

# WALT WHITMAN CLUSTER

## CLUSTER PLANNING ISSUES

The Westbard Sector Plan was adopted in 2016. This plan provides for an additional 135 townhouse, 487 multi-family mid-rise, and 516 multi-family high-rise units. It is anticipated the plan will take 20–30 years to build-out. The pace of construction will be market driven. Additional information can be found at the following weblink: <https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/communities/downcounty/planwestbard/>.

**Planning Issue:** On March 28, 2023, the Board of Education approved the boundary study scope to create the service area for the reopening of Charles W. Woodward High School. The scope of the boundary study includes the following high schools: Bethesda Chevy-Chase, Montgomery Blair, Albert Einstein, Walter Johnson, John F. Kennedy, Northwood, Wheaton, and Walt Whitman. The scope also includes the following middle schools: Argyle, Eastern, A. Mario Loiederman, Newport Mill, North Bethesda, Parkland, Thomas W. Pyle, Odessa Shannon, Silver Creek, Silver Spring International, Sligo, Takoma Park, Tilden, and Westland. No elementary schools are included in the boundary study.

As part of the adopted FY 2025–2030 CIP, the completion date for the Northwood High School project was delayed one-year due to an extension of the construction timeline. As a result of Northwood High School remaining at Charles W. Woodward High School, its holding facility, for one additional year, the completion date for the reopening of Charles W. Woodward High School is August 2027. On March 19, 2024, the Board of Education adopted a revised timeline for the boundary study. Information regarding this boundary study is available on the MCPS website at the following link: <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/woodwardhsboundarystudy/>

## SCHOOLS

### Walt Whitman High School

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

### Charles W. Woodward High School

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

**Capital Project:** To address the urgent space needs at Walter Johnson High School and the Downcounty Consortium high schools, an FY 2021 appropriation for construction was approved for the reopening of Charles W. Woodward High School. The Board of Education approved that Charles W. Woodward High School be used as a holding school, starting in August 2023, for Northwood High School. An FY 2023 appropriation was requested for construction cost increases and the balance of construction funds. However, due to fiscal constraints, the County

Council, in the adopted FY2023–2028 CIP, delayed this project one year. The additional expenditures were approved, but the scheduled completion date for the reopening of Charles W. Woodward High School was August 2026. An FY 2024 appropriation was approved for construction cost increases. As part of the Board of Education’s Requested FY2025–2030 CIP, the construction schedule for the Northwood High School capital project is extended one year, with a completion date of August 2027. Since Charles W. Woodward High School is the holding facility for Northwood High School, the completion date for the reopening of Charles W. Woodward High School is August 2027. 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 III for this project that will include the construction of the auditorium. Funding to construct the auditorium will be considered in the next CIP budget cycle.

### Thomas W. Pyle Middle School

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

### Burning Tree Elementary School

**Planning Study:** This school has been approved for a feasibility study for a major capital project. The Key Facilities Indicators (KFI) is 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. To address the accessibility challenges identified at this school, an FY 2025 appropriation was approved in the ADA Compliance project to remove existing barriers at Burning Tree Elementary School. The FY 2025 appropriation will begin the planning for this project. Once planning is complete, a completion date will be included in a future CIP.

## Walt Whitman Cluster Articulation

2023–2024 School Year

Walt Whitman HS

Thomas W. Pyle MS

Bannockburn ES  
Bradley Hills ES  
Burning Tree ES  
Carderock Springs ES  
Wood Acres ES

See Appendix U for multicolored maps of the service areas.

## CAPITAL PROJECTS

School	Project	Project Status*	Date of Completion
Charles W. Woodward HS	Reopening	Delayed	August 2024/2027
Burning Tree ES	Accessibility Modifications	Approved	TBD

**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
Walt Whitman HS	Program Capacity		2218	2218	2218	2218	2218	2218	2218	2218	2218
	<b>Enrollment</b>		<b>2042</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>1981</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2105</b>	<b>2105</b>
	Available Space		176	197	214	237	218	206	192	113	113
	Comments		See Text								
Charles W. Woodward HS	Program Capacity						2249	2249	2249	2249	2249
	<b>Enrollment</b>						<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
	Available Space						2249	2249	2249	2249	2249
	Comments		See Text				Opens				
Thomas W. Pyle MS	Program Capacity		1498	1498	1498	1498	1498	1498	1498	1498	1498
	<b>Enrollment</b>		<b>1260</b>	<b>1270</b>	<b>1275</b>	<b>1287</b>	<b>1311</b>	<b>1320</b>	<b>1328</b>	<b>1300</b>	<b>1300</b>
	Available Space		238	228	223	211	187	178	170	198	198
	Comments		See Text								
Bannockburn ES	Program Capacity		389	389	389	389	389	389	389		
	<b>Enrollment</b>		<b>424</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>405</b>		
	Available Space		(35)	(42)	(19)	(14)	5	(14)	(16)		
	Comments										
Bradley Hills ES	Program Capacity		686	686	686	686	686	686	686		
	<b>Enrollment</b>		<b>466</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>496</b>		
	Available Space		220	212	197	200	198	187	190		
	Comments										
Burning Tree ES	Program Capacity		401	401	401	401	401	401	401		
	<b>Enrollment</b>		<b>484</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>505</b>		
	Available Space		(83)	(90)	(91)	(98)	(103)	(113)	(104)		
	Comments										
Carderock Springs ES	Program Capacity		430	430	430	430	430	430	430		
	<b>Enrollment</b>		<b>333</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>353</b>		
	Available Space		97	89	80	84	81	78	77		
	Comments										
Wood Acres ES	Program Capacity		757	757	757	757	757	757	757		
	<b>Enrollment</b>		<b>612</b>	<b>593</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>604</b>		
	Available Space		145	164	157	159	155	154	153		
	Comments										
Cluster Information	HS Utilization		92%	91%	90%	89%	90%	91%	91%	95%	95%
	HS Enrollment		2042	2021	2004	1981	2000	2012	2026	2105	2105
	MS Utilization		84%	85%	85%	86%	88%	88%	89%	87%	87%
	MS Enrollment		1260	1270	1275	1287	1311	1320	1328	1300	1300
	ES Enrollment		2319	2330	2339	2332	2327	2371	2363		



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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
Walt Whitman HS	1962	1992	312,270	30.7	Yes		
Thomas W. Pyle MS	1962	1993	209,464	14.3			
Bannockburn ES	1957	1988	54,234	8.3		2	
Bradley Hills ES	1951	1984	76,745	6.7	Yes		
Burning Tree ES	1958	1991	68,119	6.79	Yes	3	
Carderock Springs ES	1966	2010	75,351	9			
Wood Acres ES	1952	2002	96,358	4.78	Yes		

\*See Appendix H for relocatable use.