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CLUSTER PLANNING ISSUES

Planning Issue: The Clarksburg Master Plan allows for the development of up to 15,000 residential units. The plan included five future elementary school sites and one future middle school site. A large number of housing units were constructed. A new cluster of schools was formed in the 2006–2007 school year when Clarksburg High School opened to accommodate the enrollment growth from the new development. Little Bennett Elementary School opened in August 2006, William B. Gibbs, Jr. Elementary School opened in August 2009, Wilson Wims Elementary School opened in August 2014, and Snowden Farm Elementary School opened in August 2019. With continued growth in elementary school enrollment, an additional elementary school is scheduled to open in August 2023. To address the enrollment growth in the cluster, a high school addition opened in August 2015, and Hallie Wells Middle School opened in August 2016.

Planning Study: A boundary study was previously approved to begin in the fall 2020, to explore the assignment of students for the opening of Clarksburg Elementary School #9, with Board of Education action scheduled for November 2021.

However, the County Council delayed the opening of the new school from August 2022 to August 2023. The approved boundary study for Clarksburg Elementary School #9 will create the service area for the new school. The scope included the following elementary schools—Clarksburg, William B. Gibbs, Jr., Little Bennett, and Wilson Wims elementary schools. No middle or high schools were included in the boundary study. Based on the approved completion date for the school, the boundary study was conducted in the spring 2022, with the boundary study report released summer 2022. The recommendation by the superintendent of schools was released in October 2022 as part of the *Superintendent's Recommended FY 2024 Capital Budget and Amendments to the FY2023–2028 Capital Improvements Program*. Board of Education action on the boundary reassignment is scheduled for November 17, 2022. Information regarding the boundary recommendation is available on the MCPS website at the following link: <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/ClarksburgES9BoundaryStudy.aspx>

SCHOOLS

Clarksburg High School

Planning Issue: Clarksburg High School will continue to have a space deficit by the end of the six-year planning period, even with the recent boundary reassignment. A plan to address the space deficit will be developed in a future CIP.

Clarksburg Elementary School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Study.

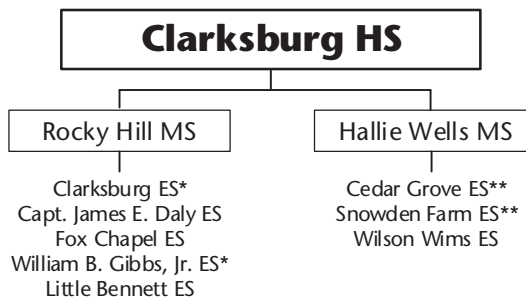
Capital Project: As part of the 2019–2024 CIP, the Board of Education requested that Clarksburg Elementary School #9 open in August 2021; however, the County Council delayed the project by one year to August 2022. An FY 2020 appropriation was approved for planning to begin the architectural design for this project. As part of the FY 2021–2026 CIP, the County Council delayed the scheduled completion of the project by another year to August 2023. An FY 2022 appropriation was approved to begin the construction for the school. An FY 2023 appropriation was approved for construction cost increases to complete this project. The school is scheduled to be completed August 2023.

Clarksburg Elementary School #9

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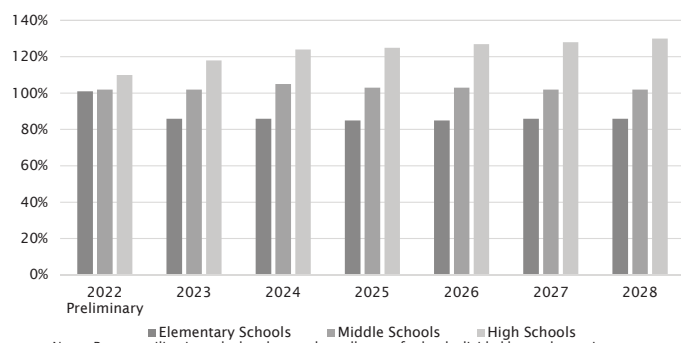
Clarksburg Cluster Articulation

2022–2023 School Year



* Portions of Clarksburg ES and William B. Gibbs, Jr. ES also articulate to Neelsville MS and Seneca Valley HS.
 ** Portions of Cedar Grove ES and Snowden Farm ES also articulate to Damascus HS.
 See Appendix U for multicolored maps of the service areas.

Clarksburg Cluster School Utilizations



Note: Percent utilization calculated as total enrollment of schools divided by total capacity. Projected capacity factors in capital projects. Desired utilization range is between 80% - 100%

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Little Bennett Elementary School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Study.

Wilson Wims Elementary School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Study.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

School	Project	Project Status*	Date of Completion
Clarksburg ES #9	New school	Approved	August 2023

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

*“Recommended”—Project has a recommended FY 2024 appropriation in the Amended FY2023–2028 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.



Snowden Farm Elementary School

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Projected Enrollment and Space Availability

Effects of the Superintendent's Recommended FY 2024 Capital Budget and Amendments to the FY 2023–2028 Capital Improvements Program

Schools		Prelim.	Projections							
		22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26	26-27	27-28	28-29	2032	2037
Clarksburg HS	Program Capacity	2034	2034	2034	2034	2034	2034	2034	2034	2034
	Enrollment	2244	2393	2512	2549	2578	2612	2647	2650	2650
	Available Space	(210)	(359)	(478)	(515)	(544)	(578)	(613)	(616)	(616)
	Comments									
Rocky Hill MS	Program Capacity	1012	1012	1012	1012	1012	1012	1012	1012	1012
	Enrollment	1057	1037	1057	1042	1039	1035	1032	1035	1035
	Available Space	(45)	(25)	(45)	(30)	(27)	(23)	(20)	(23)	(23)
	Comments									
Hallie Wells MS	Program Capacity	969	969	969	969	969	969	969	969	969
	Enrollment	963	976	1018	1003	995	990	988	1000	1000
	Available Space	6	(7)	(49)	(34)	(26)	(21)	(19)	(31)	(31)
	Comments									
Clarksburg ES	Program Capacity	352	352	352	352	352	352	352		
	Enrollment	779	443	369	362	353	320	315		
	Available Space	(427)	(91)	(17)	(10)	(1)	32	37		
	Comments	See Text								
Clarksburg ES #9	Program Capacity		721	721	721	721	721	721		
	Enrollment		457	567	605	614	628	640		
	Available Space		264	154	116	107	93	81		
	Comments		Opens							
Capt. James E. Daly ES	Program Capacity	586	586	586	586	586	586	586		
	Enrollment	514	494	485	460	455	461	459		
	Available Space	72	92	101	126	131	125	127		
	Comments									
Fox Chapel ES	Program Capacity	665	665	665	665	665	665	665		
	Enrollment	592	617	609	588	599	588	585		
	Available Space	73	48	56	77	66	77	80		
	Comments									
Little Bennett ES	Program Capacity	620	620	620	620	620	620	620		
	Enrollment	631	600	575	563	554	568	570		
	Available Space	(11)	20	45	57	66	52	50		
	Comments	See Text								
Snowden Farm ES	Program Capacity	762	762	762	762	762	762	762		
	Enrollment	668	651	633	618	615	629	661		
	Available Space	94	111	129	144	147	133	101		
	Comments									
Wilson Wims ES	Program Capacity	739	739	739	739	739	739	739		
	Enrollment	563	582	565	582	598	613	603		
	Available Space	176	157	174	157	141	126	136		
	Comments	See Text								
Cluster Information	HS Utilization	110%	118%	124%	125%	127%	128%	130%	130%	130%
	HS Enrollment	2244	2393	2512	2549	2578	2612	2647	2650	2650
	MS Utilization	102%	102%	105%	103%	103%	102%	102%	103%	103%
	MS Enrollment	2020	2013	2075	2045	2034	2025	2020	2035	2035
	ES Utilization	101%	86%	86%	85%	85%	86%	86%		
	ES Enrollment	3747	3844	3803	3778	3788	3807	3833		

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Facility Characteristics of Schools 2022–2023

Schools	Year Facility Opened	Year Reopened/ Revitalized	Total Square Footage	Site Size Acres	Adjacent Park	Relocatable Classrooms*	County Programs
Clarksburg HS	1995	2006	344,574	62.73		14	
Rocky Hill MS	2004		148,065	23.3			
Hallie Wells MS	2016		150,089	22.37			
Clarksburg ES	1952	1993	54,983	9.97		20	
Captain James E. Daly ES	1989		78,386	10	Yes	4	
Fox Chapel ES	1974		85,182	10.34	Yes		LTL
Little Bennett ES	2006		82,511	4.81	Yes		
Snowden Farm ES	2019		92,366	9.79			
Wilson Wims ES	2014		91,931	9.29	Yes		

*Relocatables on site to address overutilization