

# SENECA VALLEY CLUSTER

## CLUSTER PLANNING ISSUES

The Seneca Valley Cluster includes the following land-use plans that will add both single-family and multi-family housing units in the future. It is anticipated that each of these plans will take 20–30 years to build-out, and the pace of construction will be market driven. A brief description of each plan is below.

The Germantown Plan for the Town Sector Zone was adopted in 2020. Housing types allowed in the recommended zoning are single family, duplexes, townhouses, and multi-family units. Additional information can be found at the following weblink: <https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/communities/upcounty/germantown/germantown-plan-town-sector-zone/>

The Marc Rail Communities Plan was adopted in 2019. Seneca Valley, Northwest, Clarksburg, and Poolesville clusters serve the families within the plan area. Additional information can be found at the following weblink: <https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/communities/upcounty/marc-rail-communities/>

**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/crowndamascusbouandarystudy/>

## 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. However, 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 for construction funds. Due to fiscal constraints, the County Council, in the adopted FY2023–2028 CIP, delayed the completion date by one year, but approved the additional expenditures. An FY 2024 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.

### Seneca Valley High School

**Planning Issue:** See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

### Roberto W. Clemente Middle School

**Planning Issue:** See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

### Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School

**Planning Issue:** See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

### Neelsville Middle School

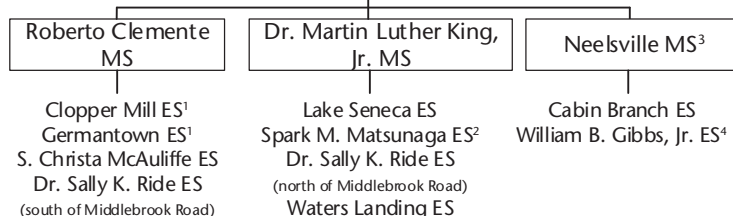
**Planning Issue:** See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

**Capital Project:** A Major Capital Project is planned for this school to address various building systems and programmatic needs for this school. An FY 2021 appropriation was

## Seneca Valley Cluster Articulation

### 2023–2024 School Year

#### Seneca Valley HS



<sup>1</sup>A portion of Clopper Mill ES and Germantown ES also articulate to Northwest HS.

<sup>2</sup>A portion of Spark M. Matsunaga ES also articulates to Kingsview MS and Northwest HS.

<sup>3</sup>South Lake ES and a portion of Stedwick ES also articulate to Neelsville MS and Watkins Mill HS.

<sup>4</sup>William B. Gibbs, Jr. ES also articulates to Rocky Hill MS and Clarksburg HS.

See Appendix U for multicolored maps of the service areas.

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approved for planning funds to begin the architectural design of this major capital project. An FY 2022 appropriation was approved to begin the construction. An FY 2023 appropriation was approved for construction cost increases and the balance of construction funds. This project is scheduled to be completed in August 2024.

### CAPITAL PROJECTS

School	Project	Project Status*	Date of Completion
Crown HS	New School	Approved	August 2027
Neelsville MS	Major Capital Project	Approved	August 2024

**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
Seneca Valley HS	Program Capacity	2537	2537	2537	2537	2537	2537	2537	2537	2537
	<b>Enrollment</b>	<b>2386</b>	<b>2388</b>	<b>2456</b>	<b>2412</b>	<b>2401</b>	<b>2418</b>	<b>2437</b>	<b>2600</b>	<b>2600</b>
	Available Space	151	149	81	125	136	119	100	(63)	(63)
	Comments	See Text								
Crown HS	Program Capacity					2219	2219	2219	2219	2219
	<b>Enrollment</b>					<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
	Available Space					2219	2219	2219	2219	2219
	Comments	See Text				Opens				
Roberto W. Clemente MS	Program Capacity	1198	1198	1198	1198	1198	1198	1198	1198	1198
	<b>Enrollment</b>	<b>866</b>	<b>872</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>942</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>971</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>850</b>
	Available Space	332	326	273	256	240	233	227	348	348
	Comments	See Text								
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. MS	Program Capacity	914	914	914	914	914	914	914	914	914
	<b>Enrollment</b>	<b>858</b>	<b>852</b>	<b>848</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>881</b>	<b>888</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>940</b>	<b>940</b>
	Available Space	56	62	66	50	33	26	21	16	16
	Comments	See Text								
Neelsville MS	Program Capacity	965	956	956	956	956	956	956	956	956
	<b>Enrollment</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>806</b>	<b>807</b>	<b>830</b>	<b>845</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>855</b>	<b>940</b>	<b>940</b>
	Available Space	183	150	149	126	111	106	101	16	16
	Comments	See Text	Maj. Cap. Project Complete							
Cabin Branch ES	Program Capacity	712	712	712	712	712	712	712		
	<b>Enrollment</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>716</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>720</b>		
	Available Space	214	105	52	22	(4)	(6)	(8)		
	Comments	Opens								
Germantown ES	Program Capacity	279	279	279	279	279	279	279		
	<b>Enrollment</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>315</b>		
	Available Space	(39)	(20)	(25)	(49)	(39)	(37)	(36)		
	Comments									
William B. Gibbs, Jr. ES	Program Capacity	738	738	738	738	738	738	738		
	<b>Enrollment</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>624</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>662</b>		
	Available Space	137	125	114	98	97	77	76		
	Comments									
Lake Seneca ES	Program Capacity	402	402	402	402	402	402	402		
	<b>Enrollment</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>508</b>		
	Available Space	(76)	(95)	(102)	(112)	(111)	(105)	(106)		
	Comments									
S. Christa McAuliffe ES	Program Capacity	759	759	759	759	759	759	759		
	<b>Enrollment</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>445</b>		
	Available Space	266	253	293	304	318	320	314		
	Comments									
Dr. Sally K. Ride ES	Program Capacity	535	535	535	535	535	535	535		
	<b>Enrollment</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>513</b>		
	Available Space	80	78	74	68	51	50	22		
	Comments									
Waters Landing ES	Program Capacity	745	745	745	745	745	745	745		
	<b>Enrollment</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>720</b>		
	Available Space	27	(11)	8	25	39	24	25		
	Comments									
Cluster Information	HS Utilization	94%	94%	97%	95%	95%	95%	96%	102%	102%
	HS Enrollment	2386	2388	2456	2412	2401	2418	2437	2600	2600
	MS Utilization	81%	82%	84%	86%	87%	88%	89%	89%	89%
	MS Enrollment	2506	2530	2580	2636	2684	2703	2719	2730	2730
	ES Utilization	85%	90%	90%	91%	92%	92%	93%		
ES Enrollment	3561	3735	3756	3814	3819	3847	3883			



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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
Seneca Valley HS	1974	2020	457,600	29.37			HSWC
Roberto W. Clemente MS	1992		148,246	19.87			
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. MS	1996		135,867	18.61			
Neelsville MS	1981		131,432	29.19			
Cabin Branch ES	2023		95,327	9.61			
Germantown ES	1935	1978	57,668	7.75		3	
William B. Gibbs, Jr. ES	2009		88,042	10.75			
Lake Seneca ES	1985		58,770	9.35		9	
S. Christa McAuliffe ES	1987		102,111	10.6	Yes		
Dr. Sally K. Ride ES	1994		78,686	13.49		2	
Waters Landing ES	1988		101,352	10			

\*See Appendix H for relocatable use.