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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, Wilson Wims Elementary School opened in September 2014, and Snowden Farm Elementary School opened in September 2019. With continued growth in elementary school enrollment, an additional elementary school is scheduled to open in September 2022. 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.

Planning Study: A boundary study was conducted in spring 2019, to explore the reassignment of Clarksburg, Northwest, and Seneca Valley high school students. As part of the boundary study, all of the middle schools in these three high schools clusters were included to review the middle school articulation patterns. The superintendent of schools released his recommendation in October 2019 as part of the FY 2021 Capital Budget and the FY 2021–2026 Capital Improvements Program, with Board of Education action scheduled for November 26, 2019. Information regarding the boundary study recommendation is available at the following link: www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/UpcountyHSBoundaryStudy.aspx

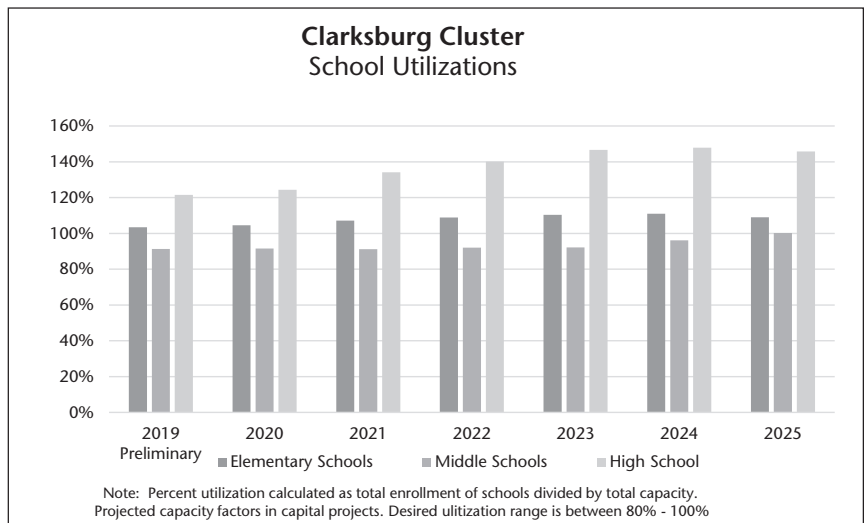
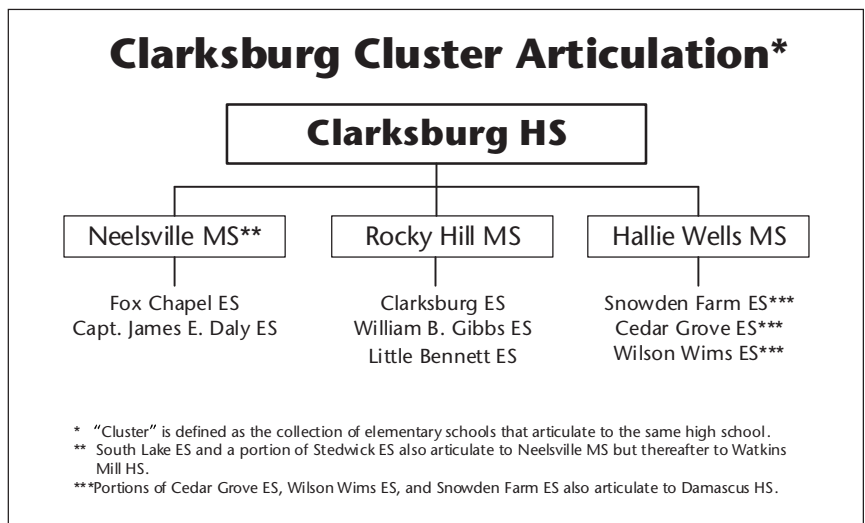
Planning Study: A boundary study is recommended to explore the assignment of students for the opening of Clarksburg Elementary School #9. This boundary study is recommended to begin in fall 2020, with Board of Education scheduled for November 2021. The scope of the boundary study will be recommended in the spring 2020 after the Board of Education takes action on the secondary school boundary study in November 2019.

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 900 students by the end of the six-year planning period. Enrollment also is projected to exceed capacity at Northwest High School by almost 400 students. Both the Clarksburg and

Northwest high school service areas are adjacent to the Seneca Valley High School service area. A revitalization/expansion project at Seneca Valley High School, scheduled for completion in September 2020, was designed and constructed with a capacity for 2,581 students. The enrollment at Seneca Valley High School is projected to be 1,274 students by the end of the six-year planning period. With a capacity of 2,581 seats, there will be approximately 1,307 seats available to accommodate students from Clarksburg and Northwest high schools when the project is complete. Recently, a Career Readiness External Review was conducted and provided recommendations to increase the number of students prepared for employment in high demand fields. Given that the Seneca Valley High School project is under construction, there was an opportunity to expand career technology education for students living in the upcounty area. Therefore, the master planned shell on the fourth floor was approved for construction to accommodate additional career technology education programs in this facility. As part of the boundary study described in the section below, the superintendent of schools reserved 500 seats at Seneca



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Valley High School for students living in the upcounty area leaving approximately 800 seats available for the Clarksburg and Northwest high school students.

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Neelsville Middle School

Capital Project: A major capital project is approved for this school to address various building systems and programmatic needs for this school. An FY 2021 appropriation is recommended for planning funds to begin the architectural design of this major capital project. This project is scheduled to be completed in September 2024. 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. Additional information regarding the scope of the major capital project can be found in Supplement C—FY2021–2026 Major Capital Projects Update at the following link: www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/cipmaster.aspx

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Hallie Wells Middle School

Planning Study: See text under Cluster Planning Issues. Information regarding the boundary study recommendation is available at the following link: www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/UpcountyHSBoundaryStudy.aspx

Rocky Hill Middle School

Planning Study: See text under Cluster Planning Issues. Information regarding the boundary study recommendation is available at the following link: www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/UpcountyHSBoundaryStudy.aspx

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 was approved for planning to begin the architectural design for this project. An FY 2021 appropriation is recommended for construction funding. 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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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.

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Fox Chapel Elementary School

Planning Study: See text under Cluster Planning Issues. Information regarding the boundary study recommendation is available at the following link: www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/UpcountyHSBoundaryStudy.aspx

William B. Gibbs, Jr. Elementary School

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Wilson Wims Elementary School

Planning Issue: Previous projections indicated enrollment at Wilson Wims Elementary School would exceed capacity by more than 92 seats throughout the six-year planning period. However, the current space deficit is below the minimum threshold of 92 seats. Enrollment will continue to be monitored and, if needed, relocatable classrooms will be utilized until Clarksburg Cluster 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 was approved for planning to begin the architectural design

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for this project. An FY 2021 appropriation is recommended for construction funding. 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.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

School	Project	Project Status*	Date of Completion
Neelsville MS	Major Capital Project	Recommended	Sept. 2024
Clarksburg ES #9	New school	Approved	Sept. 2022

“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
Clarksburg HS	Program Capacity	2034	2034	2034	2034	2034	2034	2034	2034	2034	2034
	Enrollment	2472	2309	2365	2330	2469	2455	2410	2178	2044	
	Available Space	(438)	(275)	(331)	(296)	(435)	(421)	(376)	(144)	(10)	
	Comments	Boundary Recommendation									
Neelsville MS	Program Capacity	956	956	956	956	956	1190	1190	1190	1190	
	Enrollment	945	874	757	858	897	983	1030	991	981	
	Available Space	11	82	199	98	59	207	160	199	209	
	Comments	Png. For Maj. Cap. Proj. Bound. Rec.						Maj. Cap. Project Complete			
Rocky Hill MS	Program Capacity	1020	1020	1020	1020	1020	1020	1020	1020	1020	
	Enrollment	883	937	1045	997	987	976	1035	988	1025	
	Available Space	137	83	(25)	23	33	44	(15)	32	(5)	
	Comments	Boundary Recommendation									
Hallie Wells MS	Program Capacity	982	982	982	982	982	982	982	982	982	
	Enrollment	873	895	894	868	842	883	900	1218	1298	
	Available Space	109	87	88	114	140	99	82	(236)	(316)	
	Comments										
Clarksburg ES	Program Capacity	311	311	311	311	311	311	311			
	Enrollment	624	606	646	689	725	727	722			
	Available Space	(313)	(295)	(335)	(378)	(414)	(416)	(411)			
	Comments	Boundary Recommendation									
Clarksburg ES #9	Program Capacity				740	740	740	740			
	Enrollment				0	0	0	0			
	Available Space				740	740	740	740			
	Comments				Opens						
Capt. James E. Daly ES	Program Capacity	523	523	523	523	523	523	523			
	Enrollment	618	609	617	619	617	609	607			
	Available Space	(95)	(86)	(94)	(96)	(94)	(86)	(84)			
	Comments	Boundary Recommendation									
Fox Chapel ES	Program Capacity	683	683	683	683	683	683	683			
	Enrollment	613	609	609	621	644	645	620			
	Available Space	70	74	74	62	39	38	63			
	Comments	Boundary Recommendation									
William B. Gibbs, Jr. ES	Program Capacity	719	719	719	719	719	719	719			
	Enrollment	621	599	585	580	583	602	614			
	Available Space	98	120	134	139	136	117	105			
	Comments	Boundary Recommendation									
Little Bennett ES	Program Capacity	624	624	624	624	624	624	624			
	Enrollment	637	641	653	646	629	638	598			
	Available Space	(13)	(17)	(29)	(22)	(5)	(14)	26			
	Comments										
Snowden Farm ES	Program Capacity	774	774	774	774	774	774	774			
	Enrollment	644	760	816	862	886	897	852			
	Available Space	130	14	(42)	(88)	(112)	(123)	(78)			
	Comments	Opens									
Wilson Wims ES	Program Capacity	739	739	739	739	739	739	739			
	Enrollment	768	748	761	742	742	733	753			
	Available Space	(29)	(9)	(22)	(3)	(3)	6	(14)			
	Comments										
Cluster Information	HS Utilization	122%	114%	116%	115%	121%	121%	118%	107%	100%	
	HS Enrollment	2472	2309	2365	2330	2469	2455	2410	2178	2044	
	MS Utilization	92%	91%	91%	92%	92%	89%	93%	100%	104%	
	MS Enrollment	2701	2706	2696	2723	2726	2842	2965	3197	3304	
	ES Utilization	103%	105%	107%	107%	93%	94%	95%	102%	110%	
ES Enrollment	4525	4572	4687	4759	4826	4851	4766	5610	6050		

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Demographic Characteristics of Schools

Schools	2019–2020						2018–2019		
	Total Enrollment	Two or more races %	Black or Afr. Amer. %	Asian%	Hispanic %	White %	FARMS%*	ESOL%**	Mobility Rate%***
Clarksburg HS	2472	4.4%	30.1%	21.8%	26.4%	17.2%	27.0%	8.1%	11.0%
Hallie Wells MS	873	6.8%	20.4%	35.2%	13.3%	24.3%	15.9%	3.2%	6.4%
Neelsville MS	945	2.5%	30.4%	8.6%	52.8%	5.1%	65.1%	18.0%	17.9%
Rocky Hill MS	883	6.5%	24.9%	29.6%	17.4%	21.1%	22.5%	4.5%	10.9%
Snowden Farm ES	644	4.3%	19.4%	48.3%	10.4%	17.4%	0%	0%	0%
Clarksburg ES	624	8.7%	24.7%	35.1%	14.7%	16.7%	15.3%	18.7%	18.7%
Captain James Daly ES	618	2.4%	33.5%	6.6%	52.4%	5.0%	75.4%	44.1%	20.0%
Fox Chapel ES	613	4.1%	25.3%	14.4%	45.7%	10.0%	52.2%	33.8%	20.4%
Little Bennett ES	637	7.1%	23.1%	25.7%	18.4%	25.3%	16.8%	12.7%	8.1%
William B. Gibbs Jr. ES	621	6.4%	29.6%	25.3%	20.8%	17.6%	33.4%	15.2%	16.9%
Wilson Wims ES	768	4.6%	17.1%	41.3%	13.5%	23.2%	8.5%	9.8%	4.8%
Elementary Cluster Total	4525	5.3%	24.4%	28.7%	24.6%	16.7%	29.9%	20.3%	13.2%
Elementary County Total	76541	5.3%	21.3%	13.6%	33.9%	25.5%	38.3%	25.6%	13.4%
Elementary County Total	76195	5.4%	21.5%	14.0%	32.7%	26.0%	38.3%	25.6%	13.1%

*Percent of students approved for Free and Reduced-priced Meals Program (FARMS) during the 2018–2019 school year.

**Percent of English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) during the 2018–2019 school year. High School students are served in regional ESOL centers.

***Mobility Rate is the number of entries plus withdrawals during the 2018–2019 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 2019–2020)

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	SESS @10	EXTENSIONS @6	GT/LD @13	PD @7	PEP@6	PEP @12	PEP @18	VISION (Elementary) @7	OTHER					
Clarksburg HS	9-12	2034	93		88							2															3											
Neelsville MS	6-8	956	47		42							3	2																									
Rocky Hill MS	6-8	1020	48		48																																	
Hallie Wells MS	6-8	982	48		45																						3											
Clarksburg ES	K-5	311	19	4		8						4							3																			
Captain James Daly ES	PreK-5	523	32	5		6	13		1		4								3																			
Fox Chapel ES	PreK-5	683	36	4		17	9		1		5																											
William B. Gibbs Jr. ES	K-5	719	37	4		22			1		4				1																			1	1	3		
Little Bennett ES	K-5	624	34	4		21					4				1		4																					
Snowden Farm ES	K-5	774	38	3		28					5											2																
Wilson Wims ES	K-5	739	37	3		27					4																							2	1			

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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	Reloc-atable Classrooms	County Programs
Clarksburg HS	1995	2006	344,574	62.73		13	
Neelsville MS	1981		131,432	29.2			
Rocky Hill MS	2004		148,065	23.3			
Hallie Wells MS	2016		150,089	22.37			
Clarksburg ES	1952	1993	54,983	9.97		9	
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		
Snowden Farm ES	2019		92,366	9.79			
Wilson Wims ES	2014		91,931	9.29	Yes	6	