

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 was approved 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 was approved 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

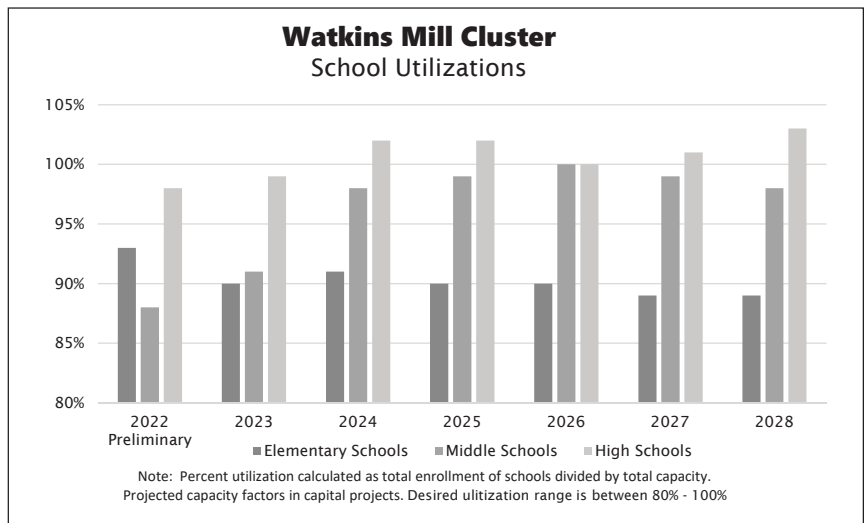
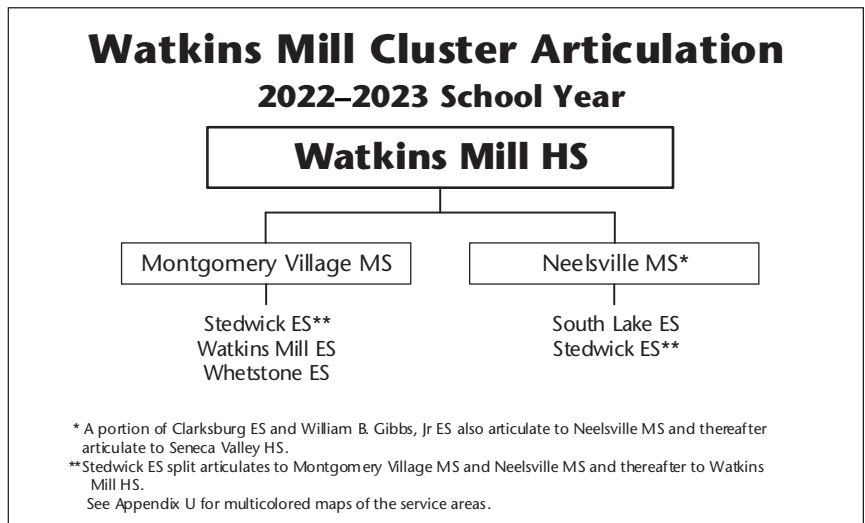
is complete. A capacity study was approved to evaluate the elementary school space deficits in the cluster, as well as look to adjacent clusters to address the overutilization issues. The capacity study was conducted in summer 2021. Non-capital and/or capital solutions will be considered in a future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

Watkins Mill Elementary School

Planning Study: 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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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.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

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



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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
Watkins Mill HS		Program Capacity	1742	1742	1742	1742	1742	1742	1742	1742	1742
		Enrollment	1705	1716	1783	1775	1739	1768	1792	1800	1800
		Available Space	37	26	(41)	(33)	3	(26)	(50)	(58)	(58)
		Comments									
Montgomery Village MS		Program Capacity	844	844	844	844	844	844	844	844	844
		Enrollment	774	813	851	849	847	844	841	850	850
		Available Space	70	31	(7)	(5)	(3)	0	3	(6)	(6)
		Comments									
Neelsville MS		Program Capacity	965	965	956	956	956	956	956	956	956
		Enrollment	820	840	904	937	955	942	929	940	940
		Available Space	145	125	52	19	1	14	27	16	16
		Comments			Maj. Cap. Project Complete						
South Lake ES	CSR	Program Capacity	694	796	796	796	796	796	796		
		Enrollment	797	806	804	787	785	756	757		
		Available Space	(103)	(10)	(8)	9	11	40	39		
		Comments		Maj. Cap. Project Complete							
Stedwick ES	CSR	Program Capacity	713	713	713	713	713	713	713		
		Enrollment	499	504	506	487	491	497	497		
		Available Space	214	209	207	226	222	216	216		
		Comments									
Watkins Mill ES	CSR	Program Capacity	732	732	732	732	732	732	732		
		Enrollment	719	695	711	722	734	724	727		
		Available Space	13	37	21	10	(2)	8	5		
		Comments									
Whetstone ES	CSR	Program Capacity	788	788	788	788	788	788	788		
		Enrollment	711	708	729	731	716	718	710		
		Available Space	77	80	59	57	72	70	78		
		Comments	See Text								
Cluster Information		HS Utilization	98%	99%	102%	102%	100%	101%	103%	103%	103%
		HS Enrollment	1705	1716	1783	1775	1739	1768	1792	1800	1800
		MS Utilization	88%	91%	98%	99%	100%	99%	98%	99%	99%
		MS Enrollment	1594	1653	1755	1786	1802	1786	1770	1790	1790
		ES Utilization	93%	90%	91%	90%	90%	89%	89%		
	ES Enrollment	2726	2713	2750	2727	2726	2695	2691			

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Demographic Characteristics of Schools

Schools	2022-2023						2021-2022		
	Total Enrollment	Two or more races %	Black or Afr. Amer. %	Asian%	Hispanic %	White %	FARMS%*	ESOL%**	Mobility Rate%***
Watkins Mill HS	1705	2.3%	22.8%	8.2%	60.8%	5.6%	66.1%	28.5%	25.3%
Montgomery Village MS	774	3.0%	24.7%	8.4%	58.9%	4.8%	73.4%	24.8%	20.3%
Neelsville MS	820	4.4%	26.0%	13.4%	49.1%	6.8%	61.1%	22.2%	20.3%
South Lake ES	797	2.1%	18.4%	3.5%	74.5%	1.0%	83.6%	53.5%	36.3%
Stedwick ES	499	4.4%	31.5%	5.8%	48.9%	8.4%	66.4%	37.6%	27.4%
Watkins Mill ES	719	3.6%	19.3%	6.0%	69.1%	1.7%	80.4%	54.5%	32.0%
Whetstone ES	711	3.8%	26.6%	8.0%	54.7%	6.3%	67.4%	40.8%	31.1%
Elementary Cluster Total	2726	3.4%	23.2%	5.8%	63.2%	3.9%	75.7%	47.9%	32.1%
Elementary County Total	72505	5.4%	21.6%	13.4%	35.6%	23.6%	40.8%	25.4%	19.9%

*Percent of students approved for Free and Reduced-priced Meals Program (FARMS) during the 2021–2022 school year.

**Percent of English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) during the 2021–2022 school year. High School students are served in regional ESOL centers.

***Mobility Rate is the number of entries plus withdrawals during the 2021–2022 school year compared to average daily membership.

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 2022–2023)

	Special Education Services																																
	School Based	Quad Cluster Based										County & Regional Based																					
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	OTHER	HSM @13	ELC @10	LANG @12	LFI @10	SCB @6	AAC@7	AUT @6	BRIDGE @10	DHOH @7	SESES @10	EXTENSIONS @6	GT/LD @13	PD @7	PEP@6	PEP @12	PEP @18	VISION (Elementary) @7	
Watkins Mill HS	9-12	1742	91		71							4	3	7			3					2											
Montgomery Village MS	6-8	844	46		35							2	2				4					3											
Neelsville MS	6-8	965	47		43							2	2																				
South Lake ES	HS-5	694	40	5		9	15	1	1	8					1																		
Stedwick ES	Pre-K-5	713	39	4		18	8	1		4					1		3																
Watkins Mill ES	HS-5	732	42	4		13	13	1		1	7				1	2																	
Whetstone ES	Pre-K-5	788	43	4		15	12	1		6					1														1	3			

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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
Watkins Mill HS	1989		305,288	50.99	Yes		HSWC
Montgomery Village MS	1968	2003	141,615	15.1			
Neelsville MS	1981		131,432	29.2			
South Lake ES	1972		83,038	10.2			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	

**Relocatables on site to address overutilization*