

RICHARD MONTGOMERY CLUSTER

CLUSTER PLANNING ISSUE

Planning Issue: 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.

Student enrollment at elementary schools in the Richard Montgomery Cluster has increased over the past few years. The magnitude of enrollment growth in the cluster requires the opening of a new elementary school which is scheduled to open at the site of the former Hungerford Park Elementary School, located at 332 W. Edmonston Avenue in the City of Rockville. An addition project at Julius West Middle School opened in the 2016–2017 school year to accommodate growth in enrollment there.

SCHOOLS

Richard Montgomery High School

Capital Project: Projections indicate enrollment at Richard Montgomery High School will exceed capacity by 200 seats or more by the end of the six-year planning period. An FY 2016 appropriation was approved for facility planning to determine the feasibility, scope, and cost for a classroom addition. The recommended 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. An FY 2019 appropriation for planning is recommended to begin the architectural design for this new school. Once the planning is complete, a recommendation will be included in the next full CIP regarding the phasing and completion date for the opening of this new high school.

Beall Elementary School

Capital Project: Projections indicate enrollment at Beall Elementary School will exceed capacity by 92 seats or more throughout the six-year CIP planning period. An FY 2017 appropriation was approved to begin construction of the new school. Relocatable classrooms will be utilized until Richard Montgomery Cluster Elementary School #5 (Hungerford Park site) opens in September 2018.

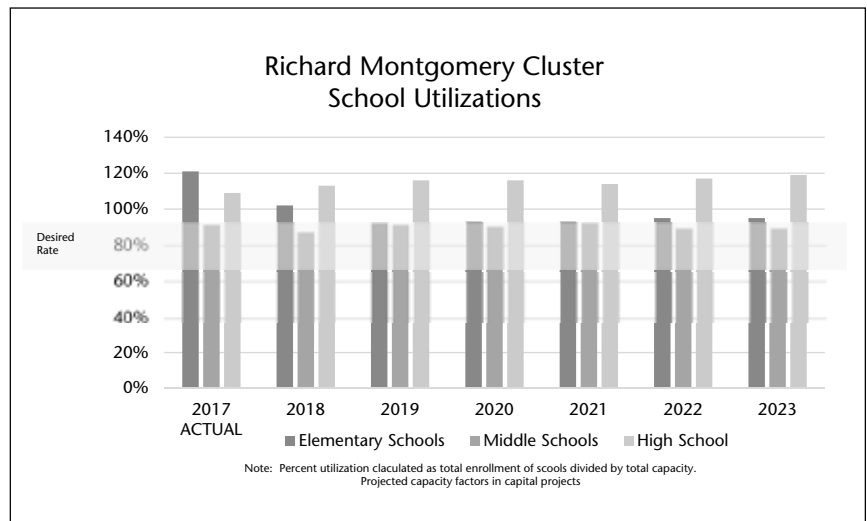
Planning Study: A boundary study was conducted in spring 2017 to determine the service area for the new Richard Montgomery Elementary School #5. Representatives from the Beall, College Gardens, Ritchie Park, and Twinbrook elementary school service areas participated on

the boundary advisory committee. Pursuant to the Board of Education action on November 18, 2010, the boundary study explored options to reassign the Chinese Immersion program from College Gardens Elementary School to another elementary school in the Richard Montgomery Cluster. The superintendent of schools released his recommendation in October 2017, and Board of Education action is scheduled for November 27, 2017. The recommendation is available on the MCPS website at the following link: http://gis.mcpsmd.org/boundarystudypdfs/RMES5_SuperintendentsRecommendation.pdf

College Gardens Elementary School

Capital Project: Projections indicate enrollment at College Garden Elementary School will exceed capacity by 92 seats or more throughout the six-year CIP planning period. An FY 2017 appropriation was approved to begin construction of the new school. Relocatable classrooms will be utilized until Richard Montgomery Cluster Elementary School #5 (Hungerford Park site) opens in September 2018.

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Ritchie Park Elementary School

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Richard Montgomery Cluster Elementary School #5 (Hungerford Park site)

Capital Project: A new school is scheduled to open in September 2018 to relieve projected overutilization in the Richard Montgomery Cluster. An FY 2017 appropriation was approved to begin construction of the new school. Funding is approved in the Rehabilitation and Renovation of Closed Schools (RROCS) project to construct the new elementary school.

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Twinbrook Elementary School

Capital Project: Based on the Montgomery County Council Office of Legislative Oversight (OLO) study of the revitalization/expansion program released in July 2015, this program is under review in order to develop a multi-variable approach to determine the priority order of large-scale renovations of facilities, possibly including programmatic and capacity considerations. Recommendations regarding possible changes to this program will be released once the review is complete. (For more information see Appendix J.)

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CAPITAL PROJECTS

School	Project	Project Status*	Date of Completion
Richard Montgomery Cluster ES #5	New school	Approved	Sept. 2018

*“Approved”—Project has an FY 2017 or FY 2018 appropriation approved in the Amended FY 2017–2022 CIP.

*“Programmed”—Project has expenditures programmed in a future year of the CIP for planning and/or construction funds.

*“Proposed”—Project has facility planning funds recommended for a feasibility study.

*“Recommended”—Project has an FY 2019 appropriation recommended for planning or construction in the FY 2019–2024 CIP.

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Projected Enrollment and Space Availability Effects of the Recommended FY 2019–2024 CIP and Non–CIP Actions on Space Available

Schools		Actual 17–18	Projections							
			18–19	19–20	20–21	21–22	22–23	23–24	2027	2032
Richard Montgomery HS	Program Capacity	2236	2236	2236	2236	2236	2236	2236	2236	2236
	Enrollment	2447	2526	2584	2596	2545	2618	2668	2730	2840
	Available Space	(211)	(290)	(348)	(360)	(309)	(382)	(432)	(494)	(604)
	Comments	See text								
Julius West MS	Program Capacity	1462	1462	1462	1462	1462	1462	1462	1462	1462
	Enrollment	1334	1277	1326	1319	1351	1302	1298	1320	1330
	Available Space	128	185	136	143	111	160	164	142	132
	Comments									
Beall ES	Program Capacity	637	637	637	637	637	637	637		
	Enrollment	785	644	560	555	565	586	591		
	Available Space	(148)	(7)	77	82	72	51	46		
	Comments		Boundary Change							
College Gardens ES	Program Capacity	693	693	693	693	693	693	693		
	Enrollment	879	787	676	676	658	653	659		
	Available Space	(186)	(94)	17	17	35	40	34		
	Comments		Boundary Change							
Richard Montgomery Cluster ES #5 (Hungerford Park)	Program Capacity		740	740	740	740	740	740		
	Enrollment		606	662	685	693	713	719		
	Available Space		134	78	55	47	27	21		
	Comments		Opens							
Ritchie Park ES	Program Capacity	387	387	387	387	387	387	387		
	Enrollment	542	448	379	375	379	379	383		
	Available Space	(155)	(61)	8	12	8	8	4		
	Comments		Boundary Change							
Twinbrook ES	Program Capacity	558	558	558	558	558	558	558		
	Enrollment	552	579	506	512	514	523	523		
	Available Space	6	(21)	52	46	44	35	35		
	Comments	See text	Boundary Change							
Cluster Information	HS Utilization	109%	113%	116%	116%	114%	117%	119%	122%	127%
	HS Enrollment	2447	2526	2584	2596	2545	2618	2668	2730	2840
	MS Utilization	91%	87%	91%	90%	92%	89%	89%	90%	91%
	MS Enrollment	1334	1277	1326	1319	1351	1302	1298	1320	1330
	ES Utilization	121%	102%	92%	93%	93%	95%	95%	118%	127%
ES Enrollment	2758	2458	2121	2118	2116	2141	2156	3560	3830	

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Demographic Characteristics of Schools

Schools	2017–2018						2016–2017		
	Total Enrollment	Two or more races %	Black or Afr. Amer. %	Asian%	Hispanic %	White %	FARMS%*	ESOL%**	Mobility Rate%***
Richard Montgomery HS	2447	4.7%	17.4%	24.6%	23.6%	29.5%	19.6%	7.3%	11.1%
Julius West MS	1334	6.7%	15.6%	19.6%	23.1%	34.7%	24.7%	9.1%	11.8%
Beall ES	785	5.7%	11.5%	24.7%	23.4%	34.3%	25.0%	17.3%	11.2%
College Gardens ES	880	8.0%	17.8%	23.9%	14.1%	36.0%	14.4%	16.3%	12.0%
Ritchie Park ES	543	6.8%	14.5%	20.6%	19.5%	38.1%	22.9%	12.0%	20.2%
Twinbrook ES	552	3.8%	9.8%	13.0%	62.5%	10.0%	69.6%	52.3%	18.5%
Elementary Cluster Total	2760	6.3%	13.8%	21.3%	27.5%	30.7%	30.3%	23.2%	14.6%
Elementary County Total	76590	5.3%	21.4%	14.0%	32.3%	26.6%	40.3%	23.2%	14.1%

*Percent of students approved for Free and Reduced-priced Meals Program (FARMS) during the 2016–2017 school year.

**Percent of English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) during the 2016–2017 school year. High School students are served in regional ESOL centers.

***Mobility Rate is the number of entries plus withdrawals during the 2016–2017 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 2017–2018)

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	ESOL @15	METS @15	Special Education Services																			
															School Based	Cluster Based	Quad Cluster Based			County & Regional Based														
															HSM @13	ELEM LAD @13	ELC @10	LANG @12	LFI @10	SCB @6	AAC@7	AUT @6	BRIDGE @10	DHOH @7	ED @10	EXTENSIONS @6	GT/LD @13	PD @7	PEP@6	PEP @12	PEP @18	VISION (Elementary) @7	OTHER	
Richard Montgomery HS	9-12	2237	102		97								1	1												3								
Julius West MS	6-8	1462	70		67								2	1																				
Beall ES	HS-5	637	33	4		18		1	1		6						2				1													
College Gardens ES	HS-5	693	36	4		23				1		6										2												
Ritchie Park ES	K-5	387	21	4		13						4																						
Twinbrook ES	HS-5	558	34	6		8	11	1	1	5						2																		

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Facility Characteristics of Schools 2017–2018

Schools	Year Facility Opened	Year Reopened/ Revitalized	Total Square Footage	Site Size Acres	Adjacent Park	Reloc-atable Classrooms	County Programs	Home School Model
Richard Montgomery HS	1942	2007	311,500	29.05				
Julius West MS	1961	1995	182,617	21.3				
Beall ES	1954	1991	79,477	8.4	Yes	8		
College Gardens ES	1967	2008	96,986	7.9	Yes	6		
Ritchie Park ES	1966	1997	58,500	9.2		6		
Twinbrook ES	1952	1986	79,818	10.5		2		