

WATKINS MILL CLUSTER

Cluster Planning Issue

Planning Issue: The 2016 adopted Montgomery Village Master Plan is located within the service areas of the Watkins Mill Cluster schools and identifies a potential future elementary school site. New residential units will be created as property redevelopment occurs. The former golf course property is likely to redevelop for residential use in the near term. The lifecycle of the plan is approximately 20 to 30 years.

SCHOOLS

Watkins Mill High School

Capital Project: MCPS has 65 elementary school that have locally funded Prekindergarten and/or federally funded Head Start classes. These programs provide opportunities for children to build school readiness skills by increasing social interactions, building oral language skills, and fostering vocabulary development. MCPS also has one regional early childhood center located in Silver Spring. To expand these opportunities, an FY 2021 appropriation is recommended to construct an early childhood center at Watkins Mill High School, with a completion date of September 2022.

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. The scope of the project will be determined during the 2018–2019 school year. An FY 2020 appropriation was approved for planning to begin the architectural design for this project. An FY 2021 appropriation is recommended to continue the planning and design for this major capital project. The scheduled completion date is September 2024. Additional information regarding the major capital projects can be found in Supplement C—FY2021–2026 Major Capital Projects Update at the following link: www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/cipmaster.aspx. 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 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

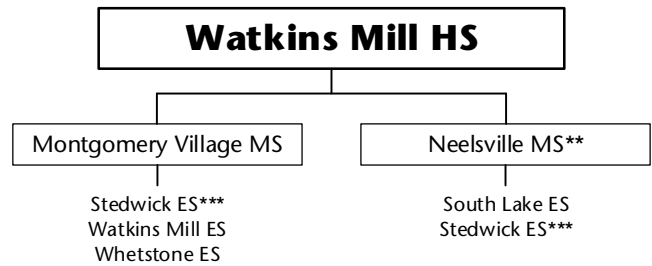
Stedwick Elementary School

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South Lake Elementary School

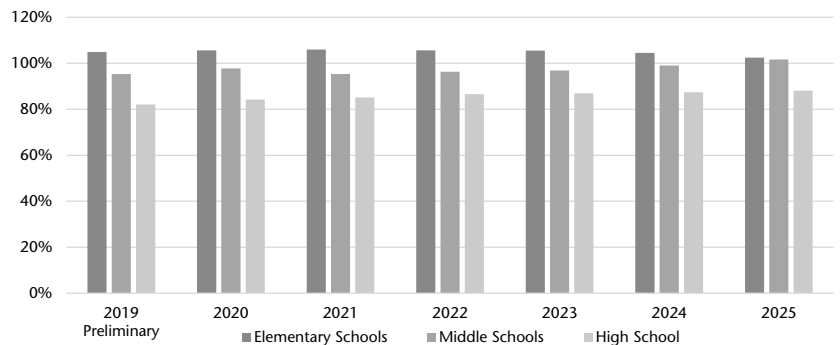
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Watkins Mill Cluster Articulation*



* "Cluster" is defined as the collection of elementary schools that articulate to the same high school.
 ** Fox Chapel ES and Capt. James E. Daly ES also articulate to Neelsville MS and thereafter articulate to Clarksburg HS.
 *** Stedwick ES split articulates to Montgomery Village MS and Neelsville MS and thereafter to Watkins Mill HS.

Watkins Mill Cluster School Utilizations



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

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Whetstone Elementary School

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CAPITAL PROJECTS

School	Project	Project Status*	Date of Completion
Neelsville MS	Major capital project	Recommended	Sept. 2024
South Lake ES	Major Capital project	Recommended	Sept. 2023

*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
Watkins Mill HS	Program Capacity	1947	1947	1947	1947	1947	1947	1947	1947	1947	1947
	Enrollment	1597	1639	1658	1685	1693	1702	1716	1791	1917	
	Available Space	350	308	289	262	254	245	231	156	30	
	Comments	See Text									
Montgomery Village MS	Program Capacity	865	865	865	865	865	865	865	865	865	
	Enrollment	791	827	866	848	849	840	856	845	853	
	Available Space	74	38	(1)	17	16	25	9	20	12	
	Comments										
Neelsville MS	Program Capacity	956	956	956	956	956	1190	1190	1190	1190	
	Enrollment	945	954	870	907	915	964	996	957	981	
	Available Space	11	2	86	49	41	226	194	233	209	
	Comments	Planning for Major Capital Project						Maj. Cap. Project Complete			
South Lake ES	Program Capacity	694	694	694	694	763	763	763			
	Enrollment	897	910	934	918	909	874	839			
	Available Space	(203)	(216)	(240)	(224)	(146)	(111)	(76)			
	Comments	Planning for Major Capital Project Capacity Study						Maj. Cap. Project Complete			
Stedwick ES	Program Capacity	688	688	688	688	688	688	688			
	Enrollment	538	522	516	512	523	523	521			
	Available Space	150	166	172	176	165	165	167			
	Comments	Capacity Study									
Watkins Mill ES	Program Capacity	641	641	641	641	641	641	641			
	Enrollment	731	756	762	774	771	770	750			
	Available Space	(90)	(115)	(121)	(133)	(130)	(129)	(109)			
	Comments	Capacity Study									
Whetstone ES	Program Capacity	750	750	750	750	750	750	750			
	Enrollment	742	741	727	724	723	732	731			
	Available Space	8	9	23	26	27	18	19			
	Comments	Capacity Study									
Cluster Information	HS Utilization	82%	84%	85%	87%	87%	87%	88%	92%	98%	
	HS Enrollment	1597	1639	1658	1685	1693	1702	1716	1791	1917	
	MS Utilization	95%	98%	95%	96%	97%	88%	90%	88%	89%	
	MS Enrollment	1736	1781	1736	1755	1764	1804	1852	1802	1834	
	ES Enrollment	2908	2929	2939	2928	2926	2899	2841	2780	2730	

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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
Watkins Mill HS	1989		305,288	50.99	Yes		SBWC
Montgomery Village MS	1968	2003	141,615	15.1			
Neelsville MS	1981		131,432	29.2			
South Lake ES	1972		83,038	10.2		10	LTL
Stedwick ES	1974		109,677	10			
Watkins Mill ES	1970		80,923	10	Yes	6	
Whetstone ES	1968		96,946	8.8	Yes	3	