

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.

Student enrollment at all the schools in the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Cluster has increased dramatically over the past few years and several addition projects opened at Bethesda, North Chevy Chase, Rosemary Hill, Somerset, and Westbrook elementary schools. In addition, capacity was added at Rock Creek Elementary School as part of the revitalization/expansion project. Silver Creek Middle School will open in September 2017 to address Grades 6–8 enrollment growth in the cluster and to allow the Grade 6 students currently enrolled at Chevy Chase and North Chevy Chase elementary schools to be reassigned to the middle school level. To address the enrollment growth at the high school level, a classroom addition is underway at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School.

SCHOOLS

Bethesda Chevy Chase High School

Capital Project: Enrollment increases at the cluster elementary schools and at Westland Middle School have reached the high school. An addition project is scheduled to accommodate the space deficit with a completion date of September 2018.

Planning Study: The superintendent of schools convened the Woodward High School Reopening and Nontraditional Facilities Study Group that included the Downcounty Consortium high schools along with Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Walter Johnson, and Walt Whitman high schools to develop ideas to:

1. Study the reopening of the former Woodward High School to address the space deficits at these high schools; and
2. Explore the possibility to address space deficits at these high schools as well as others countywide by offering alternative programmatic, career technology education, or other educational options for high school students through the use of nontraditional facilities, including commercial facilities.

For additional information related to this study please refer to the MCPS website at the following link: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/workgroups.aspx>

Silver Creek Middle School

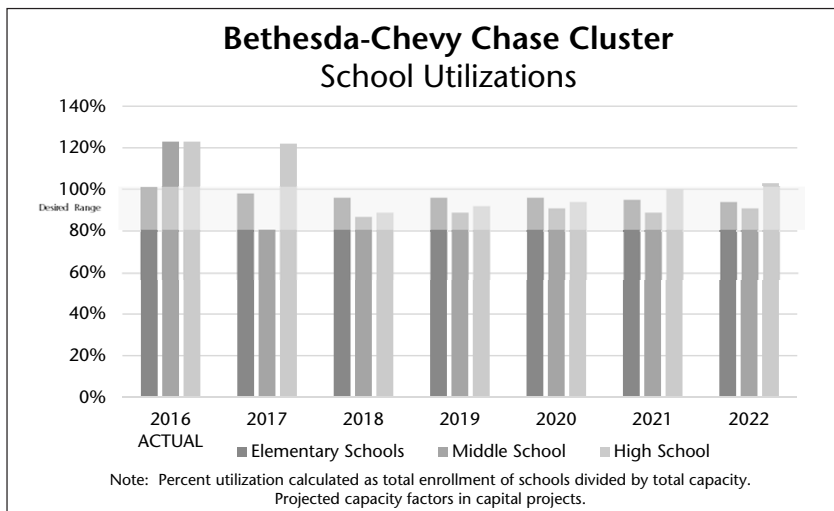
Capital Project: Enrollment increases at Westland Middle School, and the plan to reassign Grade 6 students from Chevy Chase and North Chevy Chase elementary schools to the middle school level, will result in a total cluster middle school enrollment of almost 1,800 students by the end of the six-year planning period. Because the projected enrollment will far exceed the current capacity of Westland Middle School, Silver Creek Middle School is needed to accommodate the projected enrollment. The Board of Education adopted the boundaries for this school on November 17, 2016. The Board of Education action is available on the MCPS website at the following link: http://gis.mcpsmd.org/boundarystudypdfs/BCCMS2_SupplementA_BCCMS2andWestlandMSBoundaries.pdf

Westland Middle School

Planning Issue: Although a six-classroom addition opened in the 2009–2010 school year to accommodate the overutilization at Westland Middle School, student enrollment continues to increase beyond the capacity of the school. The opening of Silver Creek Middle School will address the overutilization of Westland Middle School. Relocatable classrooms will be utilized until the new school opens in September 2017. The Board of Education adopted the boundaries for this school on November 17, 2016. The Board of Education action is available on the MCPS website at the following link: http://gis.mcpsmd.org/boundarystudypdfs/BCCMS2_SupplementA_BCCMS2andWestlandMSBoundaries.pdf

Chevy Chase Elementary School

Non-capital Solution: In November 2010, the Board of Education approved a plan to construct a new middle school in the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Cluster and reassign Grade 6 students from Chevy Chase and North Chevy Chase elementary schools to the middle school level when Silver Creek Middle School opens in September 2017.



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North Chevy Chase Elementary School

Non-capital Solution: In November 2010, the Board of Education approved a plan to construct a new middle school in the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Cluster and reassign Grade 6 students from Chevy Chase and North Chevy Chase elementary schools to the middle school level when Silver Creek Middle School opens in September 2017.

Rosemary Hills Elementary School

Capital Project: The Board of Education requested funds to complete a revitalization/expansion project for this school with a completion date of January 2023. However, the adopted FY 2017–2022 CIP reflects a one year delay beginning with elementary school revitalization/expansion projects that have planning funds in FY 2019 and beyond. Therefore, the approved completion date for this project is January 2024. Moreover, based on the Montgomery County Council Office of Legislative Oversight (OLO) study released in July 2015 regarding the revitalization/expansion program, the approach to the Revitalization/Expansion program is being reviewed in order to develop a multi-variable approach to determine the priority order of large-scale renovations of facilities, possibly including programmatic and capacity considerations. Possible changes to this program will be considered as part of the development of the FY 2019–2024 Capital Improvements Program. (For more information see Appendix J.)

CAPITAL PROJECTS

School	Project	Project Status*	Date of Completion
Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS	Classroom addition	Approved	Sept. 2018
Silver Creek MS	New school	Approved	Sept. 2017
Rosemary Hills ES	Revitalization/expansion	Programmed	Jan. 2024

*“Approved”—Project has an FY 2017 or FY 2018 appropriation approved in the Amended FY 2017–2022 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 in FY 2017 or in FY 2018 for a feasibility study.

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Projected Enrollment and Space Availability

Effects of the Approved Amendments to the FY 2017–2022 CIP and Non-CIP Actions on Space Available

Schools		Actual 16–17	Projections							
			17–18	18–19	19–20	20–21	21–22	22–23	2026	2031
Bethesda–Chevy Chase HS	Program Capacity	1683	1683	2407	2407	2407	2407	2407	2407	2407
	Enrollment	2071	2054	2142	2205	2265	2411	2471	2558	2644
	Available Space	(388)	(371)	266	202	142	(4)	(64)	(151)	(237)
	Comments			Addition Complete						
Silver Creek MS	Program Capacity		935	935	935	935	935	935	935	935
	Enrollment		552	880	905	915	915	925	957	990
	Available Space		383	55	30	20	20	10	(22)	(55)
	Comments		Opens							
Westland MS	Program Capacity	1097	1080	1080	1080	1080	1080	1080	1080	1080
	Enrollment	1354	1081	871	879	917	886	901	933	966
	Available Space	(258)	(1)	209	201	163	194	179	147	114
	Comments		See text + Autism Services							
Bethesda ES Grades (K–5)	Program Capacity	559	559	559	559	559	559	559	559	559
	Enrollment	599	636	639	654	675	663	641	641	641
	Available Space	(40)	(77)	(80)	(95)	(116)	(104)	(82)	(82)	(82)
	Comments									
Chevy Chase ES Grades (3–6) Paired With Rosemary Hills ES	Program Capacity	473	473	473	473	473	473	473	473	473
	Enrollment	558	425	424	427	427	434	433	433	433
	Available Space	(85)	48	49	46	46	39	40	40	40
	Comments		See text							
North Chevy Chase ES Grades (3–6) Paired With Rosemary Hills ES	Program Capacity	358	358	358	358	358	358	358	358	358
	Enrollment	377	293	278	274	273	269	269	269	269
	Available Space	(19)	65	80	84	85	89	89	89	89
	Comments		See text							
Rock Creek Forest ES	Program Capacity	709	709	709	709	709	709	709	709	709
	Enrollment	733	749	738	737	741	736	730	730	730
	Available Space	(24)	(40)	(29)	(28)	(32)	(27)	(21)	(21)	(21)
	Comments									
Rosemary Hills ES Grades (pre-K–2) Paired With Chevy Chase ES North Chevy Chase ES	Program Capacity	662	662	662	662	662	662	662	662	662
	Enrollment	596	613	599	608	608	609	610	610	610
	Available Space	66	49	63	54	54	53	52	52	52
	Comments	Facility Planning for Rev/Ex		Planning for Revitalization/Expansion (See text)						
Somerset ES	Program Capacity	515	515	515	515	515	515	515	515	515
	Enrollment	595	613	616	611	591	587	586	586	586
	Available Space	(80)	(98)	(101)	(96)	(76)	(72)	(71)	(71)	(71)
	Comments									
Westbrook ES	Program Capacity	550	537	537	537	537	537	537	537	537
	Enrollment	405	406	360	363	349	329	326	326	326
	Available Space	145	131	177	174	188	208	211	211	211
	Comments		+1 ED							
Cluster Information	HS Utilization	123%	122%	89%	92%	94%	100%	103%	106%	110%
	HS Enrollment	2071	2054	2142	2205	2265	2411	2471	2558	2644
	MS Utilization	123%	81%	87%	89%	91%	89%	91%	94%	97%
	MS Enrollment	1354	1633	1751	1784	1832	1801	1826	1890	1956
	ES Utilization	101%	98%	96%	96%	96%	95%	94%	98%	103%
ES Enrollment	3863	3735	3654	3674	3664	3627	3595	3752	3908	

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Facility Characteristics of Schools 2016–2017

Schools	Year Facility Opened	Year Reopened/ Revitalized	Total Square Footage	Site Size Acres	Adjacent Park	Reloc-atable Classrooms	County Programs	Home School Model
Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS	1934	2001	308,215	16.4		8		
Westland MS	1951	1997	146,006	25.1		6		
Bethesda ES	1952	1999	75,257	8.42		1		Yes
Chevy Chase ES	1936	2000	70,976	3.8		1		Yes
North Chevy Chase ES	1953	1995	65,982	7.9				Yes
Rock Creek Forest ES	1950	2015	98,140	8				Yes
Rosemary Hills ES	1956	1988	86,548	6.1				Yes
Somerset ES	1949	2005	80,122	3.7				Yes
Westbrook ES	1939	1990	91,359	12.5	Yes			Yes