

■ 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. Additional information can be found at the following link: <https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/communities/upcounty/marc-rail-communities/>

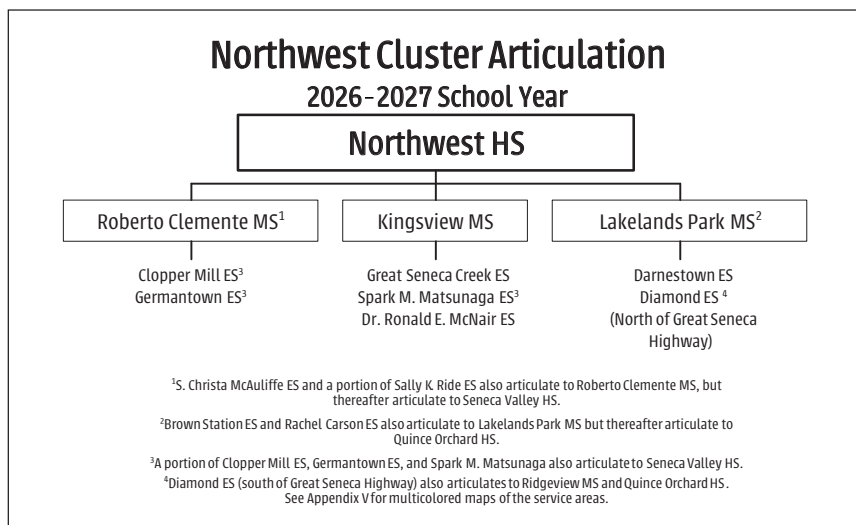
PLANNING ISSUE: On March 19, 2024, the Board of Education approved the boundary study scope to determine the service area for the new Crown High School and the Expansion of Damascus High School. The scope of the boundary study included the following high schools: Winston Churchill, Clarksburg, Damascus, Gaithersburg, Richard Montgomery, Northwest, Poolesville, Quince Orchard, Seneca Valley, Watkins Mill, and Thomas S. Wootton. The scope also included 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 were 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.

In the Adopted FY 2027–2032 CIP the completion date for the Damascus HS replacement is August 2031. On March 26, 2026 the Board of Education approved the boundaries with an implementation timeline beginning in the 2027-2028 school year. Based on declining enrollment a 27th high school is not needed to open at this time and the decision was that Thomas S. Wootton High School will be relocated to the Crown Farm facility site.

Information regarding this boundary study is available on the MCPS website at the following link: www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/facilities/boundary-study

Due to declining enrollment the Board of Education on March 26, 2026 approved a study for consolidation and closure along with a countywide elementary school boundary study along with any impacted secondary schools for implementation in the 2029-2030 school year.



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Projected Enrollment and Space Availability

Effects of the Superintendent's Recommended FY 2028 Capital Budget and Amendments to the FY 2027-2032 Capital Improvements Program

Schools		Prelim.	Projections										
		26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30	30-31	31-32	32-33	33-34	34-35	35-36	36-37	41-42
Northwest HS	Program Capacity	2252	2252	2252	2252	2252	2252	2252	2252	2252	2252	2252	2252
	Enrollment	2051	2420	2243	2005	1792	1817	1797	1774	1722	1673	1637	1637
	Available Space	201	(168)	9	247	460	435	455	478	530	579	615	615
	Comments		See Text										
	Program Capacity	1134	1134	1134	1134	1134	1134	1134	1134	1134	1134	1134	1134
	Enrollment	913	1139	1155	1190	1153	1131	1102	1096	1101	1097	1085	1085
Roberto W. Clemente MS	Available Space	221	(5)	(21)	(56)	(19)	3	32	38	33	37	49	49
	Comments	See Text											
	Program Capacity	1033	1033	1033	1033	1033	1033	1033	1033	1033	1033	1033	1033
Kingsview MS	Enrollment	880	1067	1005	965	934	916	893	885	890	886	880	880
	Available Space	153	(34)	28	68	99	117	140	148	143	147	153	153
	Comments	See Text											
Lakelands Park MS	Program Capacity	1136	1136	1136	1136	1136	1136	1136	1136	1136	1136	1136	1136
	Enrollment	1000	640	677	690	670	658	641	636	637	636	632	632
	Available Space	136	496	459	446	466	478	495	500	499	500	504	504
	Comments	See Text											
Clopper Mill ES	Program Capacity	492	492	492	492	492	492	492	492	492	492	492	492
	Enrollment	404	397	422	416	409	409	413	411	405	404	403	403
	Available Space	88	95	70	76	83	83	79	81	87	88	89	89
	Comments	See Text											
Darnestown ES	Program Capacity	388	388	388	388	388	388	388	388	388	388	388	388
	Enrollment	304	281	285	272	268	269	270	266	262	262	261	261
	Available Space	84	107	103	116	120	119	118	122	126	126	127	127
	Comments	See Text											
Diamond ES	Program Capacity	708	708	708	708	708	708	708	708	708	708	708	708
	Enrollment	620	614	622	640	621	622	618	613	606	604	599	599
	Available Space	88	94	86	68	87	86	90	95	102	104	109	109
	Comments	See Text											
Germantown ES	Program Capacity	295	295	295	295	295	295	295	295	295	295	295	295
	Enrollment	291	279	300	299	302	307	306	305	302	301	297	297
	Available Space	4	16	(5)	(4)	(7)	(12)	(11)	(10)	(7)	(6)	(2)	(2)
	Comments	See Text											
Great Seneca Creek ES	Program Capacity	582	582	582	582	582	582	582	582	582	582	582	582
	Enrollment	460	431	426	422	414	408	408	405	399	399	396	396
	Available Space	122	151	156	160	168	174	174	177	183	183	186	186
	Comments	See Text											
Spark M. Matsunaga ES	Program Capacity	622	622	622	622	622	622	622	622	622	622	622	622
	Enrollment	469	429	420	392	380	373	382	377	373	372	371	371
	Available Space	153	193	202	230	242	249	240	245	249	250	251	251
	Comments	See Text											
Dr. Ronald E. McNair ES	Program Capacity	812	812	812	812	812	812	812	812	812	812	812	812
	Enrollment	613	578	570	541	520	517	525	521	515	512	510	510
	Available Space	199	234	242	271	292	295	287	291	297	300	302	302
	Comments	See Text											
Cluster Information	HS Utilization	91%	107%	100%	89%	80%	81%	80%	79%	76%	74%	73%	73%
	HS Enrollment	2051	2420	2243	2005	1792	1817	1797	1774	1722	1673	1637	1637
	MS Utilization	85%	86%	86%	86%	83%	82%	80%	79%	80%	79%	79%	79%
	MS Enrollment	2793	2846	2837	2845	2757	2705	2636	2617	2628	2619	2597	2597
	ES Utilization	81%	77%	78%	76%	75%	75%	75%	74%	73%	73%	73%	73%
	ES Enrollment	3161	3009	3045	2982	2914	2905	2922	2898	2862	2854	2837	2837

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Demographic Characteristics of Schools

Schools	2026-2027						2025-2026		
	Total Enrollment	Two or more races %	Black or Afr. Amer. %	Asian%	Hispanic %	White %	FARMS%*	ELD%*	Mobility Rate%***
Northwest HS	2051	5.5%	27.1%	21.0%	26.9%	19.5%	34.7%	10.6%	8.8%
Roberto W. Clemente MS	913	3.9%	32.3%	16.0%	38.2%	9.2%	52.0%	16.8%	15.3%
Kingsview MS	880	7.0%	27.6%	27.2%	22.3%	15.8%	31.6%	10.7%	10.6%
Lakelands Park MS	1000	4.9%	12.6%	19.4%	30.1%	32.7%	30.5%	14.5%	13.0%
Clopper Mill ES	404	4.0%	31.9%	6.9%	48.3%	8.9%	57.7%	30.5%	30.8%
Darnestown ES	304	8.9%	12.2%	19.7%	15.5%	43.1%	18.9%	10.4%	13.9%
Diamond ES	620	7.7%	11.1%	40.8%	16.6%	22.6%	12.9%	17.9%	15.9%
Germantown ES	291	5.8%	33.3%	16.8%	28.5%	14.4%	50.6%	13.9%	23.3%
Great Seneca Creek ES	460	8.0%	28.7%	11.7%	33.7%	17.2%	50.9%	22.2%	21.3%
Spark M. Matsunaga ES	469	9.6%	19.0%	37.1%	18.3%	15.8%	31.1%	16.3%	18.3%
Dr. Ronald E. McNair ES	613	8.6%	26.9%	26.9%	18.9%	18.3%	34.0%	11.0%	12.8%
Elementary Cluster Total	3161	7.7%	22.7%	24.8%	24.8%	19.4%	37.1%	18.5%	15.1%
Elementary County Total	67343	6.3%	21.7%	12.8%	36.0%	23.0%	41.6%	25.5%	14.1%

*Percent of students approved for Free and Reduced-priced Meals Program (FARMS) during the 2025–2026 school year.

**Percent of English Language Development students (ELD) during the 2025–2026 school year. High School students are served in regional ELD centers.

***Mobility Rate is the number of entries plus withdrawals during the 2025–2026 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 2026–2027)

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Facility Characteristics of Schools 2026–2027

Schools	Year Facility Opened	Year Reopened/ Revitalized/ Maj. Cap. Proj.	Total Square Footage	Site Size Acres	Adjacent Park	Relocatable Classrooms*	County Programs
Northwest HS	1998		342,101	34.56	Yes	11	
Roberto W. Clemente MS	1992		148,246	19.87			
Kingsview MS	1997		140,398	18.45	Yes		
Lakelands Park MS	2005		153,588	8.11	Yes		
Clopper Mill ES	1986		64,851	9	Yes	6	
Darnestown ES	1954	1980	64,840	7.2			
Diamond ES	1975		85,404	10	Yes		
Germantown ES	1935	1978	57,668	7.75		4	
Great Seneca Creek ES	2006		82,511	13.71			
Spark M. Matsunaga ES	2001		90,718	11.8			
Dr. Ronald E. McNair ES	1990		91,613	10	Yes		

*See Appendix H for relocatable use.

** Spark M. Matsunaga ES is colocated with Longview School