

# 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 was approved to begin the construction. An FY 2023 appropriation was approved for construction cost increases and the balance of construction funds. This project is scheduled to be completed August 2024.

### 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. The capacity study was conducted in summer 2021. Non-capital and/or capital solutions will be considered in a future CIP.

### 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 August 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 August 2024. The Board of Education requested an FY 2021 supplemental appropriation to accelerate the completion date back to August 2023, which was approved by the County Council. An FY 2022 appropriation was approved to construct this project. An FY 2023 appropriation was approved for construction cost increases to complete this project.

**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

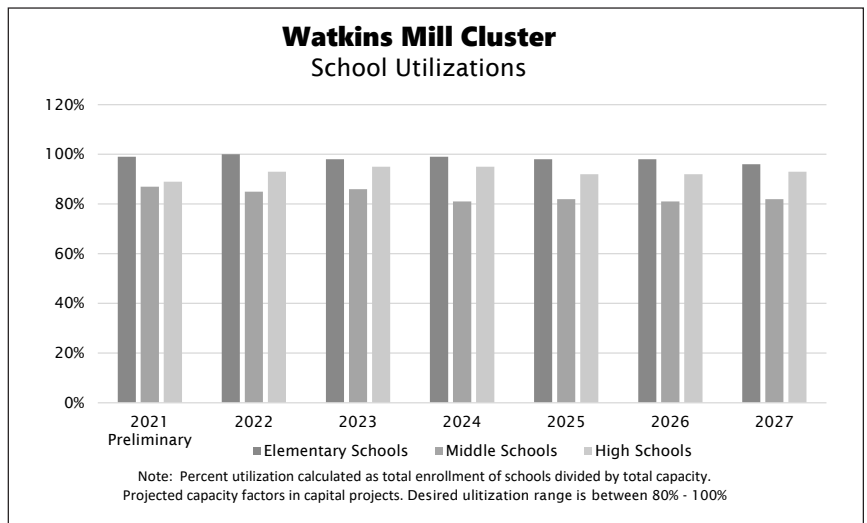
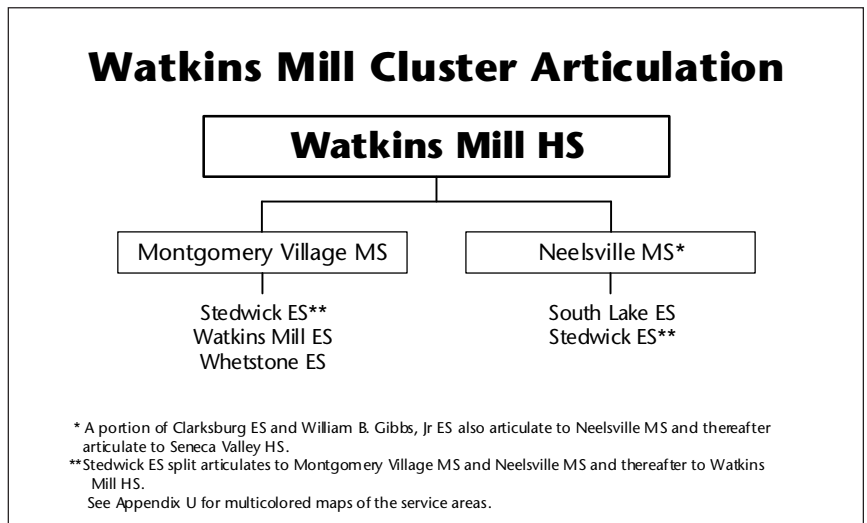
is complete. A capacity study was approved to evaluate the elementary school space deficits in the cluster, as well as look to adjacent clusters to address the overutilization issues. The capacity study was conducted in summer 2021. Non-capital and/or capital solutions will be considered in a future CIP.

### 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 was approved to evaluate the elementary school space deficits in the cluster, as well as look to adjacent clusters to address the overutilization issues. The capacity study was conducted in summer 2021. Non-capital and/or capital solutions will be considered in a future CIP.

### Whetstone Elementary School

**Planning Study:** A capacity study was approved to evaluate the elementary school space deficits in the cluster, as well as look to adjacent clusters to address the overutilization issues. The capacity study was conducted in summer 2021. Non-capital and/or capital solutions will be considered in a future CIP.



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### CAPITAL PROJECTS

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



**Whetstone 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							
			21–22	22–23	23–24	24–25	25–26	26–27	27–28	2031	2036
Watkins Mill HS		Program Capacity	1789	1789	1789	1789	1789	1789	1789	1789	1789
		Enrollment	1594	1660	1691	1705	1638	1642	1658	1680	1750
		Available Space	195	129	98	84	151	147	131	109	39
		Comments									
Montgomery Village MS		Program Capacity	844	844	844	844	844	844	844	844	844
		Enrollment	755	751	762	754	760	758	755	775	800
		Available Space	89	93	82	90	84	86	89	69	44
		Comments									
Neelsville MS		Program Capacity	956	956	956	1062	1062	1062	1062	1062	1062
		Enrollment	792	787	790	789	795	792	816	875	950
		Available Space	164	169	166	273	267	270	246	187	112
		Comments				Maj. Cap. Project Complete					
South Lake ES	CSR	Program Capacity	694	694	796	796	796	796	796		
		Enrollment	823	812	852	855	850	842	827		
		Available Space	(129)	(118)	(56)	(59)	(54)	(46)	(31)		
		Comments	See Text		Maj. Cap. Project Complete						
Stedwick ES	CSR	Program Capacity	703	703	703	703	703	703	703		
		Enrollment	497	510	482	475	453	449	454		
		Available Space	206	193	221	228	250	254	249		
		Comments	See Text								
Watkins Mill ES	CSR	Program Capacity	642	642	642	642	642	642	642		
		Enrollment	795	785	794	809	829	848	824		
		Available Space	(153)	(143)	(152)	(167)	(187)	(206)	(182)		
		Comments	See Text								
Whetstone ES	CSR	Program Capacity	770	770	770	770	770	770	770		
		Enrollment	681	693	722	729	723	707	701		
		Available Space	89	77	48	41	47	63	69		
		Comments	See Text								
Cluster Information		HS Utilization	89%	93%	95%	95%	92%	92%	93%	94%	98%
		HS Enrollment	1594	1660	1691	1705	1638	1642	1658	1680	1750
		MS Utilization	86%	85%	86%	81%	82%	81%	82%	87%	92%
		MS Enrollment	1547	1538	1552	1543	1555	1550	1571	1650	1750
		ES Utilization	100%	100%	98%	99%	98%	98%	96%		
	ES Enrollment	2796	2800	2850	2868	2855	2846	2806			

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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%***
Watkins Mill HS	1,594	2.5%	23.5%	9.8%	58.6%	5.3%	66.1%	28.5%	10.5%
Montgomery Village MS	755	3.0%	26.4%	7.2%	58.7%	4.4%	73.4%	24.8%	6.7%
Neelsville MS	792	5.3%	26.5%	12.1%	47.3%	8.3%	61.1%	22.2%	9.6%
South Lake ES	823	2.7%	19.3%	4.5%	72.2%	0.7%	83.6%	53.5%	19.8%
Stedwick ES	497	3.0%	30.6%	5.6%	51.3%	8.2%	66.4%	37.6%	16.4%
Watkins Mill ES	795	3.1%	21.4%	5.5%	67.0%	2.4%	80.4%	54.5%	16.6%
Whetstone ES	681	3.7%	26.3%	8.1%	54.2%	7.3%	67.4%	40.8%	11.4%
<b>Elementary Cluster Total</b>	<b>2,796</b>	<b>3.1%</b>	<b>23.6%</b>	<b>5.9%</b>	<b>62.6%</b>	<b>4.1%</b>	<b>75.7%</b>	<b>47.9%</b>	<b>16.2%</b>
<b>Elementary County Total</b>	<b>71,050</b>	<b>5.3%</b>	<b>21.8%</b>	<b>13.7%</b>	<b>34.8%</b>	<b>24.0%</b>	<b>40.8%</b>	<b>25.4%</b>	<b>13.4%</b>

\*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	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											OTHER						
															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						
Watkins Mill HS	9-12	1789	91		74																																	7
Montgomery Village MS	6-8	844	46		35																																	
Neelsville MS	6-8	956	47		42																																	
South Lake ES	HS-5	694	40	5		9	15	1	1	8					1																							
Stedwick ES	Pre-K-5	703	39	4		16	9	1		5					1				3																			
Watkins Mill ES	HS-5	642	42	5		5	15	1		1	8				1		6																					
Whetstone ES	Pre-K-5	770	43	5		15	12	1		5					1																	1	3					

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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
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	