

THOMAS S. WOOTTON CLUSTER

CLUSTER PLANNING ISSUES

The 2010 adopted Great Seneca Science Corridor Master Plan provides for up to 5,700 residential units. Most of the residential development is in the Thomas S. Wootton Cluster. The majority of planned units require funding to be secured for construction of the Corridor Cities Transit-way. The pace of construction will be market driven. A future elementary school site is included in the plan.

The Great Seneca Science Corridor Minor Master Plan Amendment was adopted in 2021. This amendment evaluates progress to the 2010 plan and adjusts staging requirements based on development since 2010. Recent construction in the plan area has yielded nearly 1,300 new multi-family units. Additional information can be found at the following weblink: <https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/communities/midcounty/great-seneca-science-corridor/great-seneca-science-corridor-plan/great-seneca-science-corridor-master-plan-minor-master-plan-amendment/>.

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 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.

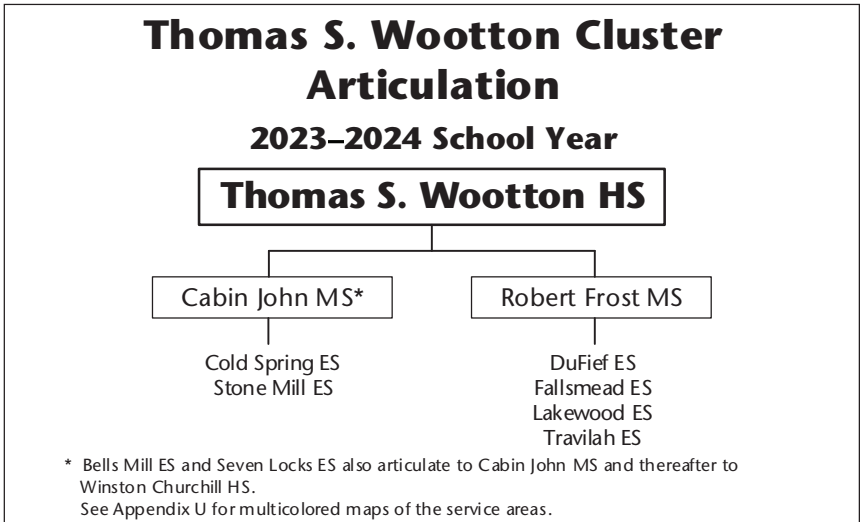
Capital Project: Expenditures are programmed in the six-year period to open a new high school on the Crown Farm site to address overutilization in the mid-county region. Although an FY 2019 appropriation for planning was requested by the

Board of Education for this new school, the County Council delayed the funds by one year to begin in FY 2020. 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 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 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.

Thomas S. Wootton High 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. Expenditures for this project are included in the Major Capital Projects–Secondary. Although the Board of Education requested a completion date of August 2026, the County Council delayed the expenditures and completion date by one year to August 2027. An FY 2023 appropriation was approved to accelerate the architectural design and site funds within the Major Capital Project to address ADA and site related issues. Due to fiscal constraints, the County Council,



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in the adopted FY2023–2028 CIP, delayed this project two years. An FY 2025 appropriation was requested for planning and design funds for the building portion of the Major Capital Project. Due to fiscal constraints, the County Council shifted expenditures to the out-years in the adopted FY2023–2028 CIP, with a “to be determined” completion date.

Cabin John Middle School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Robert Frost Middle School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Cold Spring Elementary School

Capital Project: As part of the adopted FY 2023–2028 CIP, 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. An FY 2025 appropriation was approved to begin the planning and design for this project. Due to fiscal constraints, the County Council shifted construction placeholder expenditures to the out-years of the adopted FY2025–2030 CIP. Once planning is complete, construction funds, along with a completion date, will be considered in a future CIP.

Dufief Elementary School

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
Thomas S. Wootton HS	Major Capital Project	Delayed	TBD
Cold Spring ES	Major Capital Project	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	
Thomas S. Wootton HS	Program Capacity	2120	2120	2120	2120	2120	2120	2120	2120	2120	2120
	Enrollment	1875	1851	1891	1888	1899	1909	1922	2090	2090	
	Available Space	245	269	229	232	221	211	198	30	30	
	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					
Cabin John MS	Program Capacity	1125	1125	1125	1125	1125	1125	1125	1125	1125	
	Enrollment	974	1004	1062	1075	1095	1103	1103	1060	1060	
	Available Space	151	121	63	50	30	22	22	65	65	
	Comments	See Text									
Robert Frost MS	Program Capacity	1051	1051	1051	1051	1051	1051	1051	1051	1051	
	Enrollment	959	974	1002	1012	1029	1037	1043	970	970	
	Available Space	92	77	49	39	22	14	8	81	81	
	Comments	See Text									
Cold Spring ES	Program Capacity	481	481	481	481	481	481	481			
	Enrollment	335	332	335	341	338	328	337			
	Available Space	146	149	146	140	143	153	144			
	Comments		Planning for MCP								
DuFief ES	Program Capacity	437	437	437	437	437	437	437			
	Enrollment	246	260	257	256	258	255	257			
	Available Space	191	177	180	181	179	182	180			
	Comments										
Fallsmead ES	Program Capacity	571	571	571	571	571	571	571			
	Enrollment	515	506	511	505	509	502	509			
	Available Space	56	65	60	66	62	69	62			
	Comments										
Lakewood ES	Program Capacity	566	566	566	566	566	566	566			
	Enrollment	439	449	459	472	472	469	468			
	Available Space	127	117	107	94	94	97	98			
	Comments										
Stone Mill ES	Program Capacity	713	713	713	713	713	713	713			
	Enrollment	534	510	516	510	489	481	486			
	Available Space	179	203	197	203	224	232	227			
	Comments										
Travilah ES	Program Capacity	526	526	526	526	526	526	526			
	Enrollment	385	401	400	403	397	404	404			
	Available Space	141	125	126	123	129	122	122			
	Comments										
Cluster Information	HS Utilization	88%	87%	89%	89%	90%	90%	91%	99%	99%	
	HS Enrollment	1875	1851	1891	1888	1899	1909	1922	2090	2090	
	MS Utilization	89%	91%	95%	96%	98%	98%	99%	93%	93%	
	MS Enrollment	1933	1978	2064	2087	2124	2140	2146	2030	2030	
	ES Utilization	74%	75%	75%	76%	75%	74%	75%			
ES Enrollment	2454	2458	2478	2487	2463	2439	2461				

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Facility Characteristics of Schools 2023–2024

Schools	Year Facility Opened	Year Reopened/ Revitalized	Total Square Footage	Site Size Acres	Adjacent Park	Relocatable Classrooms*	County Programs
Thomas S. Wootton HS	1970		295,620	27.37			
Cabin John MS	1967	2011	159,514	18.2			
Robert Frost MS	1971		143,757	24.78			
Cold Spring ES	1972		55,158	12.38		1	
DuFief ES	1975		59,013	9.99	Yes	1	
Fallsmead ES	1974		67,472	8.93	Yes		
Lakewood ES	1968	2003	77,526	13.09			
Stone Mill ES	1988		78,617	11.76			
Travilah ES	1960	1992	65,378	9.3			

*See Appendix H for relocatable use.