

# RICHARD MONTGOMERY CLUSTER

## CLUSTER PLANNING ISSUES

The City of Rockville adopted the Rockville Pike Neighborhood Plan in March 2016. Additional residential units, mostly multi-family units, are allowed in the Rockville Pike corridor. This development would occur on either side of Rockville Pike, from the intersection at Veirs Mill Road at the north to Rollins Avenue in the south. Most of this area is in the Richard Montgomery Cluster. The plan will require the redevelopment of existing land uses and require significant roadway improvements. It is anticipated that the plan will take 20 to 30 years to build-out and the pace of construction will be market driven. In addition, there are two master plans/amendments that include portions of the cluster—The Shady Grove Minor Master Plan Amendment, adopted in 2021 and The Veirs Mill Corridor Master Plan, adopted in 2019.

**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 2027–2032 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](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/facilities/boundary-study)

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

## SCHOOLS

### 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.

### Richard Montgomery High School

**Planning Issue:** See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

### Julius West Middle School

**Planning Issue:** See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

### Twinbrook Elementary School

**Capital Project:** As part of the adopted FY 2023–2028 CIP, this school was approved for a feasibility study for a major capital project. Facility planning was completed in FY 25 however based on the rankings with the new CIP prioritization criteria design and construction funds will be recommended as part of a future CIP. It is recommended that the approved appropriation and placeholder construction funds in FY 2029 and FY 2030 be reallocated to other projects.

## Richard Montgomery Cluster Articulation

### 2025–2026 School Year

#### Richard Montgomery HS

Julius West MS

Beall ES  
College Gardens ES  
Ritchie Park ES  
Bayard Rustin ES  
Twinbrook ES

See Appendix V for multicolored maps of the service areas.

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.

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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
Richard Montgomery HS		Program Capacity	2220	2220	2220	2220	2220	2220	2220	2220	2220
		Enrollment	2387	2321	2299	2313	2297	2315	2300	2335	2335
		Available Space	(167)	(101)	(79)	(93)	(77)	(95)	(80)	(115)	(115)
		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						
Julius West MS		Program Capacity	1432	1432	1432	1432	1432	1432	1432	1432	1432
		Enrollment	1284	1263	1232	1268	1255	1214	1186	1215	1215
		Available Space	148	169	200	164	177	218	246	217	217
		Comments	See Text								
Beall ES		Program Capacity	663	663	663	663	663	663	663		
		Enrollment	453	450	448	449	449	447	447		
		Available Space	210	213	215	214	214	216	216		
		Comments									
College Gardens ES		Program Capacity	702	702	702	702	702	702	702		
		Enrollment	450	439	435	432	417	426	426		
		Available Space	252	263	267	270	285	276	276		
		Comments									
Ritchie Park ES		Program Capacity	411	411	411	411	411	411	411		
		Enrollment	345	338	339	330	323	319	318		
		Available Space	66	73	72	81	88	92	93		
		Comments									
Bayard Rustin ES	CSR	Program Capacity	682	682	682	682	682	682	682		
		Enrollment	724	718	682	676	666	667	670		
		Available Space	(42)	(36)	0	6	16	15	12		
		Comments									
Twinbrook ES	CSR	Program Capacity	596	596	596	596	596	596	596		
		Enrollment	437	430	436	431	427	428	421		
		Available Space	159	166	160	165	169	168	175		
		Comments	See Text								
Cluster Information		HS Utilization	108%	105%	104%	104%	103%	104%	104%	105%	105%
		HS Enrollment	2387	2321	2299	2313	2297	2315	2300	2335	2335
		MS Utilization	90%	88%	86%	89%	88%	85%	83%	85%	85%
		MS Enrollment	1284	1263	1232	1268	1255	1214	1186	1215	1215
		ES Utilization	78%	78%	77%	76%	75%	75%	75%		
		ES Enrollment	2409	2037	2001	1988	1959	1968	1964		

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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%***
Richard Montgomery HS	2387	6.5%	15.3%	24.0%	26.2%	27.8%	29.3%	13.6%	14.7%
Julius West MS	1284	5.5%	14.8%	17.2%	33.9%	28.5%	38.3%	16.3%	12.4%
Beall ES	453	10.8%	9.1%	12.1%	28.0%	39.7%	27.6%	14.9%	11.2%
College Gardens ES	450	13.1%	25.1%	16.0%	20.7%	24.7%	43.3%	11.7%	19.3%
Ritchie Park ES	345	6.4%	13.6%	19.4%	12.8%	47.0%	12.6%	6.1%	8.1%
Bayard Rustin ES	724	12.0%	12.7%	23.9%	31.5%	19.6%	41.6%	27.2%	17.5%
Twinbrook ES	437	4.8%	12.4%	10.1%	62.9%	9.8%	57.1%	42.9%	32.8%
<b>Elementary Cluster Total</b>	<b>2409</b>	<b>9.9%</b>	<b>14.4%</b>	<b>17.1%</b>	<b>31.8%</b>	<b>26.5%</b>	<b>40.3%</b>	<b>23.0%</b>	<b>14.5%</b>
<b>Elementary County Total</b>	<b>69752</b>	<b>6.0%</b>	<b>21.5%</b>	<b>12.9%</b>	<b>36.3%</b>	<b>23.1%</b>	<b>42.7%</b>	<b>26.3%</b>	<b>14.6%</b>

\*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)

Program Capacity Table (School Year 2025–2026)																Special Education Services															
																Quad Cluster Based				County & Regional Based											
Schools	Grades Served	Capacity (HS @90% MS@85%)	Total Rooms	Support Rooms	Regular Secondary @25	Regular Elementary @23	CSR Grades 1–2 @18	Pre–K @20	Pre–K @40	HS @20	CSR KIND @18	KIND @22	ELD @15	METS @15	OTHER	ELC @10	LANG @12	LFI @10	SCB @6	AAC@7	AUT @6	BRIDGE @10	DHOH @7	SESES @10	EXTENSIONS @6	2e @13	PD @7	PEP@6	PEP @12	PEP @18	VISION (Elementary) @7
Richard Montgomery HS	9-12	2220	103		95								2	1									1	4							
Julius West MS	6-8	1432	70		65								1	1										3							
Beall ES	HS-5	663	33	3		22			1	1		3					2			1											
College Gardens ES	HS-5	702	36	3		26		1				3								3											
Ritchie Park ES	K-5	411	21	3		15						3																			
Bayard Rustin ES	K-5	682	38	4		14	12				6																			2	
Twinbrook ES	HS-5	596	34	5		14	9	1		1	4																				

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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
Richard Montgomery HS	1942	2007	311,500	29.05		9	
Julius West MS	1961	1995	182,617	21.3			
Beall ES	1954	1991	79,477	8.4	Yes		
College Gardens ES	1967	2008	96,986	7.9	Yes		
Ritchie Park ES	1966	1997	58,500	9.2			
Bayard Rustin ES	2018		97,397	10.9		2	
Twinbrook ES	1952	1986	79,818	10.45			

*\*See Appendix H for relocatable use.*