchill, Clarksburg, Damascus, Gaithersburg, Richard Montgomery, Northwest, Poolesville, Quince Orchard, Seneca Valley, Watkins Mill, and Thomas S. Wootton. The scope also includes the following middle schools: John T. Baker, Cabin John, Roberto W. Clemente, Forest Oak, Robert Frost, Gaithersburg, Herbert Hoover, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Kingsview, Lakelands Park, Montgomery Village, Neelsville, John Poole, Ridgeview Rocky Hill, Hallie Wells, and Julius West. No elementary schools are included in the boundary study.

As part of the adopted FY 2025–2030 CIP, the approved completion date for the new Crown High School is August 2027. Due to fiscal constraints, the County Council shifted the expenditures for Damascus High School Major Capital Project to the out-years of the adopted FY 2025–2030 CIP with a “to be determined” completion date. In the Recommended FY 27-32 CIP the proposed completion date for the Damascus HS replacement is August 2031. Information regarding this boundary study is available on the MCPS website at the following link: www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/facilities/boundary-study

Due to the declining enrollment the recommendation is for a future elementary school boundary study.

SCHOOLS

Winston Churchill High School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Crown High School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Capital Project: The adopted CIP includes expenditures in the six-year period to open a new high school on the Crown Farm site to address overutilization in the mid-county region. Although an FY 2019 appropriation for planning was requested by the Board of Education for this new school, the County Council delayed the funds by one year. An FY 2020 appropriation was approved for planning to begin the architectural design for this project with a completion date of August 2025. As part of the FY 2021–2026 CIP, the County Council delayed the expenditures and completion date to August 2026. An FY 2023 appropriation was requested for construction cost increases and construction funds. Due to fiscal constraints, the County Council, in the adopted FY 2023–2028 CIP, delayed this project one

year, but approved the additional expenditures. An FY 2024 appropriation was approved for construction funds. Due to the continued effects of Covid-19 pandemic on construction cost increases, the budget for this project was insufficient to complete the construction scope as originally intended. Therefore, to move forward with the construction and remain on schedule, the Board of Education approved, as part of the FY 2025–2030 CIP, a Phase II for this project which includes the construction of the auditorium. This new high school is scheduled to be completed and open in August 2027.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

School	Project	Project Status*	Date of Completion
Crown HS	New School	Approved	August 2027

Approved—Project has an approved FY 2026 appropriation in the amended FY 2025– 2030 CIP for planning or construction funds.

Recommended—Project has a recommended FY 2027 appropriation in the FY 2027–2032 CIP for planning or construction.

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 for a feasibility study.

Winston Churchill Cluster Articulation 2025–2026 School Year

Winston Churchill High School

Cabin John MS*

Bells Mill ES
Seven Locks ES

Herbert Hoover MS

Beverly Farms ES
Potomac ES
Wayside ES

* Cold Spring ES and Stone Mill ES also articulate to Cabin John MS and thereafter to Thomas S. Wootton HS.
See Appendix V for multicolored maps of the service areas.

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Projected Enrollment and Space Availability

Effects of the Superintendent's Recommended FY 2027 Capital Budget and the FY 2027–2032 CIP

Schools			Prelim.	Projections							
			25-26	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30	30-31	31-32	2035	2040
Winston Churchill HS		Program Capacity	1936	1936	1936	1936	1936	1936	1936	1936	1936
		Enrollment	2167	2094	2058	2052	2051	2058	2046	2075	2075
		Available Space	(231)	(158)	(122)	(116)	(115)	(122)	(110)	(139)	(139)
		Comments	See Text								
Crown HS		Program Capacity			2218	2218	2218	2218	2218	2218	2218
		Enrollment			0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Available Space			2218	2218	2218	2218	2218	2218	2218
		Comments	See Text		Opens						
Cabin John MS		Program Capacity	1108	1108	1108	1108	1108	1108	1108	1108	1108
		Enrollment	1022	1000	996	996	984	953	932	975	975
		Available Space	86	108	112	112	124	155	176	133	133
		Comments	See Text								
Herbert Hoover MS		Program Capacity	1118	1118	1118	1118	1118	1118	1118	1118	1118
		Enrollment	961	964	956	943	934	903	884	900	900
		Available Space	157	154	162	175	184	215	234	218	218
		Comments	See Text								
Bells Mill ES		Program Capacity	627	627	627	627	627	627	627		
		Enrollment	540	542	524	503	499	494	488		
		Available Space	87	85	103	124	128	133	139		
		Comments									
Beverly Farms ES		Program Capacity	732	732	732	732	732	732	732		
		Enrollment	551	548	520	504	503	499	488		
		Available Space	181	184	212	228	229	233	244		
		Comments									
Potomac ES		Program Capacity	480	480	480	480	480	480	480		
		Enrollment	454	445	450	441	441	435	433		
		Available Space	26	35	30	39	39	45	47		
		Comments									
Seven Locks ES		Program Capacity	457	457	457	457	457	457	457		
		Enrollment	371	376	371	374	376	363	363		
		Available Space	86	81	86	83	81	94	94		
		Comments									
Wayside ES		Program Capacity	623	623	623	623	623	623	623		
		Enrollment	453	484	477	496	490	489	483		
		Available Space	170	139	146	127	133	134	140		
		Comments									
Cluster Information		HS Utilization	112%	108%	106%	106%	106%	106%	106%	107%	107%
		HS Enrollment	2167	2094	2058	2052	2051	2058	2046	2075	2075
		MS Utilization	89%	88%	88%	87%	86%	83%	82%	84%	84%
		MS Enrollment	1983	1964	1952	1939	1918	1856	1816	1875	1875
		ES Utilization	81%	82%	80%	79%	79%	78%	77%		
		ES Enrollment	2369	2395	2342	2318	2309	2280	2255		

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Demographic Characteristics of Schools

Schools	2025-2026						2024-2025		
	Total Enrollment	Two or more races %	Black or Afr. Amer. %	Asian%	Hispanic %	White %	FARMS%*	ELD%**	Mobility Rate%***
Winston Churchill HS	2167	7.0%	11.7%	32.3%	9.7%	39.2%	10.9%	3.2%	4.6%
Cabin John MS	1022	7.1%	13.1%	32.9%	9.8%	37.0%	12.3%	4.1%	5.1%
Herbert Hoover MS	961	8.5%	9.7%	39.1%	7.9%	34.5%	11.8%	3.9%	5.1%
Bells Mill ES	540	8.0%	11.7%	26.9%	9.1%	43.9%	14.9%	8.8%	8.0%
Beverly Farms ES	551	9.3%	8.9%	29.9%	7.1%	44.3%	8.6%	8.9%	5.8%
Potomac ES	454	11.5%	9.7%	31.3%	7.9%	39.6%	7.6%	7.2%	7.6%
Seven Locks ES	371	8.9%	9.7%	19.1%	11.6%	49.9%	7.2%	4.8%	9.2%
Wayside ES	453	8.4%	8.8%	37.1%	10.2%	35.5%	9.9%	9.0%	8.0%
Elementary Cluster Total	2369	9.2%	9.8%	29.2%	9.0%	42.5%	10.1%	8.1%	6.4%
Elementary County Total	69752	6.0%	21.5%	12.9%	36.3%	23.1%	42.7%	26.3%	14.6%

*Percent of students approved for Free and Reduced-priced Meals Program (FARMS) during the 2024–2025 school year.

**Percent of English Language Development students (ELD) during the 2024–2025 school year. High School students are served in regional ELD centers.

***Mobility Rate is the number of entries plus withdrawals during the 2024–2025 school year compared to total enrollment.

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

Due to federal and state guidelines, demographic characteristics of schools of less than or equal to 5 students per category are reported as 0%.

Program Capacity Table

(School Year 2025–2026)

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Facility Characteristics of Schools 2025–2026

Schools	Year Facility Opened	Year Reopened/ Revitalized/ Maj. Cap. Proj.	Total Square Footage	Site Size Acres	Adjacent Park	Relocatable Classrooms*	County Programs
Winston Churchill HS	1964	2001	322,078	30.28		4	
Cabin John MS	1967	2011	159,514	18.2			
Herbert Hoover MS	1966	2013	165,367	19.1			
Bells Mill ES	1968	2009	77,244	9.59			
Beverly Farms ES	1965	2013	98,916	4.98	Yes		
Potomac ES	1949	2020	86,550	9.02			
Seven Locks ES	1964	2012	66,915	9.9			
Wayside ES	1969	2017	93,453	9.26			

**See Appendix H for relocatable use.*