

WALT WHITMAN CLUSTER

CLUSTER PLANNING ISSUES

The Westbard Sector Plan was adopted in 2016. This plan provides for an additional 135 townhouse, 487 multi-family mid-rise, and 516 multi-family high-rise units. It is anticipated the plan will take 20–30 years to build-out. The pace of construction will be market driven. Additional information can be found at the following weblink: <https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/communities/downcounty/planwestbard/>.

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.

As part of the adopted FY 2025–2030 CIP, the completion date for the Northwood High School project was 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 completion date for the reopening of Charles W. Woodward High School is August 2027. On March 19, 2024, the Board of Education adopted a revised timeline for the boundary study. Information regarding this boundary study is available on the MCPS website at the following link: www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/woodwardhsboundarystudy/

SCHOOLS

Walt Whitman High School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Charles W. Woodward High School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Capital Project: To address the urgent space needs at Walter Johnson High School and the Downcounty Consortium high schools, an FY 2021 appropriation for construction was approved for the reopening of Charles W. Woodward High School. The Board of Education approved that Charles W. Woodward High School be used as a holding school, starting in August 2023, for Northwood High School. An FY 2023 appropriation was requested for construction cost increases and the balance of construction funds. However, due to fiscal constraints, the County Council, in the adopted FY2023–2028 CIP, delayed this project

one year. The additional expenditures were approved, but the scheduled completion date for the reopening of Charles W. Woodward High School was August 2026. An FY 2024 appropriation was approved for construction cost increases. As part of the Board of Education’s Requested FY2025–2030 CIP, the construction schedule for the Northwood High School capital project is extended one year, with a completion date of August 2027. Since Charles W. Woodward High School is the holding facility for Northwood High School, the completion date for the reopening of Charles W. Woodward High School is August 2027. 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 III for this project that will include the construction of the auditorium. An FY 2026 appropriation and amendment to the FY 2025–2030 CIP is recommended to complete Phase III, the interior fit-out of the auditorium and other associated spaces, and keep the completion date of August 2027.

Thomas W. Pyle Middle School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Burning Tree Elementary School

Planning Study: This school has been approved for a feasibility study for a major capital project. The Key Facilities Indicators (KFI) is 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. To address the accessibility challenges identified at this school, an FY 2025 appropriation was approved in the ADA Compliance project to remove existing barriers at Burning Tree Elementary School. The FY 2025 appropriation will begin the planning for this project. Once planning is complete, a completion date will be included in a future CIP.

Walt Whitman Cluster Articulation

2024–2025 School Year

Walt Whitman HS

Thomas W. Pyle MS

Bannockburn ES
Bradley Hills ES
Burning Tree ES
Carderock Springs ES
Wood Acres ES

See Appendix U for multicolored maps of the service areas.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

School	Project	Project Status*	Date of Completion
Charles W. Woodward HS	Reopening	Recommended	August 2024/2027
Burning Tree ES	Accessibility Modifications	Approved	TBD

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
Walt Whitman HS	Program Capacity		2218	2218	2218	2218	2218	2218	2218	2218	2218
	Enrollment		2057	2036	2019	2040	2040	2050	2079	2100	2100
	Available Space		161	182	199	178	178	168	139	118	118
	Comments		See Text								
Charles W. Woodward HS	Program Capacity					2249	2249	2249	2249	2249	2249
	Enrollment					0	0	0	0	0	0
	Available Space					2249	2249	2249	2249	2249	2249
	Comments		See Text			Opens					
Thomas W. Pyle MS	Program Capacity		1498	1498	1498	1498	1498	1498	1498	1498	1498
	Enrollment		1260	1263	1269	1289	1293	1294	1272	1275	1275
	Available Space		238	235	229	209	205	204	226	223	223
	Comments		See Text								
Bannockburn ES	Program Capacity		389	389	389	389	389	389	389		
	Enrollment		448	422	419	398	412	412	402		
	Available Space		(59)	(33)	(30)	(9)	(23)	(23)	(13)		
	Comments										
Bradley Hills ES	Program Capacity		686	686	686	686	686	686	686		
	Enrollment		478	478	465	454	459	449	457		
	Available Space		208	208	221	232	227	237	229		
	Comments										
Burning Tree ES	Program Capacity		389	389	389	389	389	389	389		
	Enrollment		479	492	504	511	524	504	512		
	Available Space		(90)	(103)	(115)	(122)	(135)	(115)	(123)		
	Comments		See Text								
Carderock Springs ES	Program Capacity		429	429	429	429	429	429	429		
	Enrollment		361	373	377	377	388	397	382		
	Available Space		68	56	52	52	41	32	47		
	Comments										
Wood Acres ES	Program Capacity		757	757	757	757	757	757	757		
	Enrollment		610	615	622	634	639	638	637		
	Available Space		147	142	135	123	118	119	120		
	Comments										
Cluster Information	HS Utilization		93%	92%	91%	92%	92%	92%	94%	95%	95%
	HS Enrollment		2057	2036	2019	2040	2040	2050	2079	2100	2100
	MS Utilization		84%	84%	85%	86%	86%	86%	85%	85%	85%
	MS Enrollment		1260	1263	1269	1289	1293	1294	1272	1275	1275
	ES Enrollment		2376	2380	2387	2374	2422	2400	2390		

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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
Walt Whitman HS	1962	1992	312,270	30.7	Yes		
Thomas W. Pyle MS	1962	1993	209,464	14.3			
Bannockburn ES	1957	1988	54,234	8.3		2	
Bradley Hills ES	1951	1984	76,745	6.7	Yes		
Burning Tree ES	1958	1991	68,119	6.79	Yes	4	
Carderock Springs ES	1966	2010	75,351	9			
Wood Acres ES	1952	2002	96,358	4.78	Yes		

*See Appendix H for relocatable use.