

CLARKSBURG CLUSTER

CLUSTER PLANNING ISSUES

Planning Issue: The Clarksburg Master Plan allows for the development of up to 15,000 residential units. The plan included five future elementary school sites and one future middle school site. A large number of housing units were constructed. A new cluster of schools was formed in the 2006–2007 school year when Clarksburg High School opened to accommodate the enrollment growth from the new development. Little Bennett Elementary School opened in August 2006, William B. Gibbs, Jr. Elementary School opened in August 2009, Wilson Wims Elementary School opened in August 2014, and Snowden Farm Elementary School opened in August 2019. With continued growth in elementary school enrollment, an additional elementary school is scheduled to open in August 2023. To address the enrollment growth in the cluster, a high school addition opened in August 2015, and Hallie Wells Middle School opened in August 2016.

Planning Study: A boundary study was previously approved to begin in the fall 2020, to explore the assignment of students for the opening of Clarksburg Elementary School #9, with Board of Education action scheduled for November 2021. However, the County Council delayed the opening of the new school from August 2022 to August 2023. The approved boundary study for Clarksburg Elementary School #9 will create the service area for the new school. The scope includes the following elementary schools—Clarksburg, William B. Gibbs, Jr., Little Bennett, and Wilson Wims elementary schools. No middle or high schools are included in the boundary study. Based on the approved completion date for the school, the boundary study was conducted in the spring 2022, with Board of Education action in November 2022.

SCHOOLS

Clarksburg High School

Planning Issue: Clarksburg High School will continue to have a space deficit by the end of the six-year planning period, even with the recent boundary reassignment. A plan to address the space deficit will be developed in a future CIP.

Clarksburg Elementary School

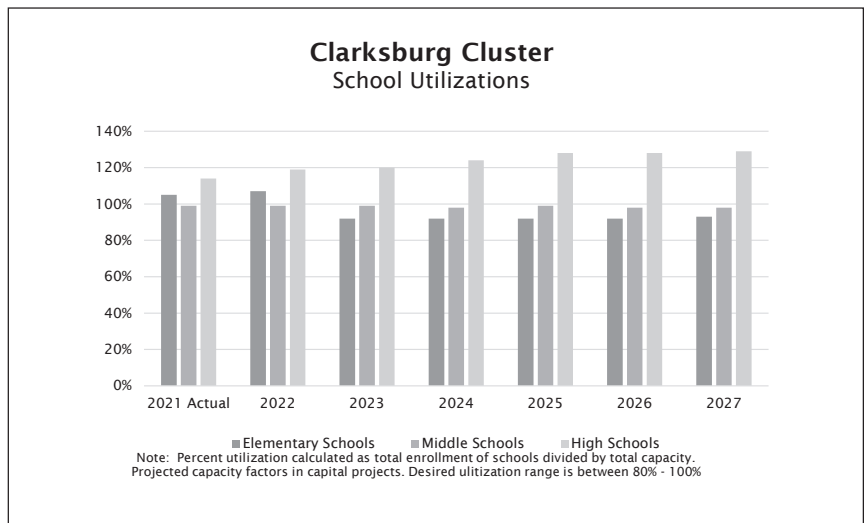
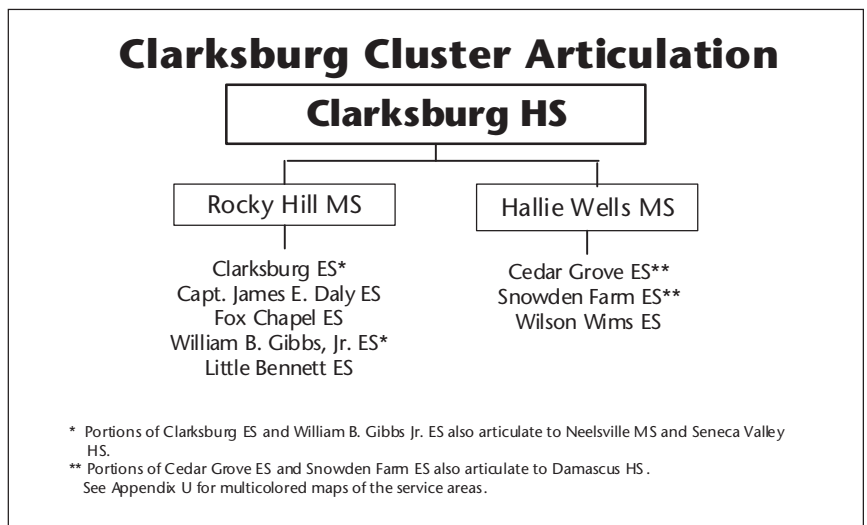
Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Study.

Capital Project: As part of the 2019–2024 CIP, the Board of Education requested that Clarksburg Elementary School #9 open in August 2021; however, the County Council delayed the project by one year to August 2022. An FY 2020 appropriation was approved for planning to begin the architectural design for this project. As part of the

FY 2021–2026 CIP, the County Council delayed the scheduled completion of the project by another year to August 2023. An FY 2022 appropriation was approved to begin the construction for the school. An FY 2023 appropriation was approved for construction cost increases to complete this project. The school is scheduled to be completed August 2023.

Clarksburg Elementary School #9

Capital Project: As part of the 2019–2024 CIP, the Board of Education requested that Clarksburg Elementary School #9 open in August 2021; however, the County Council delayed the project by one year to August 2022. An FY 2020 appropriation was approved for planning to begin the architectural design for this project. As part of the FY 2021–2026 CIP, the County Council delayed the scheduled completion of the project by another year to August 2023. An FY 2022 appropriation was approved to begin the construction for the school. An FY 2023 appropriation was approved for construction cost increases to complete this project. The school is scheduled to be completed August 2023.



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Little Bennett Elementary School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Study.

Wilson Wims Elementary School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Study.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

School	Project	Project Status*	Date of Completion
Clarksburg ES #9	New school	Approved	August 2023

*“Approved”—Project has an approved FY 2023 appropriation in the FY 2023–2028 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.



Snowden Farm Elementary School

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Projected Enrollment and Space Availability Effects of the Approved FY 2023–2028 CIP and Non-CIP Actions on Space Available

Schools		Actual	Projections							2031	2036
			21–22	22–23	23–24	24–25	25–26	26–27	27–28		
Clarksburg HS	Program Capacity	2034	2034	2034	2034	2034	2034	2034	2034	2034	
	Enrollment	2317	2393	2442	2514	2601	2606	2631	2750	2800	
	Available Space	(283)	(359)	(408)	(480)	(567)	(572)	(597)	(716)	(766)	
	Comments										
Rocky Hill MS	Program Capacity	1020	1020	1020	1020	1020	1020	1020	1020	1020	
	Enrollment	999	1031	1043	1001	1010	1006	1001	1050	1100	
	Available Space	21	(11)	(23)	19	10	14	19	(30)	(80)	
	Comments										
Hallie Wells MS	Program Capacity	982	982	982	982	982	982	982	982	982	
	Enrollment	971	969	946	957	965	962	957	1000	1025	
	Available Space	11	13	36	25	17	20	25	(18)	(43)	
	Comments										
Clarksburg ES	Program Capacity	342	342	342	342	342	342	342			
	Enrollment	771	875	965	962	977	992	983			
	Available Space	(429)	(533)	(623)	(620)	(635)	(650)	(641)			
	Comments	See Text									
Clarksburg ES #9	Program Capacity			721	721	721	721	721			
	Enrollment			0	0	0	0	0			
	Available Space			721	721	721	721	721			
	Comments			Opens							
Capt. James E. Daly ES	Program Capacity	528	528	528	528	528	528	528			
	Enrollment	521	529	548	541	533	529	550			
	Available Space	7	(1)	(20)	(13)	(5)	(1)	(22)			
	Comments										
Fox Chapel ES	Program Capacity	660	660	660	660	660	660	660			
	Enrollment	573	592	633	625	618	626	628			
	Available Space	87	68	27	35	42	34	32			
	Comments										
Little Bennett ES	Program Capacity	621	621	621	621	621	621	621			
	Enrollment	642	641	613	595	577	561	570			
	Available Space	(21)	(20)	8	26	44	60	51			
	Comments	See Text									
Snowden Farm ES	Program Capacity	774	774	774	774	774	774	774			
	Enrollment	742	727	701	718	714	710	713			
	Available Space	32	47	73	56	60	64	61			
	Comments										
Wilson Wims ES	Program Capacity	739	739	739	739	739	739	739			
	Enrollment	598	602	595	582	607	624	618			
	Available Space	141	137	144	157	132	115	121			
	Comments	See Text									
Cluster Information	HS Utilization	114%	118%	120%	124%	128%	128%	129%	135%	138%	
	HS Enrollment	2317	2393	2442	2514	2601	2606	2631	2750	2800	
	MS Utilization	98%	100%	99%	98%	99%	98%	98%	102%	106%	
	MS Enrollment	1970	2000	1989	1958	1975	1968	1958	2050	2125	
	ES Utilization	105%	108%	92%	92%	92%	92%	93%			
	ES Enrollment	3847	3966	4055	4023	4026	4042	4062			

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Facility Characteristics of Schools 2021–2022

Schools	Year Facility Opened	Year Reopened/ Revitalized	Total Square Footage	Site Size Acres	Adjacent Park	Relocatable Classrooms	County Programs
Clarksburg HS	1995	2006	344,574	62.73		13	
Rocky Hill MS	2004		148,065	23.3			
Hallie Wells MS	2016		150,089	22.37			
Clarksburg ES	1952	1993	54,983	9.97		15	
Captain James E. Daly ES	1989		78,386	10	Yes	4	
Fox Chapel ES	1974		85,182	10.34	Yes		LTL
Little Bennett ES	2006		82,511	4.81	Yes		
Snowden Farm ES	2019		92,366	9.79			
Wilson Wims ES	2014		91,931	9.29	Yes		