

# GAITHERSBURG CLUSTER

## CLUSTER PLANNING ISSUES

**Planning Issue:** There are three Master Plans—The Great Seneca Science Corridor Minor Master Plan, The Shady Grove Minor Master Plan Amendment, and The Montgomery Village Master Plan—that involve portions of the Gaithersburg Cluster. It is anticipated that these plans will take 20–30 years to build-out, with the pace of construction being market driven. In addition, there are approximately 2,800 units in the development pipeline approved, but unbuilt, within the cluster. Of the 2,800 units, approximately 2,260 are multifamily and 540 are single family units. Additional information on each of the plans can be found at the following weblinks:

The Great Seneca Science Corridor Minor Master Plan—<https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/communities/midcounty/great-seneca-science-corridor/>

The Shady Grove Minor Master Plan Amendment—<https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/communities/midcounty/shady-grove/>

The Montgomery Village Master Plan—<https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/communities/midcounty/montgomery-village/>

**Planning Issue:** On March 19, 2024, the Board of Education approved the boundary study scope to determine the service area for the new Crown High School and the Expansion of Damascus High School. The scope of the boundary study includes the following high schools: Winston Churchill, Clarksburg, Damascus, Gaithersburg, Richard Montgomery, Northwest, Poolesville, Quince Orchard, Seneca Valley, Watkins Mill, and Thomas S. Wootton. The scope also includes the following middle schools: John T. Baker, Cabin John, Roberto W. Clemente, Forest Oak, Robert Frost, Gaithersburg, Herbert Hoover, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Kingsview, Lakelands Park, Montgomery Village, Neelsville, John Poole, Ridgeview Rocky Hill, Hallie Wells, and Julius West. No elementary schools are included in the boundary study.

As part of the adopted FY 2025–2030 CIP, the approved completion date for the new Crown High School is August 2027. Due to fiscal constraints, the County Council shifted the expenditures for the Damascus High School Major Capital Project to the out-years of the adopted FY 2025–2030 CIP with a “to be determined” completion date. Information regarding this boundary study is available on the MCPS website at the following link: [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/crowndamascusboundarystudy/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/crowndamascusboundarystudy/)

## SCHOOLS

### Crown High School

**Planning Issue:** See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

**Capital Project:** Expenditures are programmed in the six-year period to open a new high school on the Crown Farm site to address overutilization in the mid-county region. Although an FY 2019 appropriation for planning was requested by the Board of Education for this new school, the County Council delayed the funds by one year. An FY 2020 appropriation was approved for planning to begin the architectural design for this project with a completion date of August 2025. As part of the FY 2021–2026 CIP, the County Council delayed the expenditures and completion date to August 2026. An FY 2023 appropriation was requested for construction cost increases and construction funds. Due to fiscal constraints, the County Council, in the adopted FY2023–2028 CIP, delayed this project one year, but approved the additional expenditures. An FY2024 appropriation was approved for construction funds. Due to the continued effects of Covid-19 pandemic on construction cost increases, the budget for this project was insufficient to complete the construction scope as originally intended. Therefore, to move forward with the construction and remain on schedule, the Board of Education approved, as part of the FY2025–2030 CIP, a Phase II for this project which will include the construction of the auditorium. The build out of the shell, the outside structure, of the auditorium is part of the Phase I construction. An FY 2025 appropriation was approved for the balance of funding and to build out the outside structure of the auditorium. An FY 2026 appropriation and amendment to the FY 2025–2030 CIP is recommended to complete Phase II, the interior fit-out of the auditorium, teaching spaces, and upgrade site amenities. This new high school is scheduled to be completed August 2027.

### Gaithersburg High School

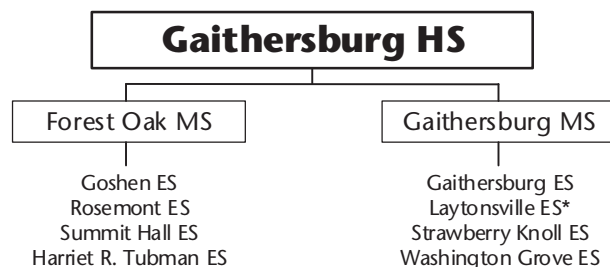
**Planning Issue:** See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

### Forest Oak Middle School

**Planning Issue:** See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

## Gaithersburg Cluster Articulation

### 2024–2025 School Year



\* A portion of Laytonsville ES also articulates to John T. Baker MS and then Damascus HS. See Appendix U for multicolored maps of the service areas.

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### Gaithersburg Middle School

**Planning Issue:** See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

**Planning Study:** 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. 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
Crown HS	New School	Recommended	August 2027

**Approved**—Project has an approved FY 2025 appropriation in the FY 2025–2030 CIP for planning or construction funds.

**Recommended**—Project has a recommended FY 2026 appropriation for planning or construction in the FY 2025–2030 CIP.

**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 2026 Capital Budget and Amendments to the FY 2025–2030 CIP

Schools			Prelim.	Projections							
			24-25	25-26	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30	30-31	2034	2039
Gaithersburg HS		Program Capacity	2444	2444	2444	2444	2444	2444	2444	2444	2444
		Enrollment	2440	2461	2444	2440	2488	2505	2546	2575	2575
		Available Space	4	(17)	0	4	(44)	(61)	(102)	(131)	(131)
		Comments	See Text								
Crown HS		Program Capacity				2219	2219	2219	2219	2219	2219
		Enrollment				0	0	0	0	0	0
		Available Space				2219	2219	2219	2219	2219	2219
		Comments	See Text			Opens					
Forest Oak MS		Program Capacity	971	971	971	971	971	971	971	971	971
		Enrollment	833	829	844	866	869	869	854	870	870
		Available Space	138	142	127	105	102	102	117	101	101
		Comments	See Text								
Gaithersburg MS		Program Capacity	1028	1028	1028	1028	1028	1028	1028	1028	1028
		Enrollment	873	877	869	891	893	894	877	900	900
		Available Space	155	151	159	137	135	134	151	128	128
		Comments	See Text								
Gaithersburg ES	CSR	Program Capacity	770	770	770	770	770	770	770		
		Enrollment	605	588	563	533	513	515	523		
		Available Space	165	182	207	237	257	255	247		
		Comments									
Goshen ES	CSR	Program Capacity	609	609	609	609	609	609	609		
		Enrollment	487	494	475	472	469	456	465		
		Available Space	122	115	134	137	140	153	144		
		Comments									
Laytonville ES		Program Capacity	497	497	497	497	497	497	497		
		Enrollment	353	351	342	338	340	337	343		
		Available Space	144	146	155	159	157	160	154		
		Comments									
Rosemont ES	CSR	Program Capacity	577	577	577	577	577	577	577		
		Enrollment	563	570	539	514	515	518	518		
		Available Space	14	7	38	63	62	59	59		
		Comments									
Strawberry Knoll ES	CSR	Program Capacity	482	482	482	482	482	482	482		
		Enrollment	450	434	422	397	392	400	403		
		Available Space	32	48	60	85	90	82	79		
		Comments									
Summit Hall ES	CSR	Program Capacity	442	442	442	442	442	442	442		
		Enrollment	417	399	389	369	370	369	369		
		Available Space	25	43	53	73	72	73	73		
		Comments									
Harriet R. Tubman ES	CSR	Program Capacity	633	633	633	633	633	633	633		
		Enrollment	573	595	611	601	593	584	592		
		Available Space	60	38	22	32	40	49	41		
		Comments									
Washington Grove ES	CSR	Program Capacity	550	550	550	550	550	550	550		
		Enrollment	483	490	508	509	512	508	500		
		Available Space	67	60	42	41	38	42	50		
		Comments									
Cluster Information		HS Utilization	100%	101%	100%	100%	102%	102%	104%	105%	105%
		HS Enrollment	2440	2461	2444	2440	2488	2505	2546	2575	2575
		MS Utilization	85%	85%	86%	88%	88%	88%	87%	89%	89%
		MS Enrollment	1706	1706	1713	1757	1762	1763	1731	1770	1770
		ES Utilization	86%	86%	71%	69%	68%	68%	68%		
		ES Enrollment	3358	3921	3238	3132	3704	3687	3713		



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### Facility Characteristics of Schools 2024–2025

Schools	Year Facility Opened	Year Reopened/ Revitalized/ Maj. Cap. Proj.	Total Square Footage	Site Size Acres	Adjacent Park	Relocatable Classrooms*	County Programs
Gaithersburg HS	1951	2013	427,048	40.97	Yes		HSWC
Forest Oak MS	1999		132,259	41.2			LTL
Gaithersburg MS	1960	1988	157,694	22.82			LTL
Gaithersburg ES	1947	1983	94,468	8.39		4	SBHC
Goshen ES	1988		76,740	10.48			
Laytonsville ES	1951	1989	64,160	10.4			
Rosemont ES	1965	1995	88,764	8.9		4	LTL
Strawberry Knoll ES	1988		78,723	10.8	Yes	2	
Summit Hall ES	1971		68,059	10.17	Yes	17	SBHC
Harriet R. Tubman ES	2022		99,893	5.72	Yes		LTL
Washington Grove ES	1956	1984	86,266	10.66			LTL

\*See Appendix H for relocatable use.