

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

Neelsville Middle School

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Planning Study: MCPS staff conducted a boundary study 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 will release his recommendation in October 2019 with Board of Education action scheduled for November 26, 2019. Information regarding this boundary study is available at the following link: <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/UpcountyHSBoundaryStudy.aspx>

Stedwick Elementary School

Planning Study: A capacity study is approved to evaluate the space deficits in the cluster, as well as look to adjacent clusters to address the overutilization issues in the cluster. A recommendation will be made in a future CIP.

South Lake Elementary School

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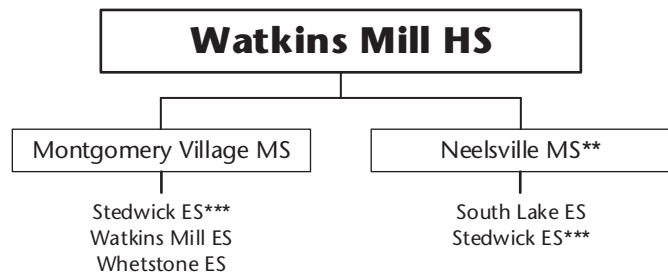
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Whetstone Elementary School

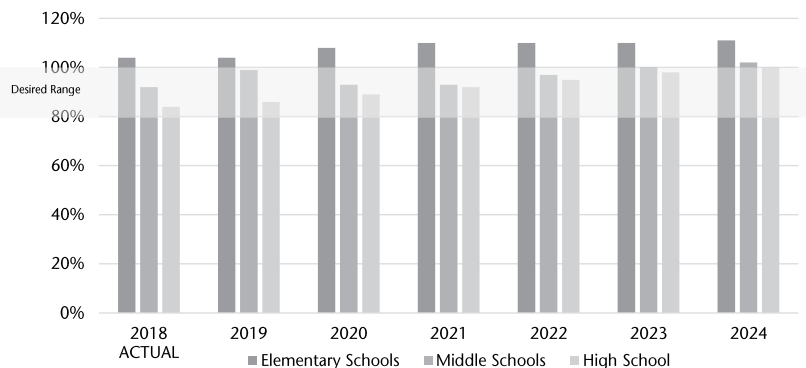
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Watkins Mill Cluster Articulation*



- * "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.

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CAPITAL PROJECTS

School	Project	Project Status*	Date of Completion
Neelsville MS	Major capital project	Approved	TBD
South Lake ES	Major Capital project	Approved	TBD

*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.



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Projected Enrollment and Space Availability

Effects of the Adopted Amendments to the FY2019–2024 CIP and Non-CIP Actions on Space Availability

Schools		Actual 18–19	Projections							
			19–20	20–21	21–22	22–23	23–24	24–25	2028	2033
Watkins Mill HS	Program Capacity	1933	1933	1933	1933	1933	1933	1933	1933	1933
	Enrollment	1615	1654	1715	1777	1842	1886	1939	1933	2000
	Available Space	318	279	218	156	91	47	(6)	20	(67)
	Comments									
Montgomery Village MS	Program Capacity	881	881	881	881	881	881	881	881	881
	Enrollment	743	795	768	802	857	884	918	890	960
	Available Space	138	86	113	79	24	(3)	(37)	(9)	(79)
	Comments									
Neelsville MS	Program Capacity	956	956	956	956	956	956	956	956	956
	Enrollment	944	1019	933	908	917	946	957	930	970
	Available Space	12	(63)	23	48	39	10	(1)	26	(14)
	Comments	Boundary study	Planning for Major Capital Project							
South Lake ES	Program Capacity	701	701	701	701	701	701	701		
	Enrollment	831	846	856	862	866	867	877		
	Available Space	(130)	(145)	(155)	(161)	(165)	(166)	(176)		
	Comments		Planning for Major Capital Project							
Stedwick ES	Program Capacity	675	675	675	675	675	675	675		
	Enrollment	583	563	610	624	620	628	630		
	Available Space	92	112	65	51	55	47	45		
	Comments		Capacity study							
Watkins Mill ES	Program Capacity	641	641	641	641	641	641	641		
	Enrollment	700	725	748	778	773	766	761		
	Available Space	(59)	(84)	(107)	(137)	(132)	(125)	(120)		
	Comments		Capacity study							
Whetstone ES	Program Capacity	750	750	750	750	750	750	750		
	Enrollment	751	738	783	783	794	794	805		
	Available Space	(7)	12	(33)	(33)	(44)	(44)	(55)		
	Comments		Capacity study							
Cluster Information	HS Utilization	84%	86%	89%	92%	95%	98%	100%	99%	103%
	HS Enrollment	1615	1654	1715	1777	1842	1886	1939	1913	2000
	MS Utilization	92%	99%	93%	93%	97%	100%	102%	99%	105%
	MS Enrollment	1687	1814	1701	1710	1774	1830	1875	1820	1930
	ES Utilization	104%	104%	108%	110%	110%	110%	111%	100%	99%
	ES Enrollment	2865	2872	2997	3047	3053	3055	3073	2780	2730

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Facility Characteristics of Schools 2018–2019

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		9	LTL
Stedwick ES	1974		109,677	10			
Watkins Mill ES	1970		80,923	10	Yes	6	
Whetstone ES	1968		96,946	8.8	Yes		