

# POOLESVILLE CLUSTER

## CLUSTER PLANNING ISSUES

The Marc Rail Communities Plan was adopted in 2019. Clarksburg, Northwest, Poolesville, and Seneca Valley clusters serve the families within the plan area. It is anticipated that the plan will take 20–30 years to build-out. The pace of construction will be market driven. Information on this plan can be found at the following weblink: <https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/communities/upcounty/marc-rail-communities/>

**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 Issue

**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. However, 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 for construction funds. Due to fiscal constraints, the County Council, in the adopted FY2023–2028 CIP, delayed the completion date by one year, but approved the additional

expenditures. An FY 2024 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.

### Poolesville High School

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

**Capital Project:** A major capital project was planned to address various building systems and programmatic needs for this school with an FY 2021 appropriation approved for the planning and design of this project. An FY 2022 appropriation was approved for construction funding. An FY 2023 appropriation was approved for construction cost increases and the balance of construction funds. An FY 2024 appropriation was approved for construction cost increases. The scheduled completion date for Phase I is August 2024. Phase II will be completed August 2025.

### John Poole Middle School

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

## Poolesville Cluster Articulation

2024–2025 School Year

Poolesville HS

John Poole MS

Monocacy ES  
Poolesville ES

See Appendix U for multicolored maps of the service areas.

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### CAPITAL PROJECTS

School	Project	Project Status*	Date of Completion
Crown HS	New School	Recommended	August 2027
Poolesville HS	Major Capital Project	Approved	Phase I August 2024 Phase II August 2025

**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
Poolesville HS	Program Capacity		1508	1598	1598	1598	1598	1598	1598	1598	1598
	<b>Enrollment</b>		<b>1350</b>	<b>1367</b>	<b>1365</b>	<b>1349</b>	<b>1346</b>	<b>1355</b>	<b>1371</b>	<b>1400</b>	<b>1400</b>
	Available Space		158	141	233	249	252	243	227	198	198
	Comments		MCP Ph. 1 Complete See Text	MCP Phase 2 Complete							
Crown HS	Program Capacity					2219	2219	2219	2219	2219	2219
	<b>Enrollment</b>					<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
	Available Space					2219	2219	2219	2219	2219	2219
	Comments		See Text			Opens					
John Poole MS	Program Capacity		494	494	494	494	494	494	494	494	494
	<b>Enrollment</b>		<b>467</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>480</b>
	Available Space		27	32	17	21	19	19	27	14	14
	Comments		See Text								
Monocacy ES	Program Capacity		229	229	229	229	229	229	229		
	<b>Enrollment</b>		<b>164</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>178</b>		
	Available Space		65	59	57	52	60	52	51		
	Comments										
Poolesville ES	Program Capacity		571	571	571	571	571	571	571		
	<b>Enrollment</b>		<b>577</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>632</b>	<b>642</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>638</b>		
	Available Space		(6)	(16)	(41)	(61)	(71)	(76)	(67)		
	Comments										
Cluster Information	HS Utilization		90%	86%	85%	84%	84%	85%	86%	88%	88%
	HS Enrollment		1350	1367	1365	1349	1346	1355	1371	1400	1400
	MS Utilization		95%	94%	97%	96%	96%	96%	95%	97%	97%
	MS Enrollment		467	462	477	473	475	475	467	480	480
	ES Utilization		93%	95%	98%	101%	101%	103%	102%		
	ES Enrollment		741	757	784	809	811	824	816		

