

# CLARKSBURG CLUSTER

## CLUSTER PLANNING ISSUES

**Planning Issue:** The Clarksburg Master Plan allows for the development of up to 15,000 residential units. The plan included five future elementary school sites and one future middle school site. A large number of housing units were constructed. A new cluster of schools was formed in the 2006–2007 school year when Clarksburg High School opened to accommodate the enrollment growth from the new development. Little Bennett Elementary School opened in September 2006, William B. Gibbs, Jr. Elementary School opened in September 2009, Wilson Wims Elementary School opened in September 2014, and Snowden Farm Elementary School opened in September 2019. With continued growth in elementary school enrollment, an additional elementary school is scheduled to open in September 2022. To address the enrollment growth in the cluster, a high school addition opened in September 2015, and Hallie Wells Middle School opened in September 2016.

**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 and the Board of Education took action on November 26, 2019. Information regarding the boundary study recommendation is available at the following link: [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/UpcountyHSBoundaryStudy.aspx](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/UpcountyHSBoundaryStudy.aspx)

**Planning Study:** A boundary study was approved to explore the assignment of students for the opening of Clarksburg Elementary School #9 to begin in fall 2020, with Board of Education scheduled for November 2021. However, the opening of the school was delayed by the County Council from September 2022 to September 2023. The timing of the boundary study will be reviewed as part of the Amendments to the FY 2021–2026 CIP.

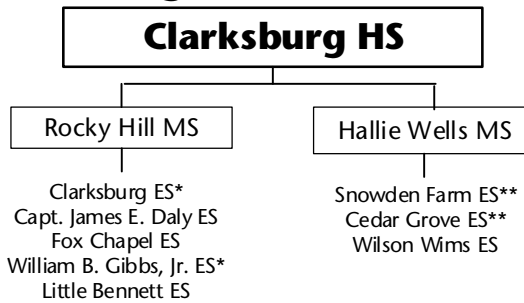
## SCHOOLS

### Clarksburg High School

**Planning Issue:** Although a classroom addition opened in September 2015 to accommodate the overutilization at Clarksburg High School, student enrollment will continue to exceed capacity by over 375 students by the end of the six-year planning period. Enrollment also is projected to exceed capacity at Northwest High School by almost 200 students. Both the Clarksburg and Northwest high school service areas are adjacent to the Seneca

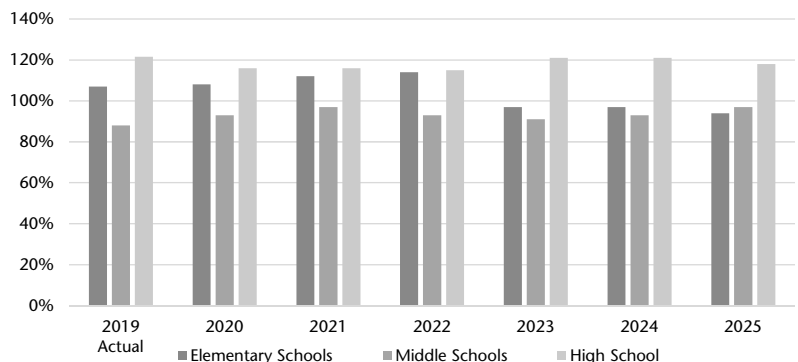
Valley High School service area. A revitalization/expansion project at Seneca Valley High School, scheduled for completion in September 2020, was designed and constructed with a capacity for 2,581 students. The enrollment at Seneca Valley High School is projected to be 1,274 students by the end of the six-year planning period. With a capacity of 2,581 seats, there will be approximately 1,307 seats available to accommodate students from Clarksburg and Northwest high schools when the project is complete. Recently, a Career Readiness External Review was conducted and provided recommendations to increase the number of students prepared for employment in high demand fields. Given that the Seneca Valley High School project is under construction, there was an opportunity to expand career technology education for students living in the upcounty area. Therefore, the master planned shell on the fourth floor was approved for construction to accommodate additional career technology education programs in this facility. As part of the boundary study described in the section below, the superintendent of schools reserved 500 seats at Seneca Valley High School for students living in the upcounty area leaving approximately 800 seats available for the Clarksburg and Northwest high school students.

### Clarksburg Cluster Articulation



\* Portions of Clarksburg ES and William B. Gibbs Jr. ES also articulate to Neelsville MS and Seneca Valley HS.  
 \*\* Portions of Cedar Grove ES and Snowden Farm ES also articulate to Damascus HS.  
 See Appendix U for multicolored maps of the service areas.

### Clarksburg 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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### Hallie Wells Middle School

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### Rocky Hill Middle School

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### Clarksburg Elementary School

**Planning Issue:** Enrollment at Clarksburg Elementary School is projected to exceed capacity by more than 92 seats throughout the six-year planning period. Relocatable classrooms will be utilized until Clarksburg Elementary School #9 opens.

**Capital Project:** Although an FY 2019 appropriation for planning was requested by the Board of Education for Clarksburg Elementary School #9 with a scheduled opening in September 2021, the County Council delayed the project by one year to September 2022. An FY 2020 appropriation was approved for planning to begin the architectural design for this project. As part of the FY 2021–2026 CIP, the County Council delayed the scheduled completion of the project by another year to September 2023. Planning will continue as planned however, the expenditures for construction were delayed by one year to FY 2022. 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.

**Planning Study:** See text under Cluster Planning Issues. Information regarding the middle and high school articulation changes are available at the following link: [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/UpcountyHSBoundaryStudy.aspx](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/UpcountyHSBoundaryStudy.aspx)

### Clarksburg Elementary School #9

**Capital Project:** Although an FY 2019 appropriation for planning was requested by the Board of Education for Clarksburg Elementary School #9 with a scheduled opening in September 2021, the County Council delayed the project by one year to September 2022. An FY 2020 appropriation was approved for planning to begin the architectural design for this project. As part of the FY 2021–2026 CIP, the County Council delayed the scheduled completion of the project by another year to September 2023. Planning will continue as planned however, the expenditures for construction were delayed by one year to FY 2022. 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.

### Capt. James E. Daly Elementary School

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### Fox Chapel Elementary School

**Planning Study:** See text under Cluster Planning Issues. Information regarding the middle and high school articulation changes are available at the following link: [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/UpcountyHSBoundaryStudy.aspx](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/UpcountyHSBoundaryStudy.aspx)

### Wilson Wims Elementary School

**Capital Project:** Although an FY 2019 appropriation for planning was requested by the Board of Education for Clarksburg Elementary School #9 with a scheduled opening in September 2021, the County Council delayed the project by one year to September 2022. An FY 2020 appropriation was approved for planning to begin the architectural design for this project. As part of the FY 2021–2026 CIP, the County Council delayed the scheduled completion of the project by another year to September 2023. Planning will continue as planned however, the expenditures for construction were delayed by one year to FY 2022. 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.

## CAPITAL PROJECTS

School	Project	Project Status*	Date of Completion
Clarksburg ES #9	New school	Approved	Sept. 2023 (delayed)

\*Approved—Project has a previously approved FY 2020 appropriation in the Amended FY 2019–2024 CIP or approved FY 2021 appropriation in the FY 2021–2026 CIP approved for planning or construction funds.

\*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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**Snowden Farm Elementary School**

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## Projected Enrollment and Space Availability Effects of the Adopted FY 2021–2026 CIP and Non-CIP Actions on Space Availability

Schools		Actual 19–20	Projections							
			20–21	21–22	22–23	23–24	24–25	25–26	2029	2034
Clarksburg HS	Program Capacity	2034	2034	2034	2034	2034	2034	2034	2034	2034
	<b>Enrollment</b>	<b>2472</b>	<b>2356</b>	<b>2365</b>	<b>2330</b>	<b>2469</b>	<b>2455</b>	<b>2410</b>	<b>2434</b>	<b>2482</b>
	Available Space	(438)	(322)	(331)	(296)	(435)	(421)	(376)	(400)	(448)
	Comments		Boundary Change							
Rocky Hill MS	Program Capacity	1020	1020	1020	1020	1020	1020	1020	1020	1020
	<b>Enrollment</b>	<b>883</b>	<b>961</b>	<b>1045</b>	<b>997</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>976</b>	<b>1035</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>1025</b>
	Available Space	137	59	(25)	23	33	44	(15)	32	(5)
	Comments		Boundary Change							
Hallie Wells MS	Program Capacity	982	982	982	982	982	982	982	982	982
	<b>Enrollment</b>	<b>873</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>894</b>	<b>868</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>883</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>1218</b>	<b>1298</b>
	Available Space	109	78	88	114	140	99	82	(236)	(316)
	Comments									
Clarksburg ES	Program Capacity	311	311	311	311	311	311	311		
	<b>Enrollment</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>689</b>	<b>725</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>722</b>		
	Available Space	(312)	(328)	(335)	(378)	(414)	(416)	(411)		
	Comments		See Text							
Clarksburg ES #9	Program Capacity					740	740	740		
	<b>Enrollment</b>					<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		
	Available Space					740	740	740		
	Comments					Opens				
Capt. James E. Daly ES	CSR Program Capacity	523	523	523	523	523	523	523		
	<b>Enrollment</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>609</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>619</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>609</b>	<b>607</b>		
	Available Space	(95)	(86)	(94)	(96)	(94)	(86)	(84)		
	Comments		See Text							
Fox Chapel ES	CSR Program Capacity	683	683	683	683	683	683	683		
	<b>Enrollment</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>609</b>	<b>609</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>620</b>		
	Available Space	72	74	74	62	39	38	63		
	Comments		See Text							
Little Bennett ES	Program Capacity	624	624	624	624	624	624	624		
	<b>Enrollment</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>638</b>	<b>598</b>		
	Available Space	(12)	(17)	(29)	(22)	(5)	(14)	26		
	Comments									
Snowden Farm ES	Program Capacity	774	774	774	774	774	774	774		
	<b>Enrollment</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>816</b>	<b>862</b>	<b>886</b>	<b>897</b>	<b>852</b>		
	Available Space	130	(16)	(42)	(88)	(112)	(123)	(78)		
	Comments	Opens								
Wilson Wims ES	Program Capacity	739	739	739	739	739	739	739		
	<b>Enrollment</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>761</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>753</b>		
	Available Space	(28)	72	(22)	(3)	(3)	6	(14)		
	Comments									
Cluster Information	HS Utilization	122%	116%	116%	115%	121%	121%	118%	120%	122%
	HS Enrollment	2472	2356	2365	2330	2469	2455	2410	2434	2482
	MS Utilization	88%	93%	97%	93%	91%	93%	97%	110%	116%
	MS Enrollment	1756	1865	1939	1865	1829	1859	1935	2206	2323
	ES Enrollment	3899	3955	4102	4179	4243	4249	4152	4800	5200



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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
Clarksburg HS	1995	2006	344,574	62.73		13	
Rocky Hill MS	2004		148,065	23.3			
Hallie Wells MS	2016		150,089	22.37			
Clarksburg ES	1952	1993	54,983	9.97		9	
Captain James Daly ES	1989		78,386	10	Yes	4	
Fox Chapel ES	1974		85,182	10.34	Yes		LTL
Little Bennett ES	2006		82,511	4.81	Yes		
Snowden Farm ES	2019		92,366	9.79			
Wilson Wims ES	2014		91,931	9.29	Yes	6	