

WALTER JOHNSON CLUSTER

CLUSTER PLANNING ISSUES

Planning Issue: The Walter Johnson Cluster has experienced large enrollment increases in the past eight years, primarily driven by the turnover of homes to younger families. New development in the cluster also has played a role, although by a significantly smaller amount than demographic changes in existing communities. The 2010 adopted White Flint Sector Plan provides for up to 9,800 new multi-family residential units over the next 20 to 30 years. A future elementary school site is approved in the Plan. The Plan requires the redevelopment of existing land uses and is phased with major transit and infrastructure improvements. The cluster also will see substantial amounts of new housing associated with the following recently approved land-use plans: Rock Spring Master Plan, White Flint 2 Sector Plan, and Grosvenor-Strathmore Metro Area Minor Master Plan.

Planning Study: A Site Selection Committee was held in spring 2018, to identify possible sites for a new elementary school in the Walter Johnson Cluster. The projected space deficits at the elementary school level in the cluster was not sufficient to recommend a new elementary school for the Walter Johnson Cluster at that time. In November 2018, the Board of Education adopted a capacity study for the elementary schools in the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Cluster. Given the space deficits in the Walter Johnson Cluster, in November 2018, the Board of Education expanded the capacity study to explore possible solutions that would include the elementary schools in both the Walter Johnson and Bethesda-Chevy Chase clusters. The Board of Education also included a joint site selection process for the two clusters conducted in summer 2019.

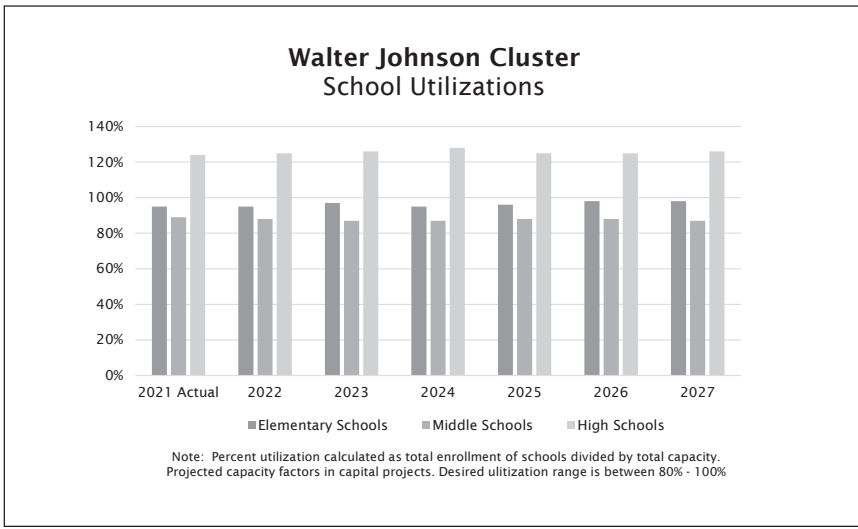
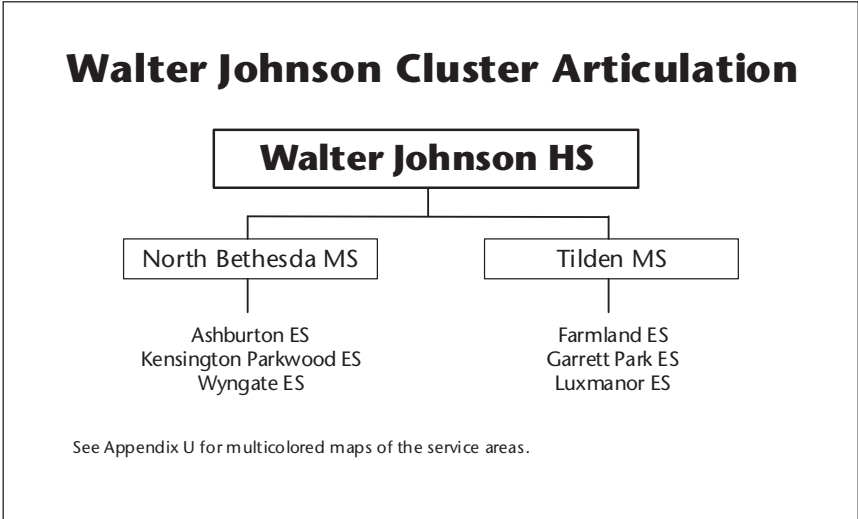
SCHOOLS

Walter Johnson High School

Capital Project: Projections indicate enrollment at Walter Johnson High School will exceed capacity by the end of the six-year planning period. An FY 2015 appropriation was completed for facility planning to determine the feasibility, scope, and cost for a classroom addition.

Capital Project: To address the urgent space needs at Walter Johnson High School and the Downcounty Consortium high schools, an FY 2019 appropriation was approved for planning funds to reopen Charles W. Woodward High School. The scheduled completion date for this project is August 2023, for the first phase and August 2025, for the new high school. Northwood High School also will be utilized to address the space needs in the Downcounty Consortium. With respect to Northwood High School, an analysis

was completed that evaluated a) the possibility of doing a phased construction of Northwood High School, with students on site and b) an approach where a newly constructed and reopened Charles W. Woodward High School be used as a holding school, starting in August 2023, for Northwood High School for two years. The evaluation compared the costs for each option, impact to students, impact on the building design, and the timeline of the project. Based on this analysis, the Board of Education approved that Charles W. Woodward High School be used as a holding school, starting in August 2023, for Northwood High School, for two years. Northwood High School would return to its facility in August 2025, and Charles W. Woodward High School will open in August 2025. An FY 2022 appropriation was approved to continue construction to reopen Charles W. Woodward High School. An FY 2023 appropriation was requested for construction cost increases and the balance of construction funds. However, due to fiscal constraints, the County Council, in the adopted FY2023-2028 CIP, delayed this project one year. The additional expenditures were approved, but the reopening of the high school is now scheduled to be completed August 2026.



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Charles W. Woodward High School

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Ashburton Elementary School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Bethesda-Chevy Chase/Walter Johnson Clusters Elementary School

Planning Study: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Capital Project: Projections indicate enrollment will exceed capacity for some of the elementary schools in these two clusters. Planning funds for a new elementary school are approved in the out-years of the CIP. A completion date for this new elementary school will be considered in a future CIP.

Farmland Elementary School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Garrett Park Elementary School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Kensington-Parkwood Elementary School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Luxmanor Elementary School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Wyngate Elementary School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

School	Project	Project Status*	Date of Completion
Charles W. Woodward HS	New School	Delayed	August 2024/2026
Bethesda-Chevy Chase/Walter Johnson Clusters ES	New	Programmed	TBD

*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.

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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						
		21–22	22–23	23–24	24–25	25–26	26–27	27–28	2031	2036
Walter Johnson HS	Program Capacity	2321	2321	2321	2321	2321	2321	2321	2321	2321
	Enrollment	2870	2907	2919	2963	2893	2898	2923	2950	3000
	Available Space	(549)	(586)	(598)	(642)	(572)	(577)	(602)	(629)	(679)
	Comments									
Charles W. Woodward HS	Program Capacity						2159	2159	2159	2159
	Enrollment						0	0	0	0
	Available Space						2159	2159	2159	2159
	Comments						Opens			
North Bethesda MS	Program Capacity	1233	1233	1233	1233	1233	1233	1233	1233	1233
	Enrollment	1152	1131	1120	1170	1180	1176	1170	1200	1250
	Available Space	81	102	113	63	53	57	63	33	(17)
	Comments									
Tilden MS	Program Capacity	1216	1216	1216	1216	1216	1216	1216	1216	1216
	Enrollment	1022	1029	1001	968	976	973	968	975	1025
	Available Space	194	187	215	248	240	243	248	241	191
	Comments									
Ashburton ES	Program Capacity	789	789	789	789	789	789	789		
	Enrollment	834	846	860	852	950	968	965		
	Available Space	(45)	(57)	(71)	(63)	(161)	(179)	(176)		
	Comments									
Farmland ES	Program Capacity	714	714	714	714	714	714	714		
	Enrollment	793	800	797	785	768	792	783		
	Available Space	(79)	(86)	(83)	(71)	(54)	(78)	(69)		
	Comments									
Garrett Park ES	Program Capacity	777	777	777	777	777	777	777		
	Enrollment	670	676	727	723	716	722	729		
	Available Space	107	101	50	54	61	55	48		
	Comments									
Kensington–Parkwood ES	Program Capacity	706	706	706	706	706	706	706		
	Enrollment	597	600	595	572	563	579	571		
	Available Space	109	106	111	134	143	127	135		
	Comments									
Luxmanor ES	Program Capacity	764	764	764	764	764	764	764		
	Enrollment	670	683	698	703	683	695	696		
	Available Space	94	81	66	61	81	69	68		
	Comments									
Wyngate ES	Program Capacity	777	777	777	777	777	777	777		
	Enrollment	701	702	705	668	666	676	692		
	Available Space	76	75	72	109	111	101	85		
	Comments									
Cluster Information	HS Utilization	124%	125%	126%	128%	125%	125%	126%	127%	129%
	HS Enrollment	2870	2907	2919	2963	2893	2898	2923	2950	3000
	MS Utilization	89%	88%	87%	87%	88%	88%	87%	89%	93%
	MS Enrollment	2174	2160	2121	2138	2156	2149	2138	2175	2275
	ES Utilization	94%	95%	97%	95%	96%	98%	98%		
	ES Enrollment	4265	4307	4382	4303	4346	4432	4436		

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Demographic Characteristics of Schools

Schools	2021-2022						2021-2022		2020-2021
	Total Enrollment	Two or more races %	Black or Afr. Amer. %	Asian%	Hispanic %	White %	FARMS%*	ESOL%**	Mobility Rate%***
Walter Johnson HS	2,870	6.3%	12.4%	12.9%	17.8%	50.3%	12.7%	5.3%	6.4%
North Bethesda MS	1,152	8.4%	10.9%	12.2%	14.2%	53.9%	10.2%	4.4%	6.4%
Tilden MS	1,022	6.2%	14.7%	16.3%	22.3%	40.0%	20.1%	12.4%	8.8%
Ashburton ES	834	9.5%	16.2%	18.3%	18.0%	37.6%	12.1%	16.2%	16.0%
Farmland ES	793	4.4%	10.5%	29.3%	11.7%	44.1%	13.4%	29.5%	25.5%
Garrett Park ES	670	9.0%	12.7%	14.8%	23.7%	39.4%	17.8%	24.5%	13.3%
Kensington-Parkwood ES	597	8.4%	8.5%	10.4%	16.8%	55.8%	13.4%	9.9%	13.0%
Luxmanor ES	670	8.5%	14.3%	23.4%	22.7%	30.9%	21.3%	27.9%	18.7%
Wyngate ES	701	10.8%	4.3%	14.8%	14.0%	56.1%	2.9%	9.8%	10.6%
Elementary Cluster Total	4,265	8.4%	11.3%	18.9%	17.6%	43.6%	13.3%	19.9%	16.4%
Elementary County Total	71,050	5.3%	21.8%	13.7%	34.8%	24.0%	40.8%	25.4%	13.4%

*Percent of students approved for Free and Reduced-priced Meals Program (FARMS) during the 2021-2022 school year.

**Percent of English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) during the 2021-2022 school year. High School students are served in regional ESOL centers.

***Mobility Rate is the number of entries plus withdrawals during the 2020-2021 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 2021-2022)

Schools	Special Education Services																																						
	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	HSM @13	ELEM LAD @13	Quad Cluster Based		County & Regional Based																				
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Walter Johnson HS	9-12	2321	107		100								2																										
North Bethesda MS	6-8	1233	59		57																																		
Tilden MS	6-8	1216	63		54								2																										
Ashburton ES	K-5	789	39	4		28							6		1																								
Farmland ES	K-5	714	37	4		24							6										3																
Garrett Park ES	K-5	777	37	3		29							5																										
Kensington-Parkwood ES	K-5	706	41	5		24							5		2										3														2
Luxmanor ES	K-5	764	39	3		26							4																						1		3		
Wyngate ES	K-5	777	38	4		29							5																										

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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
Walter Johnson HS	1956	2009	365,138	30.9		10	
North Bethesda MS	1955	1999	178,252	19.99			
Tilden MS	1967	2020	168,804	19.75			
Ashburton ES	1957	1993	91,178	8.3		8	
Farmland ES	1963	2011	89,988	4.8	Yes	4	
Garrett Park ES	1948	2012	96,348	4.4	Yes		
Kensington-Parkwood ES	1952	2006	102,382	9.9			
Luxmanor ES	1966	2020	99,376	6.5	Yes		
Wyngate ES	1952	1997	89,104	9.5			



Tilden Middle School