

WATKINS MILL CLUSTER

Cluster 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 20–30 years. In addition, in April 2023, The Lakeforest Mall site was approved for rezoning to mixed-use for up to 1,600 dwelling units and 1.2 million square feet of non-residential development. Additional information on the two plans can be found at the following weblinks: <https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/communities/midcounty/montgomery-village/> and <https://www.gaithersburgmd.gov/government/projects-in-the-city/lakeforest-mall-rezoning>.

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.

Whetstone Elementary School

Capital Project: As part of the adopted FY 2023–2028 CIP, this school was approved for a feasibility study for a major capital project. The Key Facilities Indicators (KFI) were 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. A Major Capital Project is included in the recommended FY 2025–2030 CIP for this school. An FY 2025 appropriation is recommended to begin the planning and design for this project. Once planning is complete, construction funds, along with a completion date, will be considered in a future CIP.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

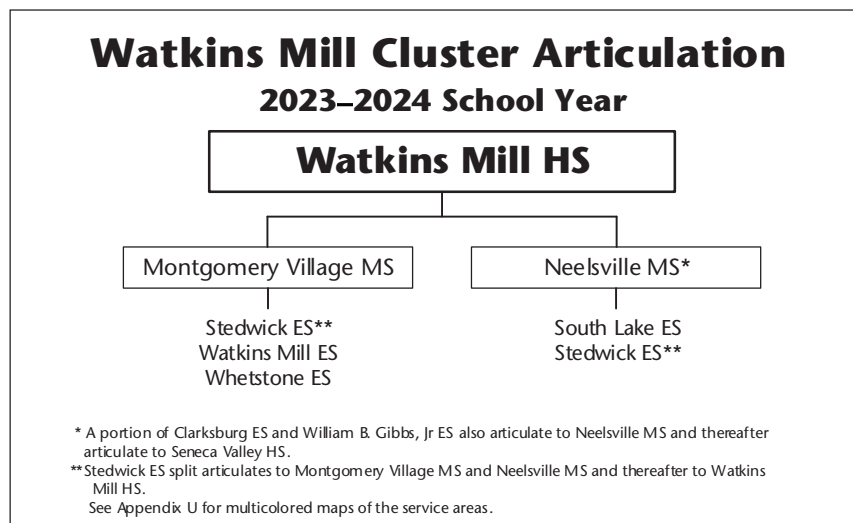
School	Project	Project Status*	Date of Completion
Neelsville MS	Major capital project	Approved	August 2024
Whetstone ES	Major Capital Project	Recommended	TBD

*“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
Watkins Mill HS		Program Capacity	1899	1899	1899	1899	1899	1899	1899	1899	1899
		Enrollment	1667	1651	1668	1670	1703	1715	1730	1785	1785
		Available Space	232	248	231	229	196	184	169	114	114
		Comments									
Montgomery Village MS		Program Capacity	857	857	857	857	857	857	857	857	857
		Enrollment	808	832	845	860	875	882	888	900	900
		Available Space	49	25	12	(3)	(18)	(25)	(31)	(43)	(43)
		Comments									
Neelsville MS		Program Capacity	965	956	956	956	956	956	956	956	956
		Enrollment	785	806	807	830	845	850	855	850	850
		Available Space	180	150	149	126	111	106	101	106	106
		Comments		Maj. Cap. Project Complete							
South Lake ES	CSR	Program Capacity	778	778	778	778	778	778	778		
		Enrollment	777	775	765	778	769	786	777		
		Available Space	1	3	13	0	9	(8)	1		
		Comments		Maj. Cap. Project Complete							
Stedwick ES	CSR	Program Capacity	687	687	687	687	687	687	687		
		Enrollment	507	508	489	491	492	480	488		
		Available Space	180	179	198	196	195	207	199		
		Comments									
Watkins Mill ES	CSR	Program Capacity	717	717	717	717	717	717	717		
		Enrollment	703	714	728	737	727	732	727		
		Available Space	14	3	(11)	(20)	(10)	(15)	(10)		
		Comments									
Whetstone ES	CSR	Program Capacity	775	775	775	775	775	775	775		
		Enrollment	708	726	733	719	726	724	725		
		Available Space	67	49	42	56	49	51	50		
		Comments		Planning for MCP							
Cluster Information		HS Utilization	88%	87%	88%	88%	90%	90%	91%	94%	94%
		HS Enrollment	1667	1651	1668	1670	1703	1715	1730	1785	1785
		MS Utilization	87%	90%	91%	93%	95%	96%	96%	97%	97%
		MS Enrollment	1593	1638	1652	1690	1720	1732	1743	1750	1750
		ES Utilization	91%	92%	92%	92%	92%	92%	92%		
	ES Enrollment	2695	2723	2715	2725	2714	2722	2717			

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Demographic Characteristics of Schools

Schools	2023-2024						2022-2023		
	Total Enrollment	Two or more races %	Black or Afr. Amer. %	Asian%	Hispanic %	White %	FARMS%*	ELD%**	Mobility Rate%***
Watkins Mill HS	1667	2.2%	23.7%	8.2%	59.8%	5.8%	74.5%	31.0%	23.8%
Montgomery Village MS	808	2.8%	23.4%	8.2%	61.8%	3.7%	80.2%	30.1%	20.1%
Neelsville MS	785	4.1%	26.8%	13.9%	47.6%	7.3%	71.3%	27.0%	20.0%
South Lake ES	777	1.8%	18.4%	4.4%	73.9%	1.2%	88.6%	54.3%	28.1%
Stedwick ES	507	4.9%	31.2%	5.7%	49.9%	7.3%	70.7%	30.7%	22.6%
Watkins Mill ES	703	3.3%	16.9%	6.4%	69.8%	3.1%	86.4%	54.8%	26.0%
Whetstone ES	708	3.5%	24.4%	9.0%	55.4%	7.1%	75.0%	38.0%	22.5%
Elementary Cluster Total	2695	3.2%	22.0%	6.4%	63.5%	4.4%	82.8%	46.8%	25.1%
Elementary County Total	72363	5.5%	21.4%	13.2%	36.0%	23.5%	47.5%	24.8%	15.7%

*Percent of students approved for Free and Reduced-priced Meals Program (FARMS) during the 2022–2023 school year.

**Percent of English Language Development students (ELD) during the 2022–2023 school year. High School students are served in regional ELD centers.

***Mobility Rate is the number of entries plus withdrawals during the 2022–2023 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 2023–2024)

Schools	Special Education Services																																								
	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	ELD @15	METS @15	OTHER	Quad Cluster Based	County & Regional Based																								
																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	1899	91		78							4	3			3		2																							
Montgomery Village MS	6-8	857	46		36							2	2			3		3																							
Neelsville MS	6-8	965	47		43							2	2																												
South Lake ES	HS-5	778	43	5		18	12	1		1	6																														
Stedwick ES	PreK-5	687	39	5		17	8		1		4					4																									
Watkins Mill ES	HS-5	717	41	5		13	14	1		1	7																														
Whetstone ES	PreK-5	775	43	5		15	12		1		6																													1	3

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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
Watkins Mill HS	1989		305,288	50.99	Yes		HSWC
Montgomery Village MS	1968	2003	141,615	15.1			
Neelsville MS	1981		131,432	29.19			
South Lake ES	1972	2023	113,549	10.2			SBHC
Stedwick ES	1974		109,677	10			
Watkins Mill ES	1970		82,939	10	Yes	4	
Whetstone ES	1968		96,946	8.8	Yes		

*See Appendix H for relocatable use.