

SENECA VALLEY CLUSTER

CLUSTER PLANNING ISSUES

The Seneca Valley Cluster includes the following land-use plans that will add both single-family and multi-family housing units in the future. It is anticipated that each of these plans will take 20–30 years to build-out, and the pace of construction will be market driven. A brief description of each plan is below.

The Germantown Plan for the Town Sector Zone was adopted in 2020. Housing types allowed in the recommended zoning are single family, duplexes, townhouses, and multi-family units. Additional information can be found at the following weblink: <https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/communities/upcounty/germantown/germantown-plan-town-sector-zone/>

The Marc Rail Communities Plan was adopted in 2019. Seneca Valley, Northwest, Clarksburg, and Poolesville clusters serve the families within the plan area. Additional information 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/

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. 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.

Seneca Valley High School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Roberto W. Clemente Middle School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

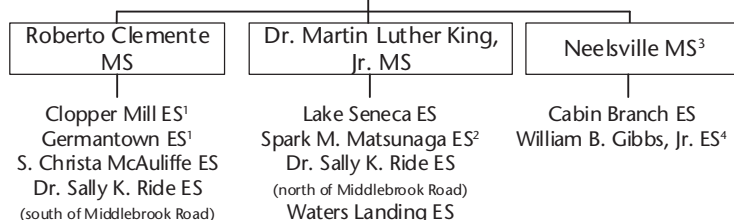
Neelsville Middle School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Seneca Valley Cluster Articulation

2024–2025 School Year

Seneca Valley HS



¹A portion of Clopper Mill ES and Germantown ES also articulate to Northwest HS.

²A portion of Spark M. Matsunaga ES also articulates to Kingsview MS and Northwest HS.

³South Lake ES and a portion of Stedwick ES also articulate to Neelsville MS and Watkins Mill HS.

⁴William B. Gibbs, Jr. ES also articulates to Rocky Hill MS and Clarksburg HS.

See Appendix U for multicolored maps of the service areas.

Lake Seneca Elementary School

Planning Study: Projections indicate that enrollment will exceed capacity by 92 seats by the end of the six-year planning period. Therefore, enrollment will continue to be monitored and relocatable classrooms will be utilized, if needed.

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
Seneca Valley HS	Program Capacity	2524	2524	2524	2524	2524	2524	2524	2524	2524
	Enrollment	2400	2490	2519	2601	2604	2620	2661	2675	2675
	Available Space	124	34	5	(77)	(80)	(96)	(137)	(151)	(151)
	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					
Roberto W. Clemente MS	Program Capacity	1182	1182	1182	1182	1182	1182	1182	1182	1182
	Enrollment	887	947	980	989	991	993	974	980	980
	Available Space	295	235	202	193	191	189	208	202	202
	Comments	See Text								
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. MS	Program Capacity	914	914	914	914	914	914	914	914	914
	Enrollment	841	828	833	859	861	862	845	875	875
	Available Space	73	86	81	55	53	52	69	39	39
	Comments	See Text								
Neelsville MS	Program Capacity	956	956	956	956	956	956	956	956	956
	Enrollment	783	772	793	801	804	804	789	800	800
	Available Space	173	184	163	155	152	152	167	156	156
	Comments	MCP Complete See Text								
Cabin Branch ES	Program Capacity	693	693	693	693	693	693	693		
	Enrollment	650	694	712	728	726	722	718		
	Available Space	43	(1)	(19)	(35)	(33)	(29)	(25)		
	Comments									
Germantown ES	Program Capacity	279	279	279	279	279	279	279		
	Enrollment	315	318	318	304	307	307	301		
	Available Space	(36)	(39)	(39)	(25)	(28)	(28)	(22)		
	Comments									
William B. Gibbs, Jr. ES	Program Capacity	758	758	758	758	758	758	758		
	Enrollment	600	607	616	615	632	627	633		
	Available Space	158	151	142	143	126	131	125		
	Comments									
Lake Seneca ES	Program Capacity	402	402	402	402	402	402	402		
	Enrollment	444	467	480	477	480	487	496		
	Available Space	(42)	(65)	(78)	(75)	(78)	(85)	(94)		
	Comments	See Text								
S. Christa McAuliffe ES	Program Capacity	751	751	751	751	751	751	751		
	Enrollment	471	457	443	425	428	432	426		
	Available Space	280	294	308	326	323	319	325		
	Comments									
Dr. Sally K. Ride ES	Program Capacity	532	532	532	532	532	532	532		
	Enrollment	440	434	418	409	398	409	409		
	Available Space	92	98	114	123	134	123	123		
	Comments									
Waters Landing ES	Program Capacity	742	742	742	742	742	742	742		
	Enrollment	739	749	726	715	714	711	704		
	Available Space	3	(7)	16	27	28	31	38		
	Comments									
Cluster Information	HS Utilization	95%	99%	100%	103%	103%	104%	105%	106%	106%
	HS Enrollment	2400	2490	2519	2601	2604	2620	2661	2675	2675
	MS Utilization	78%	80%	83%	84%	84%	84%	82%	83%	83%
	MS Enrollment	1670	1719	1773	1790	1795	1797	1763	1780	1780
	ES Utilization	87%	88%	87%	85%	85%	86%	86%		
ES Enrollment	3009	3032	3001	2945	2959	2973	2969			

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Demographic Characteristics of Schools

Schools	2024-2025						2023-2024		
	Total Enrollment	Two or more races %	Black or Afr. Amer. %	Asian%	Hispanic %	White %	FARMS%*	ELD%**	Mobility Rate%***
Seneca Valley HS	2400	4.4%	37.0%	11.2%	35.8%	11.5%	47.5%	11.1%	16.9%
Roberto W. Clemente MS	887	5.1%	31.2%	16.2%	36.1%	10.9%	51.0%	16.6%	14.0%
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. MS	841	3.6%	35.9%	11.2%	36.4%	12.7%	59.9%	17.7%	15.7%
Neelsville MS	783	3.6%	29.4%	15.7%	44.1%	6.9%	57.3%	29.3%	18.0%
Cabin Branch ES	650	6.0%	31.8%	37.7%	14.0%	10.0%	28.3%	15.9%	18.5%
Germantown ES	315	4.4%	35.9%	19.7%	26.3%	13.0%	50.3%	17.0%	29.9%
William B. Gibbs, Jr. ES	600	6.2%	28.0%	26.8%	22.2%	16.8%	37.4%	15.0%	22.7%
Lake Seneca ES	444	6.8%	39.6%	6.3%	42.1%	5.2%	65.9%	22.0%	35.6%
S. Christa McAuliffe ES	471	5.9%	36.5%	8.1%	41.4%	8.1%	61.9%	25.6%	27.2%
Dr. Sally K. Ride ES	440	6.6%	34.8%	10.7%	37.3%	10.2%	52.5%	24.8%	27.1%
Waters Landing ES	739	4.1%	36.3%	7.7%	39.9%	11.9%	60.4%	27.3%	29.4%
Elementary Cluster Total	3659	5.7%	34.4%	17.4%	31.4%	11.0%	51.1%	21.4%	27.1%
Elementary County Total	71479	5.7%	21.2%	13.0%	36.5%	23.3%	40.3%	25.5%	20.3%

*Percent of students approved for Free and Reduced-priced Meals Program (FARMS) during the 2023–2024 school year.

**Percent of English Language Development students (ELD) during the 2023–2024 school year. High School students are served in regional ELD centers.

***Mobility Rate is the number of entries plus withdrawals during the 2023–2024 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 2024–2025)

Schools	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	ELD @15	OTHER	Special Education Services																				
																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	2e @13	PD @7	PEP @6	PEP @12	PEP @18	VISION (Elementary) @7					
Seneca Valley HS	9-12	2524	121	3	106								3	1				7	4																	
Roberto W. Clemente MS	6-8	1182	60		53								1					2			3					1										
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. MS	6-8	914	43		43																															
Neelsville MS	6-8	956	47		42								3	2																						
Cabin Branch ES	K-5	693	37	3		23	2					4									4												1			
Germantown ES	K-5	279	22	4		3	5				3							4											1		2					
William B. Gibbs, Jr. ES	K-5	758	37	3		24		1			4																			2	3					
Lake Seneca ES	K-5	402	26	5		4	9	1		3																		1	1	2						
S. Christa McAuliffe ES	HS-5	751	43	5		21	8			2	4				1						2															
Dr. Sally K. Ride ES	HS-5	532	33	4		8	7	1	1	1	4					7																				
Waters Landing ES	K-5	742	43	5		18	10				6							4																		

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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
Seneca Valley HS	1974	2020	457,600	29.37			HSWC
Roberto W. Clemente MS	1992		148,246	19.87			
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. MS	1996		135,867	18.61			
Neelsville MS	1981		162,684	29.19			
Cabin Branch ES	2023		95,327	9.61	Yes		
Germantown ES	1935	1978	57,668	7.75		4	
William B. Gibbs, Jr. ES	2009		88,042	10.75			
Lake Seneca ES	1985		58,770	9.35		9	
S. Christa McAuliffe ES	1987		102,111	10.6	Yes		
Dr. Sally K. Ride ES	1994		78,686	13.49		2	
Waters Landing ES	1988		101,352	10			

**See Appendix H for relocatable use.*