

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 recommended in this CIP.

Stedwick Elementary School

Planning Study: A capacity study is approved to evaluate the elementary school space deficits in the cluster, as well as look to adjacent clusters to address the overutilization issues in the cluster. The capacity study will be conducted in spring 2021 after the Board of Education takes action on the Gaithersburg Elementary School #8 boundaries.

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. The Board of Education requested an FY 2021 supplemental appropriation to accelerate the completion date back to September 2023. In order for this project to be completed on this schedule, county and state funding must be provided at the levels recommended in this CIP.

Planning Study: The project described above is planned for approximately 796 students consistent with MCPS regulation *FAA-RA Educational Facilities*

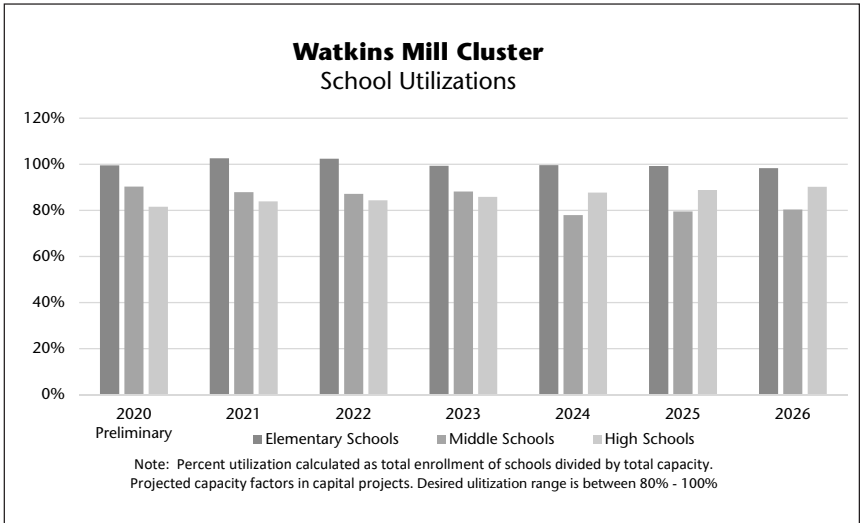
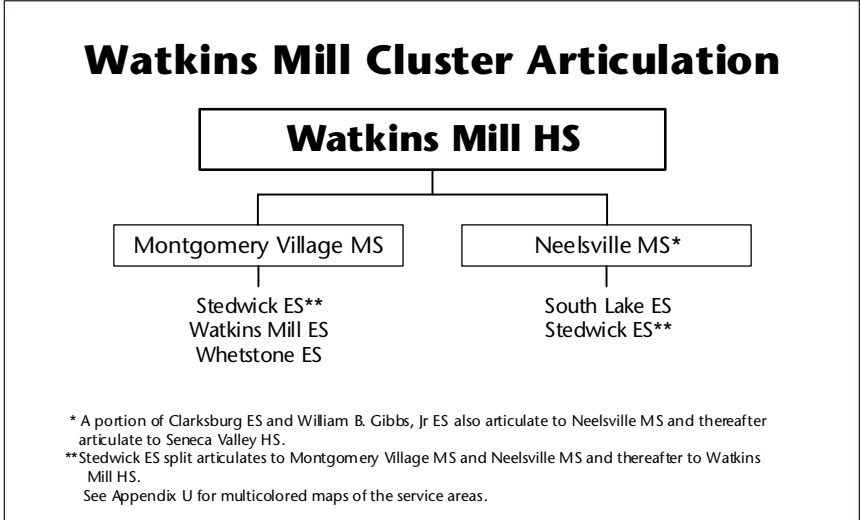
Planning. Projections indication that enrollment will exceed the new capacity after the project is complete. A capacity study is approved to evaluate the elementary school space deficits in the cluster, as well as look to adjacent clusters to address the overutilization issues in the cluster. The capacity study will be conducted in spring 2021 after the Board of Education takes action on the Gaithersburg Elementary School #8 boundaries.

Watkins Mill Elementary School

Planning Study: Projections indication that enrollment will exceed capacity by 92 seats or more by the end of the six-year planning period. Planning Study: A capacity study is approved to evaluate the elementary school space deficits in the cluster, as well as look to adjacent clusters to address the overutilization issues in the cluster. The capacity study will be conducted in spring 2021 after the Board of Education takes action on the Gaithersburg Elementary School #8 boundaries.

Whetstone Elementary School

Planning Study: Planning Study: A capacity study is approved to evaluate the elementary school space deficits in the cluster, as well as look to adjacent clusters to address the overutilization



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issues in the cluster. The capacity study will be conducted in spring 2021 after the Board of Education takes action on the Gaithersburg Elementary School #8 boundaries.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

School	Project	Project Status*	Date of Completion
Neelsville MS	Major capital project	Approved	Sept. 2024
South Lake ES	Major Capital project	Recommended	Sept 2023

*Approved—Project as an approved FY 2021 appropriation in the FY 2021–2026 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.

*Recommended—Project has a recommended FY 2022 appropriation in the Amended FY 2021–2026 CIP.



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Projected Enrollment and Space Availability

Effects of the Recommended FY 2022 Capital Budget and Amendments to the FY 2021–2026 CIP

Schools		Prelim.	Projections								
			20–21	21–22	22–23	23–24	24–25	25–26	26–27	2030	2035
Watkins Mill HS	Program Capacity	1947	1947	1947	1947	1947	1947	1947	1947	1947	1947
	Enrollment	1589	1632	1643	1671	1708	1729	1755	1775	1800	
	Available Space	358	315	304	276	239	218	192	172	147	
	Comments										
Montgomery Village MS	Program Capacity	853	853	853	853	853	853	853	853	853	
	Enrollment	780	779	763	778	776	792	786	790	800	
	Available Space	73	74	90	75	77	61	67	63	53	
	Comments										
Neelsville MS	Program Capacity	956	956	956	956	1190	1190	1190	1190	1190	
	Enrollment	855	811	813	818	816	833	855	900	950	
	Available Space	101	145	143	138	374	357	335	290	240	
	Comments					Maj. Cap. Project Complete					
South Lake ES	Program Capacity	694	694	694	796	796	796	796			
	Enrollment	790	840	835	846	846	840	822			
	Available Space	(96)	(146)	(141)	(50)	(50)	(44)	(26)			
	Comments	Plng. for Maj. Cap. Project			Maj. Cap. Project Complete						
Stedwick ES	Program Capacity	690	690	690	690	690	690	690			
	Enrollment	517	525	506	510	496	483	479			
	Available Space	173	165	184	180	194	207	211			
	Comments										
Watkins Mill ES	Program Capacity	641	641	641	641	641	641	641			
	Enrollment	750	778	789	782	779	778	768			
	Available Space	(109)	(137)	(148)	(141)	(138)	(137)	(127)			
	Comments										
Whetstone ES	Program Capacity	750	750	750	750	750	750	750			
	Enrollment	706	706	712	721	746	757	759			
	Available Space	44	44	38	29	4	(7)	(9)			
	Comments										
Cluster Information	HS Utilization	82%	84%	84%	86%	88%	89%	90%	91%	92%	
	HS Enrollment	1589	1632	1643	1671	1708	1729	1755	1775	1800	
	MS Utilization	90%	88%	87%	88%	78%	80%	80%	83%	86%	
	MS Enrollment	1635	1590	1576	1596	1592	1625	1641	1690	1750	
	ES Enrollment	2763	2849	2842	2859	2867	2858	2828	2780	2730	

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Demographic Characteristics of Schools

Schools	2020–2021						2019–2020		
	Total Enrollment	Two or more races %	Black or Afr. Amer. %	Asian%	Hispanic %	White %	FARMS%*	ESOL%**	Mobility Rate%***
Watkins Mill HS	1,589	2.7%	25.9%	9.6%	55.1%	6.5%	51.3%	24.8%	18.4%
Montgomery Village MS	780	2.6%	28.3%	7.2%	56.5%	5.1%	65.4%	21.5%	14.8%
Neelsville MS	855	3.7%	27.8%	11.9%	49.8%	6.3%	65.7%	22.5%	14.3%
South Lake ES	790	2.7%	18.5%	5.6%	71.6%	1.1%	85.1%	60.9%	22.6%
Stedwick ES	517	4.1%	29.2%	6.2%	51.3%	8.3%	60.3%	40.8%	15.3%
Watkins Mill ES	750	4.0%	24.3%	6.3%	61.7%	3.3%	71.5%	55.7%	21.3%
Whetstone ES	706	3.7%	24.4%	8.4%	56.2%	6.8%	70.4%	43.7%	15.2%
Elementary Cluster Total	2,763	3.5%	23.6%	6.6%	61.2%	4.5%	73.3%	51.5%	19.0%
Elementary County Total	72,658	5.8%	21.6%	13.9%	34.1%	24.2%	38.9%	25.9%	11.9%

*Percent of students approved for Free and Reduced-priced Meals Program (FARMS) during the 2019–2020 school year.

**Percent of English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) during the 2019–2020 school year. High School students are served in regional ESOL centers.

***Mobility Rate is the number of entries plus withdrawals during the 2019–2020 school year compared to total enrollment.

Notes: Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander and American Indian/Alaskan Native categories total less than 1% and were therefore excluded from the table.

Due to federal and state guidelines, demographic characteristics of schools of less than or equal to 5 students per category are reported as 0%.

Program Capacity Table
(School Year 2020-2021)

Schools	Grades Served	Capacity (HS @90% MS@85%)	Total Rooms	Support Rooms	Regular Secondary @25	Regular Elementary @23	CSR Grades 1–2 @18	Pre-K @20	Pre-K @40	HS @20	CSR KIND @18	KIND @22	ESOL @15	METS @15	Special Education Services																									
															School Based		Cluster Based		Quad Cluster Based			County & Regional Based																		
															HS	EL	EL	EL	EL	EL	EL	EL	EL	EL	EL	EL	EL	EL	EL	EL	EL	EL	EL							
Watkins Mill HS	9-12	1947	91		81								4	3																										
Montgomery Village MS	6-8	853	46		36								2	1																										
Neelsville MS	6-8	956	47		42								3	2																										
South Lake ES	HS-5	694	40	5		9	15		1	1	8				1																									
Stedwick ES	PreK-5	690	39	4		15	9		1		5				1																									
Watkins Mill ES	HS-5	641	42	5		6	13		1		7				2	1																								
Whetstone ES	PreK-5	750	43	5		12	14		1		6				2																									

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Facility Characteristics of Schools 2020–2021

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		14	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	