

BETHESDA-CHEVY CHASE CLUSTER

CLUSTER PLANNING ISSUES

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Cluster includes four adopted Sector Plans—Bethesda Downtown, adopted 2017; Chevy Chase Lake, adopted 2013; Greater Lyttonsville, adopted 2017; and Westbard, adopted 2016. A brief description of each is below. As with many sector plans in the county, build-out requires the redevelopment of many existing land uses in the area. The pace of construction will be market driven.

- The Bethesda Downtown Sector Plan will provide additional multi-family residential units in downtown Bethesda and require a larger percentage (15%) of affordable units in new developments. There are currently seven approved residential or mixed-use developments in the pipeline which include 4,853 mainly high-rise dwelling units. Additional information can be found at the following weblink: <https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/communities/downcounty/bethesda-downtown-plan/>.
- The Chevy Chase Lake Sector Plan includes up to 1,400 mostly multi-family residential units. Additional information can be found at the following weblink: <https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/communities/downcounty/chevy-chase-lake/>.
- The Greater Lyttonsville Plan includes up to 3,749 new multifamily high-rise housing units and 132 townhouse units. Additional information can be found at the following weblink: <https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/communities/downcounty/greater-lyttonsville/>.
- The Westbard Sector Plan could yield approximately 516 multifamily high-rise, 487 multifamily mid-rise, and 135 townhouse units. Additional information can be found at the following weblink: https://montgomeryplanning.org/community/westbard/documents/westbard_for_web9.1.pdf.

Planning Study: A study was approved in November 2017, to explore all possible solutions to add elementary capacity in the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Cluster. In the Walter Johnson Cluster, a Site Selection Committee held in spring 2018, identified possible sites for a new elementary school. However, the projected space deficits at the elementary school level in the Walter Johnson Cluster were not sufficient to recommend a new elementary school for the cluster at that time. Given that the adopted CIP in November 2018, included a capacity study for the elementary schools in the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Cluster, the Board of Education approved expanding the capacity study to explore possible solutions that would include the elementary schools in both the Bethesda-Chevy Chase and Walter Johnson clusters. The Board of Education also included a joint site selection process for the two clusters conducted in summer 2019. The adopted FY2023–2028 CIP included planning funds in the out-years for this new elementary school with a TBD completion date. An FY 2025 appropriation is recommended to begin the planning for this

project. Once planning is complete, construction funds, along with a completion date, will be considered in a future CIP.

Planning Issue: On March 28, 2023, the Board of Education approved the boundary study scope to create the service area for the reopening of Charles W. Woodward High School. The scope of the boundary study includes the following high schools: Bethesda Chevy-Chase, Montgomery Blair, Albert Einstein, Walter Johnson, John F. Kennedy, Northwood, Wheaton, and Walt Whitman. The scope also includes the following middle schools: Argyle, Eastern, A. Mario Loiederman, Newport Mill, North Bethesda, Parkland, Thomas W. Pyle, Odessa Shannon, Silver Creek, Silver Spring International, Sligo, Takoma Park, Tilden, and Westland. No elementary schools are included in the boundary study. Information regarding this boundary study is available on the MCPS website at the following link: www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/WoodwardHSBoundaryStudy.aspx/.

As part of the recommended FY 2025–2030 CIP, the completion date for the Northwood High School project is delayed one-year due to an extension of the construction timeline. As a result of Northwood High School remaining at Charles W. Woodward High School, its holding facility, for one additional year, the recommended completion date for the reopening of Charles W. Woodward High school is August 2027. A recommendation to adjust the timeline of the approved boundary study to align with the opening of Charles W. Woodward High School will be presented as part of the Board of Education’s worksessions on the FY 2025-2030 CIP.

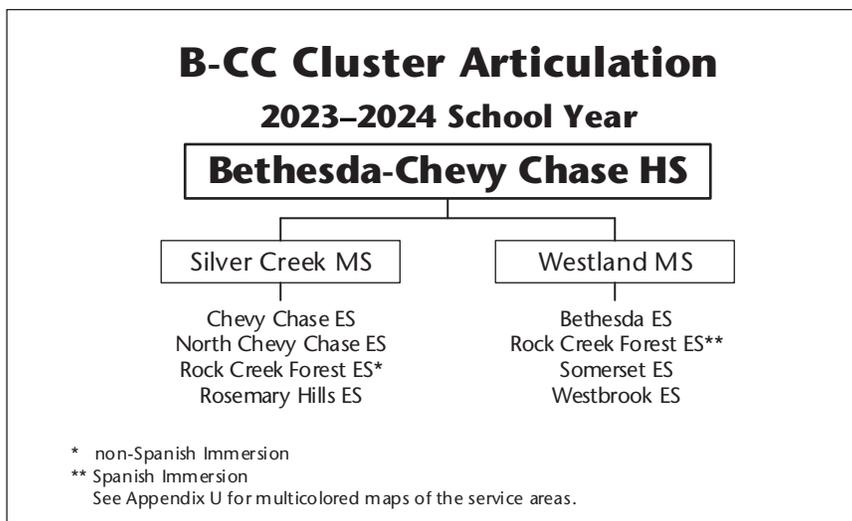
SCHOOLS

Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issue.

Silver Creek Middle School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issue.



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Westland Middle School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issue.

Bethesda Elementary School

Planning Study: See text under Cluster Planning Study

Bethesda-Chevy Chase/Walter Johnson Clusters Elementary School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Capital Project: Projections indicate that enrollment will exceed capacity for some of the elementary schools in these two clusters. An FY 2025 appropriation is recommended to begin planning this project. Once planning is complete, construction funds, along with a completion date, will be considered in a future CIP.

Chevy Chase Elementary School

Planning Study: See text under Cluster Planning Study.

North Chevy Chase Elementary School

Planning Study: See text under Cluster Planning Study.

Rock Creek Forest Elementary School

Planning Study: See text under Cluster Planning Study.

Rosemary Hills Elementary School

Planning Study: See text under Cluster Planning Study.

Somerset Elementary School

Planning Study: See text under Cluster Planning Study.

Westbrook Elementary School

Planning Study: See text under Cluster Planning Study.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

School	Project	Project Status*	Date of Completion
Charles W. Woodward HS	Reopening	Delayed	August 2024/2027
Bethesda-Chevy Chase/Walter Johnson Cluster ES	New School	Recommended	TBD

*“Approved”—Project has an approved FY 2024 appropriation in the amended FY 2023–2028 CIP for planning or construction funds.

*“Recommended”—Project has a recommended FY 2025 appropriation in the FY2025–2030 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 Superintendent's Recommended FY 2025 Capital Budget and the FY 2025–2030 CIP

Schools			Prelim.	Projections							
			23-24	24-25	25-26	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30	2033	2038
Bethesda–Chevy Chase HS	Program Capacity		2475	2475	2475	2475	2475	2475	2475	2475	2475
	Enrollment		2365	2347	2362	2324	2307	2321	2342	2360	2360
	Available Space		110	128	113	151	168	154	133	115	115
	Comments		See Text								
Silver Creek MS	Program Capacity		915	915	915	915	915	915	915	915	915
	Enrollment		766	775	771	747	749	743	736	775	775
	Available Space		149	140	144	168	166	172	179	140	140
	Comments		See Text								
Westland MS	Program Capacity		1064	1064	1064	1064	1064	1064	1064	1064	1064
	Enrollment		865	838	834	844	859	865	870	880	880
	Available Space		199	226	230	220	205	199	194	184	184
	Comments		See Text								
Bethesda ES Grades (K–5)	Program Capacity		561	561	561	561	561	561	561		
	Enrollment		588	611	614	591	601	590	584		
	Available Space		(27)	(50)	(53)	(30)	(40)	(29)	(23)		
	Comments		See Text								
Chevy Chase ES Grades (3–5) Paired With Rosemary Hills ES	Program Capacity		483	483	483	483	483	483	483		
	Enrollment		427	454	503	506	509	492	476		
	Available Space		56	29	(20)	(23)	(26)	(9)	7		
	Comments		See Text								
North Chevy Chase ES Grades (3–5) Paired With Rosemary Hills ES	Program Capacity		374	374	374	374	374	374	374		
	Enrollment		243	249	259	262	264	251	237		
	Available Space		131	125	115	112	110	123	137		
	Comments		See Text								
Rock Creek Forest ES	Program Capacity		771	771	771	771	771	771	771		
	Enrollment		670	669	677	669	677	687	678		
	Available Space		101	102	94	102	94	84	93		
	Comments		See Text								
Rosemary Hills ES Grades (pre-K–2) Paired With Chevy Chase ES North Chevy Chase ES	Program Capacity		650	650	650	650	650	650	650		
	Enrollment		541	525	519	523	530	552	551		
	Available Space		109	125	131	127	120	98	99		
	Comments		See Text								
Somerset ES	Program Capacity		549	549	549	549	549	549	549		
	Enrollment		306	357	382	383	381	373	369		
	Available Space		243	192	167	166	168	176	180		
	Comments		See Text								
Westbrook ES	Program Capacity		648	648	648	648	648	648	648		
	Enrollment		513	505	502	506	520	524	525		
	Available Space		135	143	146	142	128	124	123		
	Comments		See Text								
Cluster Information	HS Utilization		96%	95%	95%	94%	93%	94%	95%	95%	95%
	HS Enrollment		2365	2347	2362	2324	2307	2321	2342	2360	2360
	MS Utilization		82%	82%	81%	80%	81%	81%	81%	84%	84%
	MS Enrollment		1631	1613	1605	1591	1608	1608	1606	1655	1655
	ES Enrollment		3288	3370	3456	3440	3482	3469	3420		

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Facility Characteristics of Schools 2023–2024

Schools	Year Facility Opened	Year Reopened/ Revitalized/ Maj. Cap. Proj.	Total Square Footage	Site Size Acres	Adjacent Park	Relocatable Classrooms*	County Programs
Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS	1934	2001	392,833	16.36			
Silver Creek MS	2017		174,743	13.3			
Westland MS	1951	1997	146,006	25.1			
Bethesda ES	1952	1999	75,421	7.93		4	
Chevy Chase ES	1936	2000	70,976	3.78			
North Chevy Chase ES	1953	1995	65,982	7.9			
Rock Creek Forest ES	1950	2015	98,140	7.96		2	
Rosemary Hills ES	1956	1988	87,298	6.07			
Somerset ES	1949	2005	80,122	3.7			
Westbrook ES	1939	1990	91,359	12.46	Yes		

*See Appendix H for relocatable use.