

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

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 was approved to continue the planning and design for this major capital project. The scheduled completion date is September 2024. 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: 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

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

Capital Project: A major capital project is approved for this school to address various building systems and programmatic needs for this school. An FY 2020 appropriation was approved for planning to begin the architectural design for this project. Although the Board of Education requested a completion date of September 2023, the County Council approved an FY 2021 appropriation to continue the planning and design

for this major capital project, but delayed the completion date to September 2024. 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.

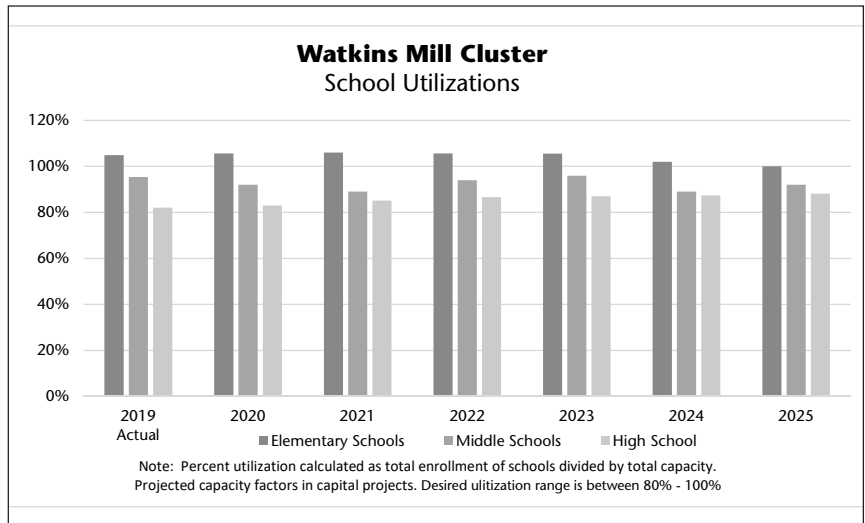
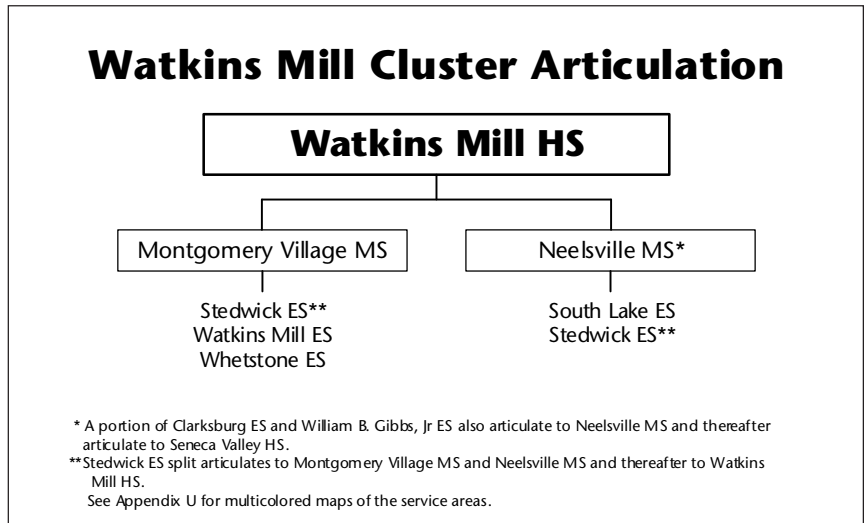
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Whetstone Elementary School

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CAPITAL PROJECTS

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



Whetstone 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	
Watkins Mill HS	Program Capacity	1947	1947	1947	1947	1947	1947	1947	1947	1947	1947
	Enrollment	1590	1625	1658	1685	1693	1702	1716	1791	1917	
	Available Space	357	322	289	262	254	245	231	156	30	
	Comments										
Montgomery Village MS	Program Capacity	865	865	865	865	865	865	865	865	865	
	Enrollment	790	827	866	848	849	840	856	845	853	
	Available Space	75	38	(1)	17	16	25	9	20	12	
	Comments										
Neelsville MS	Program Capacity	956	956	956	956	956	1190	1190	1190	1190	
	Enrollment	945	850	757	858	897	983	1030	991	981	
	Available Space	11	106	199	98	59	207	160	199	209	
	Comments	Planning for Major Capital Project Bndry. Chng.					Maj. Cap. Project Complete				
South Lake ES	CSR	Program Capacity	694	694	694	694	694	763	763		
	Enrollment	893	902	934	918	909	874	839			
	Available Space	(199)	(208)	(240)	(224)	(215)	(111)	(76)			
	Comments	Planning for Major Capital Project					Maj. Cap. Project Complete				
Stedwick ES	CSR	Program Capacity	688	688	688	688	688	688	688		
	Enrollment	537	532	516	512	523	523	521			
	Available Space	151	156	172	176	165	165	167			
	Comments	Capacity Study									
Watkins Mill ES	CSR	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	CSR	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%	83%	85%	87%	87%	87%	88%	92%	98%	
	HS Enrollment	1590	1625	1658	1685	1693	1702	1716	1791	1917	
	MS Utilization	95%	92%	89%	94%	96%	92%	89%	89%	89%	
	MS Enrollment	1735	1677	1623	1706	1746	1823	1886	1836	1834	
	ES Utilization	105%	106%	106%	106%	106%	102%	100%	98%	96%	
ES Enrollment	2903	2931	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		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	3	