

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 planned for this school to address various building systems and programmatic needs for this school. An FY 2021 appropriation was 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 is recommended for construction cost increases and the balance of construction funds. This project is scheduled to be completed August 2024.

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. The capacity study was conducted in summer 2021. Non-capital and/or capital solutions will be considered in a future CIP.

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 August 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 August 2024. The Board of Education requested an FY 2021 supplemental appropriation to accelerate the completion date back to August 2023, which was approved by the County Council. An FY 2022 appropriation was approved to construct this project. An FY 2023 appropriation is recommended for construction cost increases to complete this project.

Planning Study: The project described above is planned for approximately 796 students consistent with MCPS Regulation FAA-RA, Educational Facilities Planning. Projections indicate that enrollment will exceed the new capacity after the project

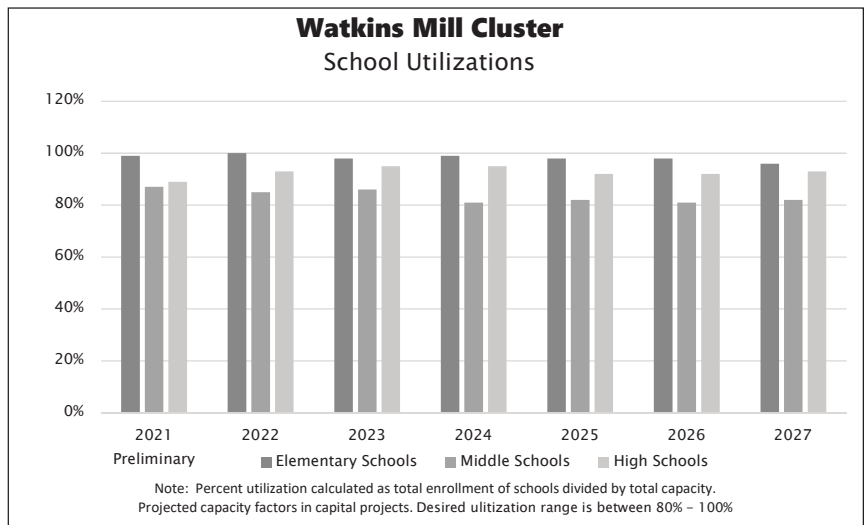
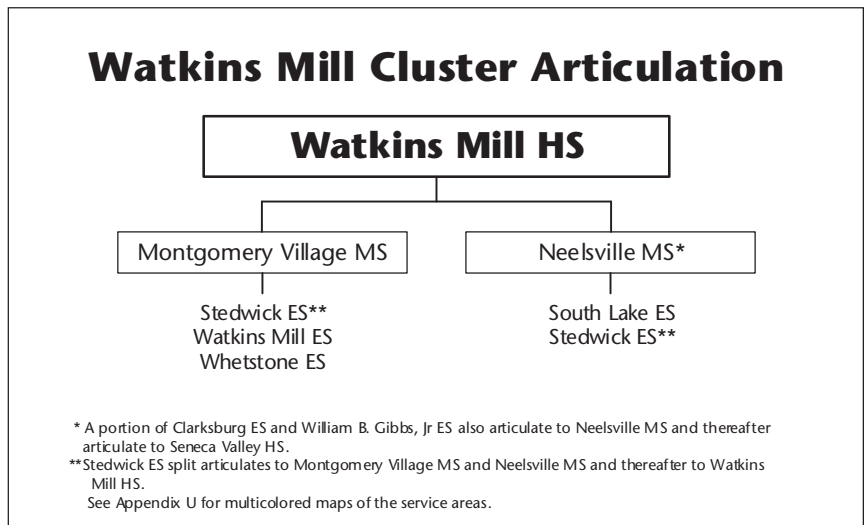
is complete. A capacity study was approved to evaluate the elementary school space deficits in the cluster, as well as look to adjacent clusters to address the overutilization issues. The capacity study was conducted in summer 2021. Non-capital and/or capital solutions will be considered in a future CIP.

Watkins Mill Elementary School

Planning Study: Projections indicate that enrollment will exceed capacity by 92 seats or more by the end of the six-year planning period. A capacity study was approved to evaluate the elementary school space deficits in the cluster, as well as look to adjacent clusters to address the overutilization issues. The capacity study was conducted in summer 2021. Non-capital and/or capital solutions will be considered in a future CIP.

Whetstone Elementary School

Planning Study: A capacity study was approved to evaluate the elementary school space deficits in the cluster, as well as look to adjacent clusters to address the overutilization issues. The capacity study was conducted in summer 2021. Non-capital and/or capital solutions will be considered in a future CIP.



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CAPITAL PROJECTS

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

*Approved—Project has an approved FY 2022 appropriation in the Amended 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 2023 appropriation for planning or construction in the FY 2023–2028 CIP.



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Projected Enrollment and Space Availability

Effects of the Superintendent's Recommended FY 2023 Capital Budget and FY 2023–2028 Capital Improvements Program

Schools			Prelim.	Projections							
			21–22	22–23	23–24	24–25	25–26	26–27	27–28	2031	2036
Watkins Mill HS		Program Capacity	1789	1789	1789	1789	1789	1789	1789	1789	1789
		Enrollment	1598	1660	1691	1705	1638	1642	1658	1680	1750
		Available Space	191	129	98	84	151	147	131	109	39
		Comments									
Montgomery Village MS		Program Capacity	844	844	844	844	844	844	844	844	844
		Enrollment	757	746	762	754	760	758	755	775	800
		Available Space	87	98	82	90	84	86	89	69	44
		Comments									
Neelsville MS		Program Capacity	956	956	956	1062	1062	1062	1062	1062	1062
		Enrollment	809	782	790	789	795	792	816	875	950
		Available Space	147	174	166	273	267	270	246	187	112
		Comments				Maj. Cap. Project Complete					
South Lake ES	CSR	Program Capacity	694	694	796	796	796	796	796		
		Enrollment	824	832	852	855	850	842	827		
		Available Space	(130)	(138)	(56)	(59)	(54)	(46)	(31)		
		Comments	See Text		Maj. Cap. Project Complete						
Stedwick ES	CSR	Program Capacity	703	703	703	703	703	703	703		
		Enrollment	496	481	482	475	453	449	454		
		Available Space	207	222	221	228	250	254	249		
		Comments	See Text								
Watkins Mill ES	CSR	Program Capacity	642	642	642	642	642	642	642		
		Enrollment	785	811	794	809	829	848	824		
		Available Space	(143)	(169)	(152)	(167)	(187)	(206)	(182)		
		Comments	See Text								
Whetstone ES	CSR	Program Capacity	770	770	770	770	770	770	770		
		Enrollment	688	685	722	729	723	707	701		
		Available Space	82	85	48	41	47	63	69		
		Comments	See Text								
Cluster Information		HS Utilization	89%	93%	95%	95%	92%	92%	93%	94%	98%
		HS Enrollment	1598	1660	1691	1705	1638	1642	1658	1680	1750
		MS Utilization	87%	85%	86%	81%	82%	81%	82%	87%	92%
		MS Enrollment	1566	1528	1552	1543	1555	1550	1571	1650	1750
		ES Utilization	99%	100%	98%	99%	98%	98%	96%		
	ES Enrollment	2793	2809	2850	2868	2855	2846	2806			

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Facility Characteristics of Schools 2021–2022

Schools	Year Facility Opened	Year Reopened/ Revitalized	Total Square Footage	Site Size Acres	Adjacent Park	Relocatable 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	