

# THOMAS S. WOOTTON CLUSTER

## CLUSTER PLANNING ISSUES

The 2010 adopted Great Seneca Science Corridor Master Plan provides for up to 5,700 residential units. Most of the residential development is in the Thomas S. Wootton Cluster. The majority of planned units require funding to be secured for construction of the Corridor Cities Transit-way. The pace of construction will be market driven. A future elementary school site is included in the plan.

The Great Seneca Science Corridor Minor Master Plan Amendment was adopted in 2021. This amendment evaluates progress to the 2010 plan and adjusts staging requirements based on development since 2010. Recent construction in the plan area has yielded nearly 1,300 new multi-family units. Additional information can be found at the following weblink: <https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/communities/midcounty/great-seneca-science-corridor/great-seneca-science-corridor-plan/great-seneca-science-corridor-master-plan-minor-master-plan-amendment/>.

**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 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

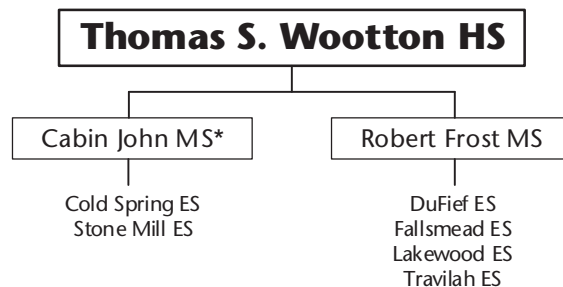
Board of Education for this new school, the County Council delayed the funds by one year to begin in FY 2020. An FY 2020 appropriation was approved for planning to begin the architectural design for this project with a completion date of August 2025. However, as part of the FY 2021–2026 CIP, the County Council delayed the expenditures and completion date to August 2026. An FY 2023 appropriation was requested for construction cost increases and 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 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.

### Thomas S. Wootton High School

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

**Capital Project:** A Major Capital Project is planned for this school to address various building systems and programmatic needs. Although the Board of Education requested a completion date of August 2026, the County Council delayed the expenditures and completion date by one year to August 2027. An FY 2023 appropriation was approved to accelerate funds to address ADA and site related issues at this school prior to

## Thomas S. Wootton Cluster Articulation 2024–2025 School Year



\* Bells Mill ES and Seven Locks ES also articulate to Cabin John MS and thereafter to Winston Churchill HS.  
See Appendix U for multicolored maps of the service areas.

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the construction of the project. Expenditures for this project are included in the Major Capital Projects–Secondary Project. Due to fiscal constraints, the County Council, in the adopted FY2023–2028 CIP, delayed this project two years. An FY 2025 appropriation was requested for planning and design funds for the building portion of the Major Capital Project. Due to fiscal constraints, the County Council shifted expenditures to the out-years in the adopted FY 2025-2030 CIP, with a “to be determined” completion date. The first phase of the ADA and site related work was completed in August 2024, with the second phase to be completed in August 2025.

### **Cabin John Middle School**

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

### **Robert Frost Middle School**

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

### **Cold Spring 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. An FY 2025 appropriation was approved to begin the planning and design for this project. Due to fiscal constraints, the County Council shifted construction placeholder expenditures to the out-years of the adopted FY2025–2030 CIP. Once planning is complete, construction funds, along with a completion date, will be considered in a future CIP. It is recommended that a portion of the out-year placeholder expenditures for this project be reallocated to other CIP projects in order to keep them on their approved schedules.

### **DuFief Elementary School**

**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
Thomas S. Wootton HS	ADA and Site Project	Approved	August 2024 August 2025
Cold Spring ES	Major Capital Project	Programmed	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
Thomas S. Wootton HS	Program Capacity	2120	2120	2120	2120	2120	2120	2120	2120	2120	2120
	<b>Enrollment</b>	<b>1866</b>	<b>1864</b>	<b>1857</b>	<b>1863</b>	<b>1877</b>	<b>1888</b>	<b>1912</b>	<b>1950</b>	<b>1950</b>	
	Available Space	254	256	263	257	243	232	208	170	170	
	Comments	See Text									
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						
Cabin John MS	Program Capacity	1125	1125	1125	1125	1125	1125	1125	1125	1125	
	<b>Enrollment</b>	<b>983</b>	<b>1025</b>	<b>1003</b>	<b>1012</b>	<b>1015</b>	<b>1017</b>	<b>998</b>	<b>1010</b>	<b>1010</b>	
	Available Space	142	100	122	113	110	108	127	115	115	
	Comments	See Text									
Robert Frost MS	Program Capacity	1035	1035	1035	1035	1035	1035	1035	1035	1035	
	<b>Enrollment</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>916</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>940</b>	<b>943</b>	<b>943</b>	<b>927</b>	<b>940</b>	<b>940</b>	
	Available Space	120	119	131	95	92	92	108	95	95	
	Comments	See Text									
Cold Spring ES	Program Capacity	482	482	482	482	482	482	482			
	<b>Enrollment</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>356</b>			
	Available Space	120	117	113	119	130	118	126			
	Comments	Planning for MCP									
DuFief ES	Program Capacity	414	414	414	414	414	414	414			
	<b>Enrollment</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>254</b>			
	Available Space	138	145	142	145	151	157	160			
	Comments										
Fallsmead ES	Program Capacity	572	572	572	572	572	572	572			
	<b>Enrollment</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>482</b>	<b>487</b>			
	Available Space	60	59	75	72	88	90	85			
	Comments										
Lakewood ES	Program Capacity	566	566	566	566	566	566	566			
	<b>Enrollment</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>414</b>			
	Available Space	160	161	153	157	155	158	152			
	Comments										
Stone Mill ES	Program Capacity	713	713	713	713	713	713	713			
	<b>Enrollment</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>520</b>			
	Available Space	195	189	184	191	192	177	193			
	Comments										
Travilah ES	Program Capacity	526	526	526	526	526	526	526			
	<b>Enrollment</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>371</b>			
	Available Space	148	156	152	162	158	163	155			
	Comments										
Cluster Information	HS Utilization	88%	88%	88%	88%	89%	89%	90%	92%	92%	
	HS Enrollment	1866	1864	1857	1863	1877	1888	1912	1950	1950	
	MS Utilization	88%	90%	88%	90%	91%	91%	89%	90%	90%	
	MS Enrollment	1898	1941	1907	1952	1958	1960	1925	1950	1950	
	ES Utilization	75%	75%	75%	74%	73%	74%	73%			
ES Enrollment	2452	2446	2454	2427	2399	2410	2402				

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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%***
Thomas S. Wootton HS	1866	6.1%	12.7%	37.4%	9.4%	34.2%	12.9%	3.3%	4.1%
Cabin John MS	983	6.5%	11.2%	34.3%	10.9%	37.0%	11.5%	4.6%	5.2%
Robert Frost MS	915	8.1%	13.1%	41.4%	10.3%	26.6%	14.2%	5.3%	8.2%
Cold Spring ES	362	5.2%	6.9%	36.2%	8.6%	43.1%	3.6%	2.7%	6.4%
DuFief ES	276	10.1%	16.7%	27.9%	14.5%	30.8%	17.5%	17.9%	16.3%
Fallsmead ES	512	8.6%	10.7%	34.0%	14.8%	31.8%	16.7%	9.5%	12.3%
Lakewood ES	406	7.6%	17.2%	43.8%	11.8%	19.5%	18.0%	14.4%	18.9%
Stone Mill ES	518	7.7%	10.6%	46.5%	12.2%	22.6%	15.2%	14.0%	10.0%
Travilah ES	378	6.6%	10.1%	43.9%	9.3%	29.9%	15.3%	10.1%	11.5%
<b>Elementary Cluster Total</b>	<b>2452</b>	<b>7.6%</b>	<b>11.8%</b>	<b>39.4%</b>	<b>11.9%</b>	<b>29.1%</b>	<b>14.7%</b>	<b>11.4%</b>	<b>12.4%</b>
<b>Elementary County Total</b>	<b>71479</b>	<b>5.7%</b>	<b>21.2%</b>	<b>13.0%</b>	<b>36.5%</b>	<b>23.3%</b>	<b>40.3%</b>	<b>25.5%</b>	<b>20.3%</b>

\*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)

Special Education Services	
Quad Cluster Based	County & Regional Based

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	ELD @15	METS @15	OTHER	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
Thomas S. Wootton HS	9-12	2120	98		93														3		2										
Cabin John MS	6-8	1125	57		51													3	3												
Robert Frost MS	6-8	1035	51		48																3										
Cold Spring ES	K-5	482	24	3		20						1																			
DuFief ES	K-5	414	25	3		12						3				6	1														
Fallsmead ES	K-5	572	30	3		22						3		2																	
Lakewood ES	K-5	566	30	3		20						3						4													
Stone Mill ES	K-5	713	36	3		25						3															1	1	3		
Travilah ES	K-5	526	26	3		20						3																			

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### Facility Characteristics of Schools 2024–2025

Schools	Year Facility Opened	Year Reopened/ Revitalized	Total Square Footage	Site Size Acres	Adjacent Park	Relocatable Classrooms*	County Programs
Thomas S. Wootton HS	1970		295,620	27.37			
Cabin John MS	1967	2011	159,514	18.2			
Robert Frost MS	1971		143,757	24.78			
Cold Spring ES	1972		55,158	12.38		1	
DuFief ES	1975		59,013	9.99	Yes		
Fallsmead ES	1974		67,472	8.93	Yes		
Lakewood ES	1968	2003	77,526	13.09			
Stone Mill ES	1988		78,617	11.76			
Travilah ES	1960	1992	65,378	9.3			

\*See Appendix H for relocatable use.