

GAITHERSBURG CLUSTER

CLUSTER PLANNING ISSUES

Planning Issue: There are three Master Plans—The Great Seneca Science Corridor Minor Master Plan, The Shady Grove Minor Master Plan Amendment, and The Montgomery Village Master Plan—that involve portions of the Gaithersburg Cluster. It is anticipated that these plans will take 20–30 years to build-out, with the pace of construction being market driven. In addition, there are approximately 2,800 units in the development pipeline approved, but unbuilt, within the cluster. Of the 2,800 units, approximately 2,260 are multifamily and 540 are single family units. Additional information on each of the plans can be found at the following weblinks:

The Great Seneca Science Corridor Minor Master Plan—<https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/communities/midcounty/great-seneca-science-corridor/>

The Shady Grove Minor Master Plan Amendment—<https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/communities/midcounty/shady-grove/>

The Montgomery Village Master Plan—<https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/communities/midcounty/montgomery-village/>

Planning Issue: On March 19, 2024, the Board of Education approved the boundary study scope to determine the service area for the new Crown High School and the Expansion of Damascus High School. The scope of the boundary study includes the following high schools: Winston Churchill, Clarksburg, Damascus, Gaithersburg, Richard Montgomery, Northwest, Poolesville, Quince Orchard, Seneca Valley, Watkins Mill, and Thomas S. Wootton. The scope also includes the following middle schools: John T. Baker, Cabin John, Roberto W. Clemente, Forest Oak, Robert Frost, Gaithersburg, Herbert Hoover, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Kingsview, Lakelands Park, Montgomery Village, Neelsville, John Poole, Ridgeview Rocky Hill, Hallie Wells, and Julius West. No elementary schools are included in the boundary study.

As part of the adopted FY 2025–2030 CIP, the approved completion date for the new Crown High School is August 2027. Due to fiscal constraints, the County Council shifted the expenditures for the Damascus High School Major Capital Project to the out-years of the adopted FY 2025–2030 CIP with a “to be determined” completion date. Information regarding this boundary study is available on the MCPS website at the following link: <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/crowndamascusboundarystudy/>

SCHOOLS

Crown High School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

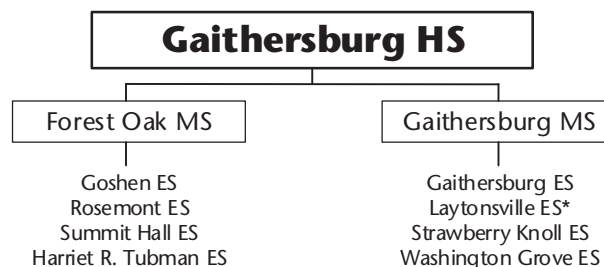
Capital Project: Expenditures are programmed in the six-year period to open a new high school on the Crown Farm site to address overutilization in the mid-county region. Although an FY 2019 appropriation for planning was requested by the Board of Education for this new school, the County Council delayed the funds by one year. An FY 2020 appropriation was approved for planning to begin the architectural design for this project with a completion date of August 2025. As part of the FY 2021–2026 CIP, the County Council delayed the expenditures and completion date to August 2026. An FY 2023 appropriation was requested for construction cost increases and construction funds. Due to fiscal constraints, the County Council, in the adopted FY2023–2028 CIP, delayed this project one year, but approved the additional expenditures. An FY2024 appropriation was approved for construction funds. Due to the continued effects of Covid-19 pandemic on construction cost increases, the budget for this project was insufficient to complete the construction scope as originally intended. Therefore, to move forward with the construction and remain on schedule, the Board of Education approved, as part of the FY2025–2030 CIP, a Phase II for this project which will include the construction of the auditorium. The build out of the shell, the outside structure, of the auditorium is part of the Phase I construction. Funding to construct the fit-out of the auditorium, Phase II, will be considered in the next CIP budget cycle. An FY 2025 appropriation was approved for the balance of funding. This new high school is scheduled to be completed August 2027.

Gaithersburg High School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Gaithersburg Cluster Articulation

2023–2024 School Year



* A portion of Laytonsville ES also articulates to John T. Baker MS and then Damascus HS. See Appendix U for multicolored maps of the service areas.

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Forest Oak Middle School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Gaithersburg Middle School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Planning Study: This school was approved for a feasibility study for a major capital project. The Key Facilities Indicators (KFI) were utilized to identify schools for possible major capital projects. The scope for the project will be identified based on the individual building system and programmatic and capacity needs for each school. Once the feasibility study is complete, a recommendation regarding scope, timeline and funding will be considered in a future CIP.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

School	Project	Project Status*	Date of Completion
Crown HS	New School	Approved	August 2027

Approved—Project has an approved FY 2025 appropriation in the FY 2025–2030 CIP 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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Projected Enrollment and Space Availability Effects of the Adopted FY 2025–2030 CIP and Non-Capital Actions

Schools			Actual	Projections							
			23-24	24-25	25-26	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30	2033	2038
Gaithersburg HS		Program Capacity	2457	2457	2457	2457	2457	2457	2457	2457	2457
		Enrollment	2454	2506	2636	2597	2602	2620	2641	2800	2800
		Available Space	3	(49)	(179)	(140)	(145)	(163)	(184)	(343)	(343)
		Comments	See Text								
Crown HS		Program Capacity					2219	2219	2219	2219	2219
		Enrollment					0	0	0	0	0
		Available Space					2219	2219	2219	2219	2219
		Comments	See Text				Opens				
Forest Oak MS		Program Capacity	955	955	955	955	955	955	955	955	
		Enrollment	847	845	832	847	862	868	873	910	910
		Available Space	108	110	123	108	93	87	82	45	45
		Comments	See Text								
Gaithersburg MS		Program Capacity	1028	1028	1028	1028	1028	1028	1028	1028	1028
		Enrollment	898	890	913	919	935	942	947	890	890
		Available Space	130	138	115	109	93	86	81	138	138
		Comments	See Text								
Gaithersburg ES	CSR	Program Capacity	777	777	777	777	777	777	777		
		Enrollment	665	645	680	678	671	660	669		
		Available Space	112	132	97	99	106	117	108		
		Comments									
Goshen ES	CSR	Program Capacity	604	604	604	604	604	604	604		
		Enrollment	501	520	522	513	517	523	517		
		Available Space	103	84	82	91	87	81	87		
		Comments									
Laytonville ES		Program Capacity	497	497	497	497	497	497	497		
		Enrollment	365	373	387	393	405	409	429		
		Available Space	132	124	110	104	92	88	68		
		Comments									
Rosemont ES	CSR	Program Capacity	562	562	562	562	562	562	562		
		Enrollment	595	607	598	588	581	574	575		
		Available Space	(33)	(45)	(36)	(26)	(19)	(12)	(13)		
		Comments									
Strawberry Knoll ES	CSR	Program Capacity	500	500	500	500	500	500	500		
		Enrollment	470	472	445	445	435	432	445		
		Available Space	30	28	55	55	65	68	55		
		Comments									
Summit Hall ES	CSR	Program Capacity	464	464	464	464	464	464	464		
		Enrollment	422	467	429	436	422	420	421		
		Available Space	42	(3)	35	28	42	44	43		
		Comments									
Harriet R. Tubman ES	CSR	Program Capacity	616	616	616	616	616	616	616		
		Enrollment	575	597	629	655	656	669	669		
		Available Space	41	19	(13)	(39)	(40)	(53)	(53)		
		Comments									
Washington Grove ES	CSR	Program Capacity	550	550	550	550	550	550	550		
		Enrollment	459	484	487	491	489	490	489		
		Available Space	91	66	63	59	61	60	61		
		Comments									
Cluster Information		HS Utilization	100%	102%	107%	106%	106%	107%	107%	114%	114%
		HS Enrollment	2454	2506	2636	2597	2602	2620	2641	2800	2800
		MS Utilization	88%	87%	88%	89%	91%	91%	92%	91%	91%
		MS Enrollment	1745	1735	1745	1766	1797	1810	1820	1800	1800
		ES Utilization	89%	91%	91%	92%	91%	91%	92%		
		ES Enrollment	4052	4165	4177	4199	4176	4177	4214		

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Facility Characteristics of Schools 2023–2024

Schools	Year Facility Opened	Year Reopened/ Revitalized/ Maj. Cap. Proj.	Total Square Footage	Site Size Acres	Adjacent Park	Relocatable Classrooms*	County Programs
Gaithersburg HS	1951	2013	427,048	40.97	Yes		HSWC
Forest Oak MS	1999		132,259	41.2			LTL
Gaithersburg MS	1960	1988	157,694	22.82			LTL
Gaithersburg ES	1947	1983	94,468	8.39		4	SBHC
Goshen ES	1988		76,740	10.48			
Laytonsville ES	1951	1989	64,160	10.4			
Rosemont ES	1965	1995	88,764	8.9		4	LTL
Strawberry Knoll ES	1988		78,723	10.8	Yes	2	
Summit Hall ES	1971		68,059	10.17	Yes	17	SBHC
Harriet R. Tubman ES	2022		99,893	5.72	Yes		LTL
Washington Grove ES	1956	1984	86,266	10.66			LTL

*See Appendix H for relocatable use.