

BETHESDA-CHEVY CHASE CLUSTER

CLUSTER PLANNING ISSUES

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Cluster includes the adopted Chevy Chase Lake Sector Plan that provides for up to 1,400 new, mostly multi-family residential units. Although the majority of the residential units can move forward at any time, build-out of all the residential units requires funding for the Purple Line to be secured. As with many sector plans in the county, build-out requires the redevelopment of many existing land uses in the area. The pace of construction will be market driven.

In May of 2017, the County Council approved the Bethesda Downtown Plan, which will provide for additional multi-family residential units in downtown Bethesda and require a larger percentage (15%) of affordable units in new developments.

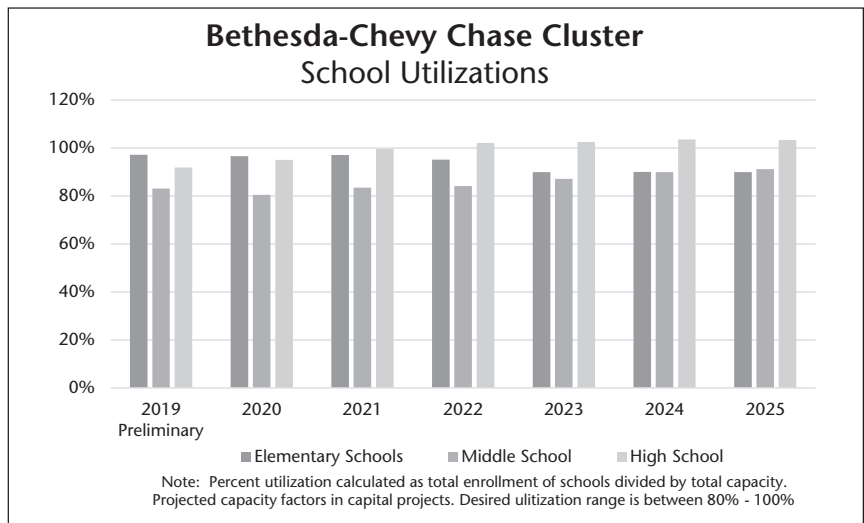
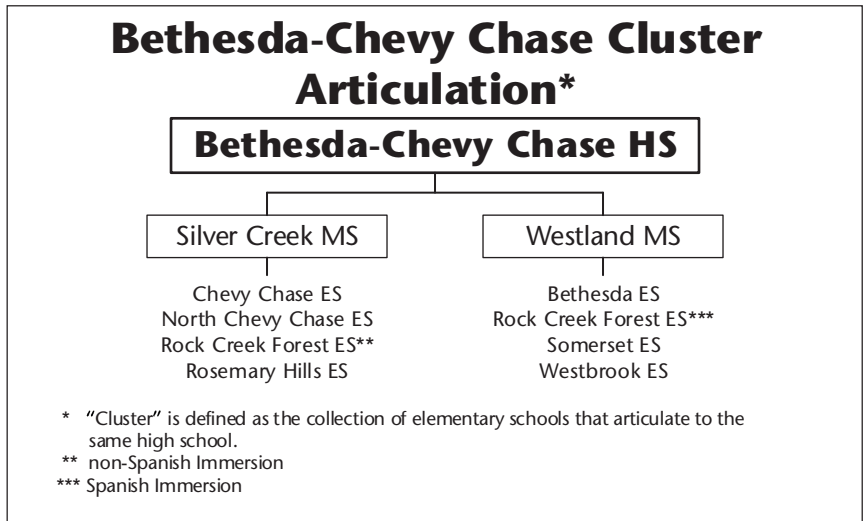
Student enrollment at all the schools in the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Cluster has increased over the past few years and several addition projects opened at Bethesda, North Chevy Chase, Rosemary Hills, Somerset, and Westbrook elementary schools. Capacity also increased at Rock Creek Elementary School as part of the revitalization/expansion project. Silver Creek Middle School opened in September 2017, to address Grades 6–8 enrollment growth in the cluster and to provide space for the reassignment of Grade 6 students from Chevy Chase and North Chevy Chase elementary schools to the middle school level. To address the enrollment growth at the high school level, a classroom addition opened at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School.

Planning Study: Because projections indicated that enrollment would exceed capacity by more than 92 seats at Bethesda, Rock Creek Forest, and Somerset elementary schools in a previous CIP, a study was approved to explore all possible solutions to add elementary capacity in the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Cluster in November 2017. In the Walter Johnson Cluster, a Site Selection Committee was held in spring 2018, to identify possible sites for a new elementary school. However, the projected space deficits, at the elementary school level in the Walter Johnson Cluster were not sufficient to recommend a new elementary school for the cluster at that time. Given that the adopted CIP in November 2018 included a capacity study for the elementary schools in the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Cluster, the Board of Education approved expanding the capacity study to explore possible solutions that would include the elementary schools in both the Bethesda-Chevy Chase and Walter Johnson clusters. The Board of Education also included a joint site selection process for the two clusters. This study was conducted in summer 2019.

Capital Project: Based on updated enrollment projections and information provided in the

capacity study, the superintendent’s recommendation includes an addition at Bethesda Elementary School to address its overutilization and an addition at Westbrook Elementary School. An FY 2021 appropriation is recommended for planning funds to begin the planning of an addition at Westbrook Elementary School to relieve the overutilization at adjacent schools. The addition is scheduled to be completed by September 2021. In addition, the recommendation includes planning funds in the out-years of the CIP for a new Bethesda-Chevy Chase/Walter Johnson Cluster elementary school in the future.

Planning Study: The recommendation includes a boundary study to occupy the classrooms that will be available with the completion of the project at Westbrook Elementary School. The anticipated scope of this boundary study will include Somerset and Westbrook elementary schools. Due to the enrollment growth in this cluster, an evaluation of the utilizations of adjacent schools will continue. The Board of Education will take action on the scope of the boundary study on November 26, 2019. The boundary study will occur in spring 2020 with Board of Education action in November 2020.



SCHOOLS

Bethesda Elementary School

Planning Study: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Capital Project: Projections indicate that enrollment will exceed capacity by 92 seats or more by the end of the six-year planning period. An FY 2021 appropriation is recommended for planning funds to begin the architectural design for this addition project. The addition is scheduled to be completed by September 2023. Relocatable classrooms will be utilized until additional capacity can be added. 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.

Bethesda-Chevy Chase/Walter Johnson Clusters Elementary School

Planning Study: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Capital Project: Projections indicate enrollment will exceed capacity for some of the elementary schools in these two clusters. Planning funds for a new elementary school are recommended in the out-years of the CIP. A completion date for this new elementary school will be considered in a future CIP. 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.

Chevy Chase Elementary School

Planning Study: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

North Chevy Chase Elementary School

Planning Study: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Rock Creek Forest Elementary School

Planning Study: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Rosemary Hills Elementary School

Planning Study: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Somerset Elementary School

Planning Study: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Capital Project: Projections indicate that enrollment will exceed capacity throughout the six-year planning period. Due to the small site size and site limitations at this school, an FY 2021 appropriation is recommended for planning funds to begin the planning of an addition at Westbrook Elementary School to relieve the overutilization at Somerset Elementary School. The addition is scheduled to be completed by September 2021. Relocatable classrooms will be utilized until additional capacity can be added. 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 is recommended to address the overutilization at Somerset Elementary School. The anticipated scope of the study will include Somerset and Westbrook elementary schools. Due to the enrollment growth in this cluster, an evaluation of the utilizations of adjacent schools will continue. The boundary study will begin in spring 2020 with Board of Education action scheduled for November 2020.

Westbrook Elementary School

Planning Study: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Capital Project: Projections indicate that enrollment will exceed capacity throughout the six-year planning period. Due to the small site size and site limitations at this school, an FY 2021 appropriation is recommended for planning funds to begin the planning of an addition at Westbrook Elementary School to relieve the overutilization at Somerset Elementary School. The addition is scheduled to be completed by September 2021. Relocatable classrooms will be utilized until additional capacity can be added. 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 is recommended to address the overutilization at Somerset Elementary School. The anticipated scope of the study will include Somerset and Westbrook elementary schools. Due to the enrollment growth in this cluster, an evaluation of the utilizations of adjacent schools will continue. The boundary study will begin in spring 2020 with Board of Education action scheduled for November 2020.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

School	Project	Project Status*	Date of Completion
Bethesda ES	Classroom addition	Recommended	Sept. 2023
Bethesda-Chevy Chase/Walter Johnson Cluster ES	New School	Programmed	TBD
Westbrook ES	Addition	Recommended	Sept. 2021

*Approved— Project has an FY 2019 or FY 2020 appropriation for planning or construction funds approved in the Amended 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 approved for a feasibility study.

*Recommended—Project has an FY 2021 appropriation recommended for planning or construction in the FY 2021–2026 CIP.

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Projected Enrollment and Space Availability

Effects of the Recommended FY 2021 Capital Budget and the FY 2021–2026 Capital Improvements Program (CIP)

Schools		Prelimin.	Projections								
			19–20	20–21	21–22	22–23	23–24	24–25	25–26	2029	2034
Bethesda–Chevy Chase HS	Program Capacity	2457	2457	2457	2457	2457	2457	2457	2457	2457	2457
	Enrollment	2259	2337	2448	2510	2518	2544	2541	2535	2523	
	Available Space	198	120	9	(53)	(61)	(87)	(84)	(78)	(66)	
	Comments										
Silver Creek MS	Program Capacity	935	935	935	935	935	935	935	935	935	
	Enrollment	887	905	896	932	952	920	882	799	749	
	Available Space	48	30	39	3	(17)	15	53	136	186	
	Comments										
Westland MS	Program Capacity	1105	1105	1105	1105	1105	1105	1105	1105	1105	
	Enrollment	808	738	807	786	827	915	978	1059	1080	
	Available Space	297	367	298	319	278	190	127	46	25	
	Comments										
Bethesda ES Grades (K–5)	Program Capacity	560	560	560	560	765	765	765			
	Enrollment	666	699	724	731	735	734	736			
	Available Space	(106)	(139)	(164)	(171)	30	31	29			
	Comments	See Text	Planning for Addition			Addition Complete					
Chevy Chase ES Grades (3–5) Paired With Rosemary Hills ES	Program Capacity	473	473	473	473	473	473	473			
	Enrollment	466	428	423	405	401	411	417			
	Available Space	7	45	50	68	72	62	56			
	Comments	See Text									
North Chevy Chase ES Grades (3–5) Paired With Rosemary Hills ES	Program Capacity	358	358	358	358	358	358	358			
	Enrollment	259	234	227	218	223	235	241			
	Available Space	99	124	131	140	135	123	117			
	Comments	See Text									
Rock Creek Forest ES	Program Capacity	667	667	667	667	667	667	667			
	Enrollment	760	769	773	780	770	772	755			
	Available Space	(93)	(102)	(106)	(113)	(103)	(105)	(88)			
	Comments	See Text									
Rosemary Hills ES Grades (pre-K–2) Paired With Chevy Chase ES North Chevy Chase ES	Program Capacity	628	628	628	628	628	628	628			
	Enrollment	570	574	580	587	575	562	551			
	Available Space	58	54	48	41	53	66	77			
	Comments	See Text									
Somerset ES	Program Capacity	515	515	515	515	515	515	515			
	Enrollment	582	577	573	573	577	587	593			
	Available Space	(67)	(62)	(58)	(58)	(62)	(72)	(78)			
	Comments	See Text									
Westbrook ES	Program Capacity	547	547	615	615	615	615	615			
	Enrollment	341	342	340	337	338	322	325			
	Available Space	206	205	275	278	277	293	290			
	Comments	See Text		Addition Complete							
Cluster Information	HS Utilization	92%	95%	100%	102%	102%	104%	103%	103%	103%	
	HS Enrollment	2259	2337	2448	2510	2518	2544	2541	2535	2523	
	MS Utilization	83%	81%	83%	84%	87%	90%	91%	91%	90%	
	MS Enrollment	1695	1643	1703	1718	1779	1835	1860	1858	1829	
	ES Enrollment	3644	3623	3640	3631	3619	3623	3618	3750	3820	

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Facility Characteristics of Schools 2019–2020

Schools	Year Facility Opened	Year Reopened/ Revitalized	Total Square Footage	Site Size Acres	Adjacent Park	Relocatable Classrooms	County Programs
Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS	1934	2001	392,833	16.4			
Silver Creek MS	2017		174,743	13.3			
Westland MS	1951	1997	146,006	25.1			
Bethesda ES	1952	1999	75,257	8.42		5	
Chevy Chase ES	1936	2000	70,976	3.8			
North Chevy Chase ES	1953	1995	65,982	7.9			
Rock Creek Forest ES	1950	2015	98,140	8			
Rosemary Hills ES	1956	1988	86,548	6.1			
Somerset ES	1949	2005	80,122	3.7			
Westbrook ES	1939	1990	91,359	12.5	Yes		

