

THOMAS S. WOOTTON CLUSTER

CLUSTER PLANNING ISSUES

The Great Seneca Science Corridor Minor Master Plan Amendment was adopted in 2021. This amendment evaluates progress to the 2010 plan and adjusts staging requirements based on development since 2010. Recent construction in the plan area has yielded nearly 1,300 new multi-family units. Additional information can be found at the following link: <https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/communities/midcounty/great-seneca-science-corridor/great-seneca-science-corridor-plan/great-seneca-science-corridor-master-plan-minor-master-plan-amendment/>.

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

Due to the 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.

Thomas S. Wootton High School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Capital Project: Based on the ranking with the new CIP prioritization criteria this school will be considered for a major capital project in an upcoming CIP.

Cabin John Middle School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Robert Frost Middle School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Cold Spring 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. An FY 2025 appropriation was approved to begin the planning and design for this project. Due to fiscal constraints, the County Council shifted construction placeholder

Thomas S. Wootton Cluster Articulation

2025–2026 School Year

Thomas S. Wootton HS

Cabin John MS*

Robert Frost MS

Cold Spring ES
Stone Mill ES

DuFief ES
Fallsmead ES
Lakewood ES
Travilah ES

* Bells Mill ES and Seven Locks ES also articulate to Cabin John MS and thereafter to Winston Churchill HS.
See Appendix V for multicolored maps of the service areas.

expenditures to the out-years of the adopted FY 2025–2030 CIP. Facility planning was completed in FY 25 and this school is recommended for a replacement project with an estimated completion date of August 2031.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

School	Project	Project Status*	Date of Completion
Crown HS	New School	Approved	August 2027
Cold Spring ES	Replacement	Recommended	August 2031

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
Thomas S. Wootton HS		Program Capacity	2120	2120	2120	2120	2120	2120	2120	2120	2120
		Enrollment	1818	1801	1789	1790	1783	1790	1780	1800	1800
		Available Space	302	319	331	330	337	330	340	320	320
		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								
Robert Frost MS		Program Capacity	1027	1027	1027	1027	1027	1027	1027	1027	1027
		Enrollment	915	883	898	888	878	850	831	850	850
		Available Space	112	144	129	139	149	177	196	177	177
		Comments	See Text								
Cold Spring ES		Program Capacity	481	481	481	481	481	481	465	Maj. Cap. Project Complete	
		Enrollment	367	371	365	356	362	353	349		
		Available Space	114	110	116	125	119	128	116		
		Comments	See Text		Planning for MCP						
DuFief ES		Program Capacity	369	369	369	369	369	369	369		
		Enrollment	265	270	277	277	276	270	267		
		Available Space	104	99	92	92	93	99	102		
		Comments									
Fallsmead ES		Program Capacity	572	572	572	572	572	572	572		
		Enrollment	500	477	470	445	439	434	441		
		Available Space	72	95	102	127	133	138	131		
		Comments									
Lakewood ES		Program Capacity	566	566	566	566	566	566	566		
		Enrollment	414	413	402	396	375	390	378		
		Available Space	152	153	164	170	191	176	188		
		Comments									
Stone Mill ES		Program Capacity	707	707	707	707	707	707	707		
		Enrollment	550	561	563	564	581	561	549		
		Available Space	157	146	144	143	126	146	158		
		Comments									
Travilah ES		Program Capacity	526	526	526	526	526	526	526		
		Enrollment	382	378	370	374	364	367	356		
		Available Space	144	148	156	152	162	159	170		
		Comments									
Cluster Information		HS Utilization	86%	85%	84%	84%	84%	84%	84%	85%	85%
		HS Enrollment	1818	1801	1789	1790	1783	1790	1780	1800	1800
		MS Utilization	91%	88%	89%	88%	87%	84%	83%	85%	85%
		MS Enrollment	1937	1883	1894	1884	1862	1803	1763	1825	1825
		ES Utilization	77%	77%	76%	75%	74%	74%	73%		
		ES Enrollment	2478	2470	2447	2412	2397	2375	2340		

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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%***
Thomas S. Wootton HS	1818	6.6%	13.6%	38.6%	10.6%	30.4%	13.4%	4.0%	5.1%
Cabin John MS	1022	7.1%	13.1%	32.9%	9.8%	37.0%	12.3%	4.1%	5.1%
Robert Frost MS	915	8.0%	15.6%	40.9%	9.0%	26.1%	16.4%	5.5%	6.4%
Cold Spring ES	367	6.3%	6.0%	35.4%	9.5%	42.8%	7.7%	2.8%	3.1%
DuFief ES	265	11.3%	15.1%	26.0%	13.2%	34.3%	20.7%	15.2%	13.9%
Fallsmead ES	500	8.8%	12.0%	35.2%	11.6%	32.4%	18.9%	8.8%	14.6%
Lakewood ES	414	7.7%	15.0%	40.8%	13.8%	22.7%	21.2%	13.8%	15.7%
Stone Mill ES	550	7.8%	12.5%	47.1%	9.8%	22.5%	14.1%	14.1%	13.6%
Travilah ES	382	6.8%	9.4%	43.2%	9.9%	30.1%	13.4%	8.1%	9.3%
Elementary Cluster Total	2478	8.0%	11.7%	39.1%	11.2%	30.0%	15.8%	10.3%	10.2%
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	Total Square Footage	Site Size Acres	Adjacent Park	Relocatable Classrooms*	County Programs
Thomas S. Wootton HS	1970		295,620	27.37			
Cabin John MS	1967	2011	159,514	18.2			
Robert Frost MS	1971		143,757	24.78			
Cold Spring ES	1972		55,158	12.38		1	
DuFief ES	1975		59,013	9.99	Yes		
Fallsmead ES	1974		67,472	8.93	Yes		
Lakewood ES	1968	2003	77,526	13.09			
Stone Mill ES	1988		78,617	11.76			
Travilah ES	1960	1992	65,378	9.3			

*See Appendix H for relocatable use.