

WALTER JOHNSON CLUSTER

CLUSTER PLANNING ISSUES

Planning Issue: The Walter Johnson Cluster has experienced large enrollment increases in the past eight years, primarily driven by the turnover of homes to younger families. New development in the cluster also has played a role, although by a significantly smaller amount than demographic changes in existing communities. The 2010 adopted White Flint Sector Plan provides for up to 9,800 new multi-family residential units over the next 20 to 30 years. A future elementary school site is recommended in the Plan. The Plan requires the redevelopment of existing land uses and is phased with major transit and infrastructure improvements. The cluster also will see substantial amounts of new housing associated with the following recently approved land-use plans: Rock Spring Master Plan, White Flint 2 Sector Plan and Grosvenor-Strathmore Metro Area Minor Master Plan.

A roundtable discussion group convened in spring 2016 to gather input on a range of approaches to accommodate short- and long-term enrollment increases in the Walter Johnson Cluster. The roundtable considered approaches at all three school levels. The Board of Education actions are summarized in the individual school sections below and also are available on the MCPS website at the following link: [http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/departments/planning/SupplementB.WJClusterSchools\(3\).pdf](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/departments/planning/SupplementB.WJClusterSchools(3).pdf)

As part of the Board of Education action, the superintendent of schools convened the Woodward High School Reopening and Nontraditional Facilities Study Group in spring 2017 that included the Downcounty Consortium high schools along with Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Walter Johnson, and Walt Whitman high schools to develop ideas to study the reopening of the former Woodward High School. The study group also explored alternative programmatic, career technology education or other educational options for high school students with nontraditional facilities to address space deficits at these high schools as well as high schools countywide.

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>

SCHOOLS

Walter Johnson High School

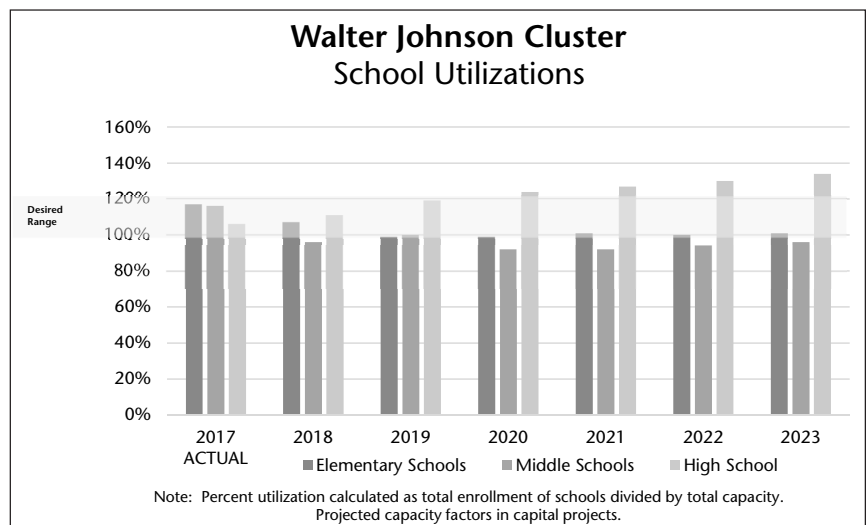
Capital Project: Projections indicate enrollment at Walter Johnson High School will exceed capacity by over 700 seats by the end of the six-year planning period. An FY 2015 appropriation was completed for facility planning to determine the feasibility, scope, and cost for a classroom addition.

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support spaces needed for 2,700 students at Northwood High School. Therefore, an FY 2019 appropriation was approved to begin this project. Additionally, expenditures were approved to reopen Woodward High School to address the remaining space deficits in the Downcounty Consortium high schools and Walter Johnson High School. An FY 2019 appropriation was approved for planning funds to reopen Woodward High School. Given that the current Woodward High School facility is significantly smaller than the proposed, 2,700 student capacity, an addition was approved to provide some of the needed capacity and for flexibility during construction as the first phase of the project. An FY 2019 appropriation was approved for planning and construction funds for the first phase. Once planning is complete, recommendations will be included in the next full CIP regarding the phasing and completion dates for both high school projects.

Woodward High School

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North Bethesda Middle School

Planning Study: Due to the large enrollment increases the past eight years in the Walter Johnson Cluster, a roundtable discussion group convened in spring 2016 to gather input on a range of approaches to accommodate short- and long-term enrollment in the Walter Johnson Cluster. Based on the outcome of the study, the Board of Education approved to continue with the addition at North Bethesda Middle School to address the projected space deficits at the school. More information relating to this study is available on the MCPS website at the following link: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/workgroups.aspx>

Capital Project: Projections indicate enrollment at North Bethesda Middle School will exceed capacity by 150 seats or more by the end of the six-year CIP planning period. A classroom addition project is scheduled for this school with a completion date of September 2018. Relocatable classrooms will be utilized until additional capacity can be added.

Tilden Middle School

Planning Study: Due to the large enrollment increases the past eight years in the Walter Johnson Cluster, a roundtable discussion group convened in spring 2016 to gather input on a range of approaches to accommodate short- and long-term enrollment in the Walter Johnson Cluster. Based on the outcome of the study, the Board of Education approved to continue with the revitalization/expansion project at Tilden Middle School/Rock Terrace School to address the projected space deficits at this school. More information relating to this study is available on the MCPS website at the following link: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/workgroups.aspx>

Capital Project: A revitalization/expansion project is scheduled for this school with a completion date of September 2020. On May 12, 2015, the Board of Education approved the collocation of Rock Terrace School with Tilden Middle School as part of the revitalization/expansion project. Tilden Middle School is currently located in the Woodward facility on Old Georgetown Road. Rather than revitalize/expand the Woodward facility for Rock Terrace School and Tilden Middle School, the current Tilden Holding Facility, located on Tilden Lane, will be revitalized/expanded to house both Rock Terrace School and Tilden Middle School. An FY 2019 appropriation was approved to construct the project. In order for this project to be completed on this schedule, county and state funding must be provided at the levels approved in this CIP.

Ashburton Elementary School

Planning Study: Based on the input received from the roundtable discussion group conducted in spring 2016 to better address the growing enrollment in the Ashburton Elementary School service area, the Board of Education approved an addition for a 770 student capacity and simultaneously construct a modular addition building to avoid permanently enlarging

the school beyond the planned capacity of the school. Once the modular building is no longer required, it will be relocated for future use to another school. More information relating to this study is available on the MCPS website at the following link: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/workgroups.aspx>

Capital Project: An FY 2018 appropriation was approved to begin the construction for an addition at this school. The completion date is scheduled for September 2019.

Farmland Elementary School

Planning Study: Due to the large enrollment increases the past eight years in the Walter Johnson Cluster, a roundtable discussion group convened in spring 2016 to gather input on a range of approaches to accommodate short- and long-term enrollment in the Walter Johnson Cluster. To address the space deficits at Farmland Elementary School, the Board of Education approved that the enrollment be monitored, and if the space deficit continues to remain at this level, that student reassignments be considered to Luxmanor Elementary School one year prior to the completion of the Luxmanor Elementary School revitalization/expansion project.

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Garrett Park Elementary School

Planning Study: Due to the large enrollment increases the past eight years in the Walter Johnson Cluster, a roundtable discussion group convened in spring 2016 to gather input on a range of approaches to accommodate short- and long-term enrollment in the Walter Johnson Cluster. To address the space deficits at Garrett Park Elementary School, the Board of Education approved convening discussions with several stakeholders including the Montgomery County Child Care Association, the Garrett Park Town Council, and Parent Teacher Association to discuss solutions to address the space deficits at the school. One possible solution may be utilizing the Garrett Park annex located adjacent to Garrett Park Elementary School if needed. The annex, currently leased by a child-care provider, would provide two classrooms, support rooms, and toilet rooms for the school to use. School planners will monitor enrollment at the school for the coming years to determine if the Garrett Park annex will be needed to address the space deficits. More information relating to this study is available on the MCPS website at the following link: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/workgroups.aspx>

Kensington-Parkwood Elementary School

Planning Study: Due to the large enrollment increases the past eight years in the Walter Johnson Cluster, a roundtable discussion group convened in spring 2016 to gather input on a range of approaches to accommodate short- and long-term enrollment in the Walter Johnson Cluster. More information

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relating to this study is available on the MCPS website at the following link: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/workgroups.aspx>

Capital Project: An FY 2017 appropriation for construction was approved to construct an addition at the school with a scheduled completion date of September 2018. Relocatable classrooms will be utilized until additional capacity can be added.

Luxmanor Elementary School

Planning Study: Due to the large enrollment increases the past eight years in the Walter Johnson Cluster, a roundtable discussion group convened in spring 2016 to gather input on a range of approaches to accommodate short- and long-term enrollment in the Walter Johnson Cluster. More information relating to this study is available on the MCPS website at the following link: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/workgroups.aspx>

Capital Project: A revitalization/expansion project is scheduled for this school with a completion date of January 2020. An FY 2018 appropriation was approved to begin construction for this project.

Wyngate Elementary School

Planning Study: Due to the large enrollment increases the past eight years in the Walter Johnson Cluster, a roundtable discussion group convened in spring 2016 to gather input on a range of approaches to accommodate short- and long-term enrollment in the Walter Johnson Cluster. More information relating to this study is available on the MCPS website at the following link: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/workgroups.aspx>

CAPITAL PROJECTS

School	Project	Project Status*	Date of Completion
Woodward HS	New School	Approved	TBD
North Bethesda MS	Classroom addition	Approved	Sept. 2018
Tilden MS/Rock Terrace School	Revitalization/expansion with collocation of Rock Terrace School	Approved	Sept. 2020
Ashburton ES	Classroom addition	Approved	Sept. 2019
Kensington-Parkwood ES	Classroom addition	Approved	Sept. 2018
Luxmanor ES	Revitalization/expansion	Approved	Jan. 2020

*Approved—Project has an FY 2019 appropriation for planning or construction funds approved in the FY 2019–2024 CIP.

*Delayed—Project has expenditures approved in the FY 2019–2024 CIP but the completion date was delayed by one year.

*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.

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Projected Enrollment and Space Availability

Effects of the Approved FY 2019–2024 CIP and Non–CIP Actions on Space Available

Schools		Actual 17–18	Projections							
			18–19	19–20	20–21	21–22	22–23	23–24	2027	2032
Walter Johnson HS	Program Capacity	2330	2330	2330	2330	2330	2330	2330	2330	2330
	Enrollment	2481	2581	2762	2882	2962	3018	3118	3520	4010
	Available Space	(151)	(251)	(432)	(552)	(632)	(688)	(788)	(1190)	(1680)
	Comments	See text								
North Bethesda MS	Program Capacity	872	1229	1229	1229	1229	1229	1229	1229	1229
	Enrollment	1168	1150	1200	1184	1140	1142	1188	1140	1110
	Available Space	(296)	79	29	45	89	87	41	89	119
	Comments		Addition Complete							
Tilden MS	Program Capacity	960	960	960	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200
	Enrollment	956	945	999	1043	1085	1151	1145	1310	1490
	Available Space	4	15	(39)	157	115	49	55	(110)	(290)
	Comments		Revitalization/ Expansion in progress See text		Rev/Ex Complete Sep. 2020					
Ashburton ES	Program Capacity	666	666	770	770	770	770	770		
	Enrollment	888	861	877	888	910	913	943		
	Available Space	(222)	(195)	(107)	(118)	(140)	(143)	(173)		
	Comments			Addition Complete						
Farmland ES	Program Capacity	714	714	714	714	714	714	714		
	Enrollment	793	788	833	834	846	839	839		
	Available Space	(79)	(74)	(119)	(120)	(132)	(125)	(125)		
	Comments	See text								
Garrett Park ES	Program Capacity	776	776	776	776	776	776	776		
	Enrollment	814	810	868	876	861	860	883		
	Available Space	(38)	(34)	(92)	(100)	(85)	(84)	(107)		
	Comments	See text								
Kensington–Parkwood ES	Program Capacity	448	746	746	746	746	746	746		
	Enrollment	659	655	655	657	657	659	647		
	Available Space	(211)	91	91	89	89	87	99		
	Comments		Addition Complete							
Luxmanor ES	Program Capacity	406	406	758	758	758	758	758		
	Enrollment	533	536	542	554	570	570	569		
	Available Space	(127)	(130)	216	204	188	188	189		
	Comments		@ Grosvenor	Rev/Ex Complete Jan. 2020						
Wyngate ES	Program Capacity	777	777	777	777	777	777	777		
	Enrollment	741	741	701	704	722	720	705		
	Available Space	36	36	76	73	55	57	72		
	Comments									
Cluster Information	HS Utilization	106%	111%	119%	124%	127%	130%	134%	151%	172%
	HS Enrollment	2481	2581	2762	2882	2962	3018	3118	3520	4010
	MS Utilization	116%	96%	100%	92%	92%	94%	96%	101%	107%
	MS Enrollment	2124	2095	2199	2227	2225	2293	2333	2450	2600
	ES Utilization	117%	107%	99%	99%	101%	100%	101%	104%	108%
ES Enrollment	4428	4391	4476	4513	4566	4561	4586	4740	4890	

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Facility Characteristics of Schools 2017–2018

Schools	Year Facility Opened	Year Reopened/ Revitalized	Total Square Footage	Site Size Acres	Adjacent Park	Reloc-atable Classrooms	County Programs	Home School Model
Walter Johnson HS	1956	2009	365,138	30.9				
North Bethesda MS	1955	1999	130,461	19.99		6		
Tilden MS	1967	1991	135,150	29.8				
Ashburton ES	1957	1993	81,438	8.3		8		
Farmland ES	1963	2011	89,988	4.8	Yes	1		
Garrett Park ES	1948	2012	96,348	4.4	Yes	1		
Kensington-Parkwood ES	1952	2006	77,136	9.9		7		
Luxmanor ES	1966		61,694	6.5	Yes	3		
Wyngate ES	1952	1997	89,104	9.5				