

# CLARKSBURG CLUSTER

## CLUSTER PLANNING ISSUES

**Planning Issue:** The Clarksburg Master Plan allows for the development of up to 15,000 residential units. The plan included five future elementary school sites and one future middle school site. A large number of housing units were constructed. A new cluster of schools was formed in the 2006–2007 school year when Clarksburg High School opened to accommodate the enrollment growth from the new development. Little Bennett Elementary School opened in September 2006, William B. Gibbs, Jr. Elementary School opened in September 2009, and Wilson Wims Elementary School opened in September 2014. To address the enrollment growth in the cluster, a high school addition opened in September 2015, and Hallie Wells Middle School opened in September 2016. With continued growth in elementary school enrollment, two new elementary schools are approved with opening dates of September 2019 and September 2022.

## SCHOOLS

### Clarksburg High School

**Planning Issue:** Although a classroom addition opened in September 2015 to accommodate the overutilization at Clarksburg High School, student enrollment will continue to exceed capacity by over 800 students by the end of the six-year planning period. Enrollment also is projected to exceed capacity at Northwest High School by almost 700 students. The Seneca Valley High School service area is adjacent to the Clarksburg and Northwest high school service areas. A revitalization/expansion project of Seneca Valley High School, scheduled for completion in September 2020, will be designed and constructed with a capacity for 2,581 students. The enrollment at Seneca Valley High School is projected to be 1,301 students by the end of the six-year planning period. With a capacity of 2,581 seats, there will be approximately 1,280 seats available to accommodate students from Clarksburg and Northwest high schools when the project is complete.

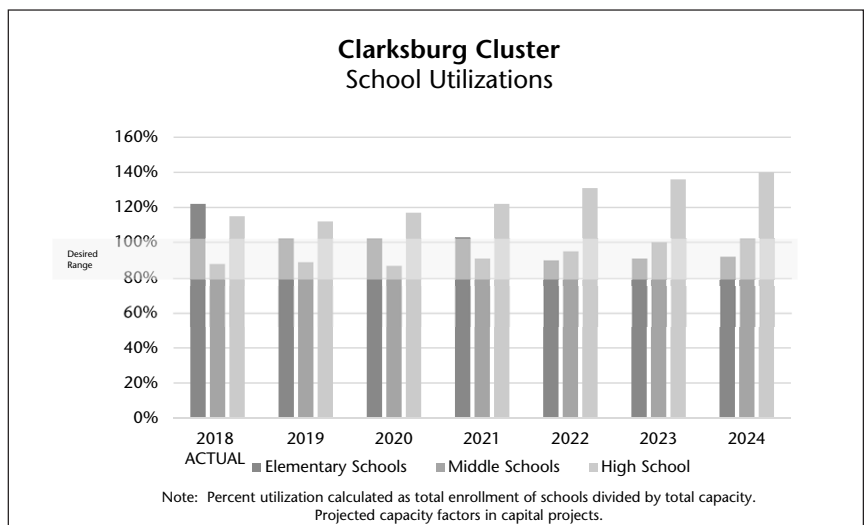
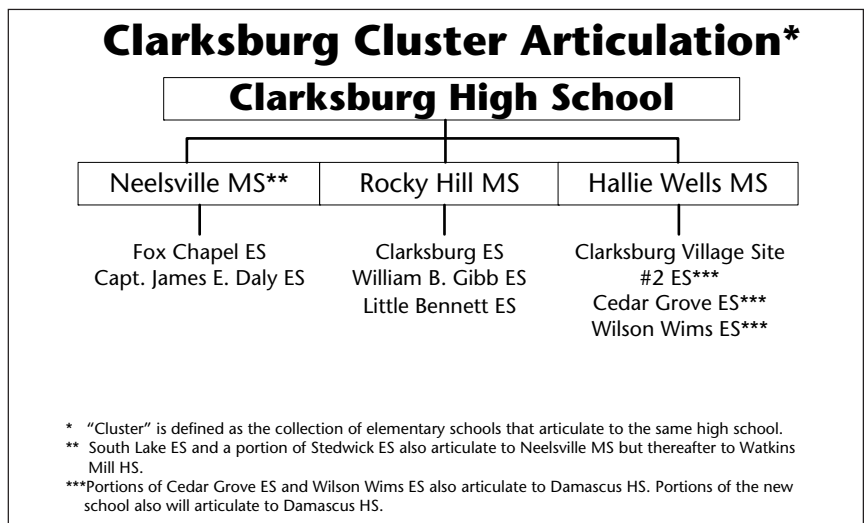
**Planning Study:** A boundary study is approved to explore the reassignment of Clarksburg and Northwest high school students to Seneca Valley High School. As part of the boundary study, middle school articulation patterns in the Seneca Valley Cluster will be reviewed in order to evaluate utilizations and articulation patterns, therefore Roberto Clemente and Martin Luther King, Jr. middle schools will participate in the boundary study. In order to minimize split articulations among the three clusters, the superintendent recommends expanding the scope of the boundary study to include all of the middle schools in the Clarksburg and Northwest clusters in addition to

the middle schools in the Seneca Valley Cluster. The boundary study will begin in late fall/early winter 2018 with Board action scheduled in November 2019.

### Neelsville Middle School

**Capital Project:** A major capital project is recommended for this school to address various building systems and programmatic needs for this school. The scope of the project will be determined during the 2018–2019 school year. An FY 2020 appropriation is recommended for planning to begin the architectural design for this project. A completion date will be determined in a future CIP.

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### Hallie Wells Middle School

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### Rocky Hill Middle School

**Planning Study:** A boundary study is approved to explore the reassignment of Clarksburg and Northwest high school students to Seneca Valley High School. As part of the boundary study, middle school articulation patterns in the Seneca Valley Cluster will be reviewed in order to evaluate utilizations and articulation patterns, therefore Roberto Clemente and Martin Luther King, Jr. middle schools will participate in the boundary study. In order to minimize split articulations among the three clusters, the superintendent recommends expanding the scope of the boundary study to include all of the middle schools in the Clarksburg and Northwest clusters in addition to the middle schools in the Seneca Valley Cluster. The boundary study will begin in late fall/early winter 2018 with Board action scheduled in November 2019.

### Cedar Grove Elementary School

**Planning Issue:** Enrollment is projected to exceed capacity by more than 92 seats throughout the six-year planning period. Although the opening of Wilson Wims Elementary School provided some relief, current projections indicate the need for additional elementary schools in the Clarksburg Cluster. Relocatable classrooms will be utilized until Clarksburg Cluster Elementary School (Clarksburg Village Site #2) and/or Clarksburg Cluster Elementary School #9 opens.

**Capital Project:** An FY 2018 appropriation was approved to construct Clarksburg Cluster Elementary School (Clarksburg Village Site #2). The school is scheduled to open in September 2019.

**Capital Project:** Although an FY 2019 appropriation for planning was recommended by the Board of Education for Clarksburg Elementary School #9 with a scheduled opening in September 2021, the County Council delayed the project by one year to September 2022. An FY 2020 appropriation is recommended for planning to begin the architectural design for this project. In order for this project to be completed on this schedule, county and state funding must be provided at the levels recommended in this CIP.

**Planning Study:** A boundary study was conducted in spring 2018, for Clarksburg Cluster Elementary School (Clarksburg Village Site #2) to create the service area for the new school. The scope of the study included Cedar Grove and Wilson Wims elementary schools. The superintendent of schools released his recommendation as part of the FY 2020 Capital Budget and Amendments to the FY 2019–2024 CIP, with Board of Education action scheduled for November 27, 2018. The boundary recommendation is available on the MCPS website at the following link: [http://gis.mcpsmd.org/cipmasterpdfs/Supplement\\_A\\_Amended\\_FY2019-2024.pdf](http://gis.mcpsmd.org/cipmasterpdfs/Supplement_A_Amended_FY2019-2024.pdf)

### Clarksburg Elementary School

**Planning Issue:** Enrollment at Clarksburg Elementary School is projected to exceed capacity by more than 92 seats throughout the six-year planning period. Relocatable classrooms will be utilized until Clarksburg Elementary School #9 opens.

**Capital Project:** Although an FY 2019 appropriation for planning was recommended by the Board of Education for Clarksburg Elementary School #9 with a scheduled opening in September 2021, the County Council delayed the project by one year to September 2022. An FY 2020 appropriation is recommended for planning to begin the architectural design for this project. In order for this project to be completed on this schedule, county and state funding must be provided at the levels recommended in this CIP.

### Clarksburg Cluster Elementary School (Clarksburg Village Site #2)

**Capital Project:** A new school is approved to open in September 2019 to relieve projected overutilization in the Clarksburg Cluster. An FY 2018 appropriation was approved to construct Clarksburg Cluster Elementary School (Clarksburg Village Site #2).

**Planning Study:** A boundary study was conducted in spring 2018 for Clarksburg Cluster Elementary School (Clarksburg Village Site #2) to create the service area for the new school. The scope of the study included Cedar Grove and Wilson Wims elementary schools. The superintendent of schools released his recommendation as part of the FY 2020 Capital Budget and Amendments to the FY 2019–2024 CIP, with Board of Education action scheduled for November 27, 2018. The boundary recommendation is available on the MCPS website at the following link: [http://gis.mcpsmd.org/cipmasterpdfs/Supplement\\_A\\_Amended\\_FY2019-2024.pdf](http://gis.mcpsmd.org/cipmasterpdfs/Supplement_A_Amended_FY2019-2024.pdf)

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### Clarksburg Elementary School #9 (Cabin Branch Site)

**Planning Issue:** Enrollment continues to grow in the Clarksburg Cluster elementary schools. In order to address the growing space needs in these schools, a site selection study was conducted to identify the location for a new elementary school in the cluster. The Cabin Branch site was selected as the site for this new school.

**Capital Project:** Although an FY 2019 appropriation for planning was recommended by the Board of Education to begin the architectural design for Clarksburg Elementary School #9 with a scheduled opening in September 2021, the County Council delayed the project by one year to September 2022. An FY 2020 appropriation is recommended for planning to begin the architectural design for this project. In order for this project to be completed on this schedule, county and state funding must be provided at the levels recommended in this CIP.

### Capt. James E. Daly Elementary School

**Capital Project:** Previous projections indicated enrollment at Capt. James E. Daly Elementary School would exceed capacity by 92 seats or more by the end of the six-year planning period. An FY 2014 appropriation was approved for facility planning to determine the feasibility, scope, and cost for a classroom addition. The current space deficit is slightly below the minimum threshold of 92 seats or more for consideration of an addition project. Therefore, enrollment will continue to be monitored for consideration of a future CIP project, with relocatable classrooms utilized in the interim.

### Wilson Wims Elementary School

**Planning Issue:** Enrollment at Wilson Wims Elementary School is projected to exceed capacity by 92 seats or more throughout the six-year period. Relocatable classrooms will be utilized until Clarksburg Cluster Elementary School (Clarksburg Village Site #2) and/or Clarksburg Cluster Elementary School #9 opens.

**Capital Project:** An FY 2018 appropriation was approved to construct Clarksburg Cluster Elementary School (Clarksburg Village Site #2). The school is scheduled to open in September 2019.

**Capital Project:** Although an FY 2019 appropriation for planning was recommended by the Board of Education for Clarksburg Elementary School #9 with a scheduled opening in September 2021, the County Council delayed the project by one year to September 2022. An FY 2020 appropriation is recommended for planning to begin the architectural design for this project. In order for this project to be completed on this schedule, county and state funding must be provided at the levels recommended in this CIP.

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## CAPITAL PROJECTS

School	Project	Project Status*	Date of Completion
Neelsville MS	Major Capital Project	Recommended	TBD
Clarksburg ES (Clarksburg Village Site #2)	New school	Approved	Sept. 2019
Clarksburg ES #9	New school	Recommended	Sept. 2022

\*“Approved”—Project has an FY 2019 appropriation for planning or construction funds approved in the FY 2019–2024 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 or approved for a feasibility study.

\*“Recommended”—Project has an FY 2020 appropriation for planning recommended in the FY 2019–2024 CIP.

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

Schools		Actual 18–19	Projections							
			19–20	20–21	21–22	22–23	23–24	24–25	2028	2033
Clarksburg HS	Program Capacity	2034	2034	2034	2034	2034	2034	2034	2034	2034
	Enrollment	2342	2281	2374	2487	2668	2757	2848	2866	3000
	Available Space	(308)	(247)	(340)	(453)	(634)	(723)	(814)	(832)	(966)
	Comments	Boundary Study See text								
Neelsville MS	Program Capacity	956	956	956	956	956	956	956	956	956
	Enrollment	945	931	933	908	917	946	957	930	970
	Available Space	11	25	23	48	39	10	(1)	26	(14)
	Comments	Boundary Study	Planning for Major Capital Project							
Rocky Hill MS	Program Capacity	1020	1020	1020	1020	1020	1020	1020	1020	1020
	Enrollment	844	894	799	899	946	998	1023	1027	1090
	Available Space	176	126	221	121	74	22	(3)	(7)	(70)
	Comments	Boundary Study								
Hallie Wells MS	Program Capacity	982	982	982	982	982	982	982	982	982
	Enrollment	792	794	848	877	949	1002	1032	987	1060
	Available Space	190	188	134	105	33	(20)	(50)	(5)	(78)
	Comments	Boundary Study								
Cedar Grove ES	Program Capacity	418	418	418	418	418	418	418		
	Enrollment	614	443	409	407	395	391	394		
	Available Space	(196)	(25)	9	11	23	27	24		
	Comments	Boundary Recommendation								
Clarksburg ES	Program Capacity	311	311	311	311	311	311	311		
	Enrollment	530	522	525	552	582	613	632		
	Available Space	(219)	(211)	(214)	(241)	(271)	(302)	(321)		
	Comments	See text								
Clarksburg Cluster ES (Clarksburg Village #2)	Program Capacity		741	741	741	741	741	741		
	Enrollment		649	779	795	804	807	808		
	Available Space		92	(38)	(54)	(63)	(66)	(67)		
	Comments		Opens							
Clarksburg ES #9	Program Capacity					740	740	740		
	Enrollment					0	0	0		
	Available Space					740	740	740		
	Comments		Planning for new school			Opens				
Capt. James E. Daly ES	Program Capacity	528	528	528	528	528	528	528		
	Enrollment	586	574	568	593	603	606	611		
	Available Space	(58)	(46)	(40)	(65)	(75)	(78)	(83)		
	Comments									
Fox Chapel ES	Program Capacity	683	683	683	683	683	683	683		
	Enrollment	600	590	591	593	599	598	606		
	Available Space	83	93	92	90	84	85	77		
	Comments									
William B. Gibbs, Jr. ES	Program Capacity	714	714	714	714	714	714	714		
	Enrollment	660	692	684	670	663	670	671		
	Available Space	54	22	30	44	51	44	43		
	Comments									
Little Bennett ES	Program Capacity	611	611	611	611	611	611	611		
	Enrollment	614	566	557	558	558	542	608		
	Available Space	(3)	45	54	53	53	69	3		
	Comments									
Wilson Wims ES	Program Capacity	752	752	752	752	752	752	752		
	Enrollment	1244	827	774	784	784	782	785		
	Available Space	(492)	(75)	(22)	(32)	(32)	(30)	(33)		
	Comments	Boundary Recommendation								
Cluster Information	HS Utilization	115%	112%	117%	122%	131%	136%	140%	141%	147%
	HS Enrollment	2342	2281	2374	2487	2668	2757	2848	2866	3000
	MS Utilization	88%	89%	87%	91%	95%	100%	102%	100%	105%
	MS Enrollment	2581	2619	2580	2684	2812	2946	3012	2944	3120
	ES Utilization	122%	102%	103%	104%	91%	91%	93%	102%	110%
	ES Enrollment	4848	4214	4108	4157	4184	4202	4307	5610	6050



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### Facility Characteristics of Schools 2018–2019

Schools	Year Facility Opened	Year Reopened/ Revitalized	Total Square Footage	Site Size Acres	Adjacent Park	Relocatable Classrooms	County Programs
Clarksburg HS	1995	2006	344,574	62.73		11	
Neelsville MS	1981		131,432	29.2			
Rocky Hill MS	2004		148,065	23.3			
Hallie Wells MS	2016		150,089	22.37			
Cedar Grove ES	1960	1987	57,037	10.1		7	
Clarksburg ES	1952	1993	54,983	9.97		4	
Captain James Daly ES	1989		78,210	10	Yes	4	
Fox Chapel ES	1974		85,182	10.34	Yes		LTL
William B. Gibbs Jr. ES	2009		88,042	10.75			
Little Bennett ES	2006		82,511	4.81	Yes		
Wilson Wims ES	2014		91,931	9.29	Yes	14	