

WATKINS MILL CLUSTER

Cluster Planning Issue

Planning Issue: The 2016 adopted Montgomery Village Master Plan is located within the service areas of the Watkins Mill Cluster schools and identifies a potential future elementary school site. New residential units will be created as property redevelopment occurs. The former golf course property is likely to redevelop for residential use in the near term. The lifecycle of the Plan is approximately 20 to 30 years.

SCHOOLS

Neelsville Middle School

Capital Project: A major capital project is planned for this school to address various building systems and programmatic needs for this school. An FY 2021 appropriation was approved for planning funds to begin the architectural design of this major capital project. An FY 2022 appropriation is approved to begin the construction. This project is scheduled to be completed in September 2024. In order for this project to be completed on this schedule, county and state funding must be provided at the levels approved in this CIP.

Stedwick Elementary School

Planning Study: A capacity study is approved to evaluate the elementary school space deficits in the cluster, as well as look to adjacent clusters to address the overutilization issues in the cluster. The capacity study will be conducted in summer 2021.

South Lake Elementary School

Capital Project: A major capital project is approved for this school to address various building systems and programmatic needs for this school. An FY 2020 appropriation was approved for planning to begin the architectural design for this project. Although the Board of Education requested a completion date of September 2023, the County Council approved an FY 2021 appropriation to continue the planning and design for this major capital project, but delayed the completion date to September 2024. The Board of Education requested an FY 2021 supplemental appropriation to accelerate the completion date back to September 2023, which was approved by the County Council. An FY 2022 appropriation is approved to begin the construction for this project. In order for this project to be completed on this schedule, county and state funding must be provided at the levels approved in this CIP.

Planning Study: The project described above is planned for approximately 796 students consistent with MCPS Regulation FAA-RA, *Educational Facilities Planning*. Projections indicate that enrollment

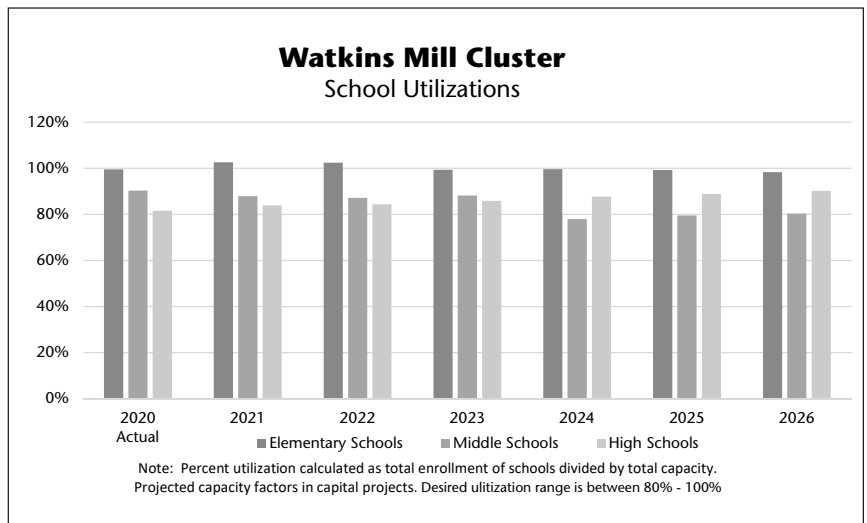
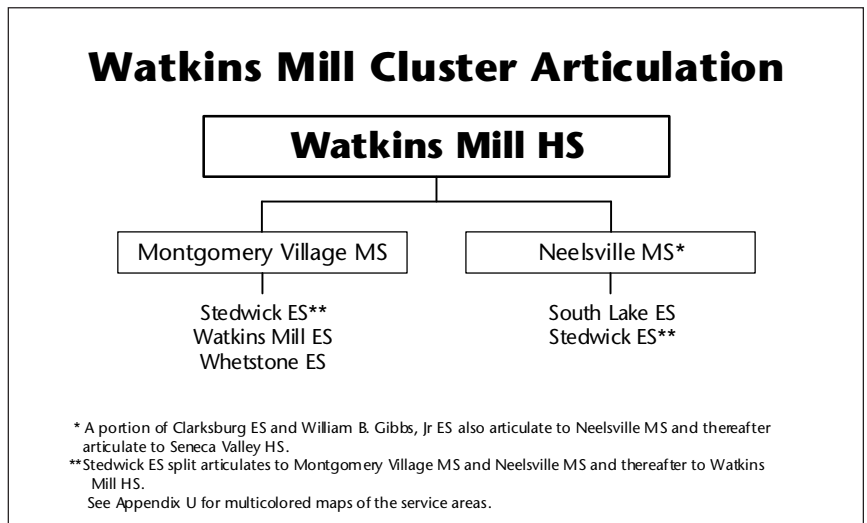
will exceed the new capacity after the project is complete. A capacity study is approved to evaluate the elementary school space deficits in the cluster, as well as look to adjacent clusters to address the overutilization issues in the cluster. The capacity study will be conducted in summer 2021.

Watkins Mill Elementary School

Planning Study: Projections indicate that enrollment will exceed capacity by 92 seats or more by the end of the six-year planning period. A capacity study is approved to evaluate the elementary school space deficits in the cluster, as well as look to adjacent clusters to address the overutilization issues in the cluster. The capacity study will be conducted in summer 2021.

Whetstone Elementary School

Planning Study: A capacity study is approved to evaluate the elementary school space deficits in the cluster, as well as look to adjacent clusters to address the overutilization issues in the cluster. The capacity study will be conducted in summer 2021.



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CAPITAL PROJECTS

School	Project	Project Status*	Date of Completion
Neelsville MS	Major capital project	Approved	Sept. 2024
South Lake ES	Major Capital project	Approved	Sept. 2023

*Approved— Project has an approved FY 2021 or FY 2022 appropriation in the Amended FY 2021–2026 CIP for planning or construction funds.

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.



Whetstone Elementary School

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Projected Enrollment and Space Availability

Effects of the FY 2022 Capital Budget and Amendments to the FY 2021–2026 Capital Improvements Program

Schools			Actual	Projections							
			20–21	21–22	22–23	23–24	24–25	25–26	26–27	2030	2035
Watkins Mill HS		Program Capacity	1947	1947	1947	1947	1947	1947	1947	1947	1947
		Enrollment	1597	1642	1643	1671	1708	1729	1755	1775	1800
		Available Space	350	305	304	276	239	218	192	172	147
		Comments									
Montgomery Village MS		Program Capacity	853	853	853	853	853	853	853	853	853
		Enrollment	776	779	763	778	776	792	786	790	800
		Available Space	77	74	90	75	77	61	67	63	53
		Comments									
Neelsville MS		Program Capacity	956	956	956	956	1190	1190	1190	1190	1190
		Enrollment	842	811	813	818	816	833	855	900	950
		Available Space	114	145	143	138	374	357	335	290	240
		Comments	Png. for Maj. Cap. Project					Maj. Cap. Project Complete			
South Lake ES	CSR	Program Capacity	694	694	694	796	796	796	796		
		Enrollment	790	835	835	846	846	840	822		
		Available Space	(96)	(141)	(141)	(50)	(50)	(44)	(26)		
		Comments	Png. for Maj. Cap. Project								
Stedwick ES	CSR	Program Capacity	690	690	690	690	690	690	690		
		Enrollment	516	527	506	510	496	483	479		
		Available Space	174	163	184	180	194	207	211		
		Comments	See Text								
Watkins Mill ES	CSR	Program Capacity	641	641	641	641	641	641	641		
		Enrollment	749	773	789	782	779	778	768		
		Available Space	(108)	(132)	(148)	(141)	(138)	(137)	(127)		
		Comments	See Text								
Whetstone ES	CSR	Program Capacity	750	750	750	750	750	750	750		
		Enrollment	693	706	712	721	746	757	759		
		Available Space	57	44	38	29	4	(7)	(9)		
		Comments	See Text								
Cluster Information		HS Utilization	82%	84%	84%	86%	88%	89%	90%	91%	92%
		HS Enrollment	1597	1642	1643	1671	1708	1729	1755	1775	1800
		MS Utilization	89%	88%	87%	88%	78%	80%	80%	83%	86%
		MS Enrollment	1618	1590	1576	1596	1592	1625	1641	1690	1750
		ES Utilization	99%	102%	102%	99%	100%	99%	98%	97%	95%
ES Enrollment	2748	2841	2842	2859	2867	2858	2828	2780	2730		

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Demographic Characteristics of Schools

Schools	2020–2021						2020–2021		2019–2020
	Total Enrollment	Two or more races %	Black or Afr. Amer. %	Asian%	Hispanic %	White %	FARMS%*	ESOL%**	Mobility Rate%***
Watkins Mill HS	1597	2.8%	26.2%	9.6%	54.9%	6.4%	61.7%	27.1%	18.4%
Montgomery Village MS	776	2.6%	28.4%	7.2%	56.4%	5.2%	73.2%	32.0%	14.8%
Neelsville MS	842	3.8%	27.9%	11.6%	49.9%	6.4%	65.3%	29.8%	14.3%
South Lake ES	790	2.7%	18.6%	5.7%	71.4%	1.1%	88.0%	63.8%	22.6%
Stedwick ES	516	4.1%	29.1%	6.2%	51.0%	8.7%	58.5%	40.5%	15.3%
Watkins Mill ES	749	3.5%	24.3%	6.4%	61.8%	3.3%	74.2%	55.5%	21.3%
Whetstone ES	693	3.0%	25.0%	8.9%	55.8%	6.6%	70.7%	47.5%	15.2%
Elementary Cluster Total	2748	3.2%	23.7%	6.8%	61.0%	4.5%	74.3%	53.1%	19.0%
Elementary County Total	72298	5.5%	21.8%	14.0%	34.1%	24.2%	40.3%	29.1%	11.9%

*Percent of students approved for Free and Reduced-priced Meals Program (FARMS) during the 2020–2021 school year.

**Percent of English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) during the 2020–2021 school year. High School students are served in regional ESOL centers.

***Mobility Rate is the number of entries plus withdrawals during the 2019–2020 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 2020–2021)

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	METS @15	Special Education Services																					
															School Based	Cluster Based	Quad Cluster Based						County & Regional Based													
															HSM @13	ELEM LAD @13	ELC @10	LANG @12	LFI @10	SCB @6	AAC@7	AUT @6	BRIDGE @10	DHOH @7	SESES @10	EXTENSIONS @6	GT/LD @13	PD @7	PEP@6	PEP @12	PEP @18	VISION (Elementary) @7	OTHER			
Watkins Mill HS	9-12	1947	91	81									4	3					2								1									
Montgomery Village MS	6-8	853	46	36									2	1					4			3														
Neelsville MS	6-8	956	47	42									3	2																						
South Lake ES	HS-5	694	40	5		9	15		1	1	8				1																					
Stedwick ES	PreK-5	690	39	4		15	9		1		5				1				4																	
Watkins Mill ES	HS-5	641	42	5		6	13	1		1	7			2	1		6																			
Whetstone ES	PreK-5	750	43	5		12	14		1		6				2																	1	2			

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Facility Characteristics of Schools 2020–2021

Schools	Year Facility Opened	Year Reopened/ Revitalized	Total Square Footage	Site Size Acres	Adjacent Park	Relocatable Classrooms	County Programs
Watkins Mill HS	1989		305,288	50.99	Yes		SBWC
Montgomery Village MS	1968	2003	141,615	15.1			
Neelsville MS	1981		131,432	29.2			
South Lake ES	1972		83,038	10.2		14	LTL
Stedwick ES	1974		109,677	10			
Watkins Mill ES	1970		80,923	10	Yes	6	
Whetstone ES	1968		96,946	8.8	Yes	3	