

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 increased over the past few years. The magnitude of enrollment growth in the cluster required the opening of Bayard Rustin Elementary School that opened in September 2018, 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 at the middle school level.

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. In lieu of the addition, the approved 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 recommended by the Board of Education for this new school, the County Council delayed the funds by one year to begin in FY 2020. An FY 2020 appropriation was approved for planning to begin the architectural design for the project. Based on the expenditures shown in the recommended CIP, the new school is scheduled to open in September 2025. An appropriation will be recommended in the next full CIP for construction funding. In order for this project to be completed on time, county and state funding must be provided at the levels recommended in this CIP.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

School	Project	Project Status*	Date of Completion
Crown HS	New School	Programmed	Sept. 2025

“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.

Richard Montgomery Cluster Articulation*

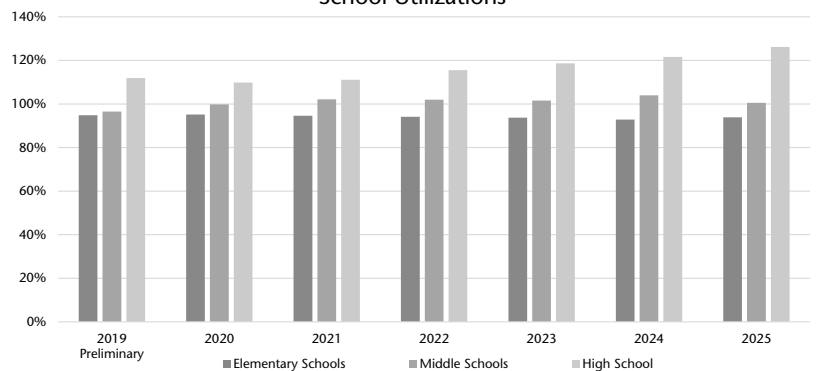
Richard Montgomery HS

Julius West MS

Beall ES
College Gardens ES
Ritchie Park ES
Bayard Rustin ES
Twinbrook ES

* “Cluster” is defined as the collection of elementary schools that articulate to the same high school.

Richard Montgomery Cluster School Utilizations



Note: Percent utilization calculated as total enrollment of schools divided by total capacity. Project capacity factor in capital projects. Desired utilization range is between 80% - 100%

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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
Richard Montgomery HS	Program Capacity	2241	2241	2241	2241	2241	2241	2241	2241	2241	2241
	Enrollment	2507	2462	2490	2589	2659	2726	2828	2800	2904	
	Available Space	(266)	(221)	(249)	(348)	(418)	(485)	(587)	(559)	(663)	
	Comments	See Text									
Crown HS	Program Capacity							2700	2700	2700	
	Enrollment							0	0	0	
	Available Space							2700	2700	2700	
	Comments							Opens			
Julius West MS	Program Capacity	1432	1432	1432	1432	1432	1432	1432	1432	1432	
	Enrollment	1382	1429	1463	1461	1455	1489	1440	1390	1351	
	Available Space	50	3	(31)	(29)	(23)	(57)	(8)	42	81	
	Comments										
Beall ES	Program Capacity	639	639	639	639	639	639	639			
	Enrollment	531	554	544	541	542	547	552			
	Available Space	108	85	95	98	97	92	87			
	Comments										
College Gardens ES	Program Capacity	678	678	678	678	678	678	678			
	Enrollment	634	607	610	613	614	615	618			
	Available Space	44	71	68	65	64	63	60			
	Comments										
Ritchie Park ES	Program Capacity	388	388	388	388	388	388	388			
	Enrollment	401	377	355	362	373	378	401			
	Available Space	(13)	11	33	26	15	10	(13)			
	Comments										
Bayard Rustin ES	Program Capacity	744	744	744	744	744	744	744			
	Enrollment	719	740	742	725	714	694	681			
	Available Space	25	4	2	19	30	50	63			
	Comments										
Twinbrook ES	Program Capacity	548	548	548	548	548	548	548			
	Enrollment	558	573	585	580	566	547	562			
	Available Space	(10)	(25)	(37)	(32)	(18)	1	(14)			
	Comments										
Cluster Information	HS Utilization	112%	110%	111%	116%	119%	122%	126%	125%	130%	
	HS Enrollment	2507	2462	2490	2589	2659	2726	2828	2800	2904	
	MS Utilization	97%	100%	102%	102%	102%	104%	101%	97%	94%	
	MS Enrollment	1382	1429	1463	1461	1455	1489	1440	1390	1351	
	ES Enrollment	2843	2474	2481	2459	2436	2403	2413	3560	3830	

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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
Richard Montgomery HS	1942	2007	311,500	29.05		6	
Julius West MS	1961	1995	182,617	21.3			
Beall ES	1954	1991	79,477	8.4	Yes		
College Gardens ES	1967	2008	96,986	7.9	Yes	2	
Ritchie Park ES	1966	1997	58,500	9.2		6	
Bayard Rustin ES	2018		97,397	10.9			
Twinbrook ES	1952	1986	79,818	10.5		2	