

THOMAS S. WOOTTON CLUSTER

■ CLUSTER PLANNING ISSUES

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 link: <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 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.

■ SCHOOLS

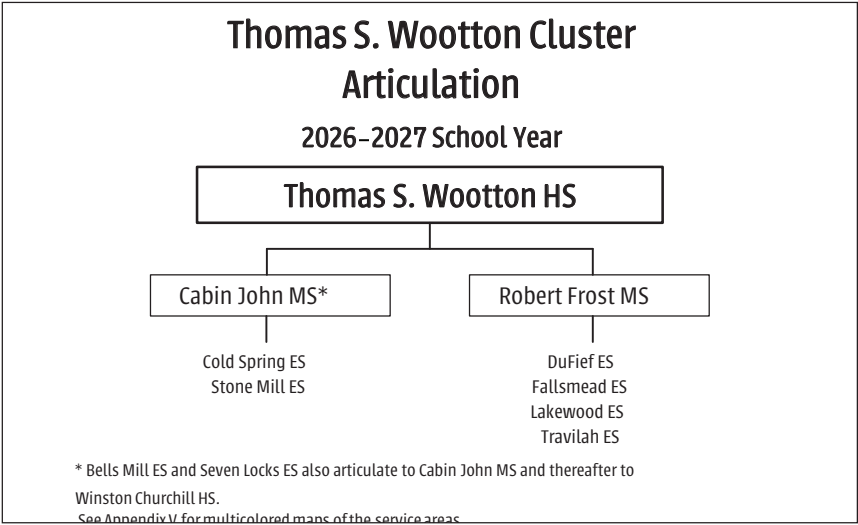
Thomas S. Wootton High School at the Crown Farm site

PLANNING ISSUE: See text under CLUSTER PLANNING ISSUES.

CAPITAL PROJECT: As a part of the March 26, 2026 Board of Education boundary study decision, Thomas S. Wootton High School will relocate to the building being constructed at the Crown Farm site. This relocation will occur in August 2027. An FY 2020 appropriation was approved for planning to begin the architectural design for this project with a completion date of August 2025. 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 FY 2023–2028 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 FY 2025–2030 CIP, a Phase II for this project which includes the construction of the auditorium. This new facility is scheduled to be completed and open in August 2027.

■ 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. 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 FY 2025–2030 CIP. Facility planning was completed in FY 25 and this school was recommended for a replacement project.



THOMAS S. WOOTTON CLUSTER

with an estimated completion date of August 2031. However the County Council delayed the project by three years and the completion date shifted to August 2034.

■ Major Capitol Projects

School	Project	Project Status*	Date of Completion
Thomas S. Wootton High School at the Crown Farm site	New School	Approved	August 2027
Cold Spring ES	Replacement	Approved	August 2034

Approved—Project has an approved FY 2027 appropriation in the FY 2027–2032 CIP for planning or construction funds.

Recommended—Project has a recommended FY 2028 appropriation in the amended FY 2027–2032 CIP for planning or construction.

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.

THOMAS S. WOOTTON CLUSTER

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
Thomas S. Wootton HS	Program Capacity	2089	2200	2200	2200	2200	2200	2200	2200	2200	2200	2200	2200
	Enrollment	1773	2057	2048	2016	1988	2020	1997	1959	1914	1874	1863	1863
	Available Space	316	143	152	184	212	180	203	241	286	326	337	233
	Comments		Relocated to New Site										
Cabin John MS	Program Capacity	1102	1102	1102	1102	1102	1102	1102	1102	1102	1102	1102	1102
	Enrollment	1055	1050	1029	1004	971	952	930	920	925	923	915	915
	Available Space	47	52	73	98	131	150	172	182	177	179	187	187
	Comments	See Text											
Robert Frost MS	Program Capacity	1032	1032	1032	1032	1032	1032	1032	1032	1032	1032	1032	1032
	Enrollment	924	977	946	902	872	856	835	827	831	828	822	822
	Available Space	108	55	86	130	160	176	197	205	201	204	210	210
	Comments	See Text											
Cold Spring ES	Program Capacity	396	396	396	396	396	396	396	396	465	465	465	
	Enrollment	355	356	350	357	355	352	357	355	352	353	351	
	Available Space	41	40	46	39	41	44	39	41	113	112	114	
	Comments	See Text				Planning for MCP				MCP Complete			
DuFief ES	Program Capacity	380	380	380	380	380	380	380	380	380	380	380	
	Enrollment	266	274	282	290	299	298	289	291	288	286	281	
	Available Space	114	106	98	90	81	82	91	89	92	94	99	
	Comments	See Text											
Fallsmead ES	Program Capacity	606	606	606	606	606	606	606	606	606	606	606	
	Enrollment	480	479	473	463	463	478	469	466	460	459	456	
	Available Space	126	127	133	143	143	128	137	140	146	147	150	
	Comments	See Text											
Lakewood ES	Program Capacity	570	570	570	570	570	570	570	570	570	570	570	
	Enrollment	412	398	376	350	356	341	343	341	336	336	335	
	Available Space	158	172	194	220	214	229	227	229	234	234	235	
	Comments	See Text											
Stone Mill ES	Program Capacity	714	714	714	714	714	714	714	714	714	714	714	
	Enrollment	664	685	702	729	721	721	704	702	694	692	689	
	Available Space	50	29	12	(15)	(7)	(7)	10	12	20	22	25	
	Comments	See Text											
Travilah ES	Program Capacity	536	536	536	536	536	536	536	536	536	536	536	
	Enrollment	382	377	381	378	382	371	366	362	358	357	356	
	Available Space	154	159	155	158	154	165	170	174	178	179	180	
	Comments	See Text											
Cluster Information	HS Utilization	85%	94%	93%	92%	90%	92%	91%	89%	87%	85%	85%	85%
	HS Enrollment	1773	2057	2048	2016	1988	2020	1997	1959	1914	1874	1863	1863
	MS Utilization	93%	95%	93%	89%	86%	85%	83%	82%	82%	82%	81%	81%
	MS Enrollment	1979	2027	1975	1906	1843	1808	1765	1747	1756	1751	1737	1737
	ES Utilization	80%	80%	80%	80%	80%	80%	79%	79%	76%	76%	75%	
	ES Enrollment	2559	2569	2564	2567	2576	2561	2528	2517	2488	2483	2468	

THOMAS S. WOOTTON CLUSTER

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***
Thomas S. Wootton HS	1773	7.2%	14.7%	38.8%	11.1%	27.9%	16.7%	4.1%	7.4%
Cabin John MS	1055	7.9%	15.3%	30.4%	10.5%	35.7%	13.1%	5.1%	8.3%
Robert Frost MS	924	8.5%	17.1%	39.1%	8.5%	26.4%	17.3%	5.0%	8.3%
Cold Spring ES	355	7.3%	5.1%	34.9%	9.6%	43.1%	6.0%	1.6%	2.4%
DuFief ES	266	11.7%	16.2%	23.7%	16.9%	31.6%	19.2%	13.6%	16.2%
Fallsmead ES	480	7.9%	11.7%	37.9%	11.9%	30.6%	19.0%	7.6%	12.1%
Lakewood ES	412	8.5%	18.0%	39.8%	12.4%	21.4%	18.6%	12.8%	17.7%
Stone Mill ES	664	8.6%	16.7%	44.7%	11.1%	18.5%	14.0%	13.6%	23.6%
Travilah ES	382	7.9%	10.7%	41.4%	8.9%	30.6%	14.1%	8.1%	13.9%
Elementary Cluster Total	2559	8.5%	13.4%	38.6%	11.5%	27.8%	14.7%	9.3%	12.6%
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)

Program Capacity Table (School Year 2026–2027)																		Special Education Services																	
																		Quad Cluster Based								County & Regional Based									
Schools	Grades Served	Capacity (HS @90% MS@85%)	Total Rooms	Specials	Regular Secondary @25	Base & Tier 1 Kinder @ 22	Base & Tier 1 Grades 1-2 @ 22	Base & Tier 1 Grades 3-5 @ 24	Tier 2 + 3 Kindergarten @19	Tier 2 + 3 Grades 1-2 @19	Tier 2 + 3 Grades 3-5 @22	Pre-K @20	Pre-K @40	HS @20	ELD @15	SLIFE @15	OTHER	ELC @8	LANG @8	LFT @8	SCB @8	AAC@8	AUT @8	BRIDGE @8	DHOH @8	SESES @8	EXTENSIONS @8	2e @8	PD @8	PEP@6	PEP @12	PEP @18	VISION (Elementary) @8		
Thomas S. Wootton HS	9-12	2089	98		90										1						4			3											
Cabin John MS	6-8	1102	57		49										1					3	4														
Robert Frost MS	6-8	1032	51		47										1								3												
Cold Spring ES	K-5	396	20	3		2	4	11																											
DuFief ES	K-5	380	25	3		2	4	8									1	7																	
Fallsmead ES	K-5	606	30	3		3	6	17									1																		
Lakewood ES	K-5	570	30	3		2	5	16												4															
Stone Mill ES	K-5	714	36	3		4	8	16																						1	2	2			
Travilah ES	K-5	536	26	3		3	5	15																											

THOMAS S. WOOTTON CLUSTER

Facility Characteristics of Schools 2026–2027

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			