

# WALTER JOHNSON CLUSTER

## CLUSTER PLANNING ISSUES

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. The adopted FY2023–2028 CIP includes planning funds in the out-years for this new elementary school with a TBD completion date.

**Planning Issue:** On March 28, 2023, the Board of Education approved the boundary study scope to create the service area for the reopening of Charles W. Woodward High School. The scope of the boundary study includes the following high schools: Bethesda Chevy-Chase, Montgomery Blair, Albert Einstein, Walter Johnson, John F. Kennedy, Northwood, Wheaton, and Walt Whitman. The scope also includes the following middle schools: Argyle, Eastern, A. Mario Loiederman, Newport Mill, North Bethesda, Parkland, Thomas W. Pyle, Odessa Shannon, Silver Creek, Silver Spring International, Sligo, Takoma Park, Tilden, and Westland. No elementary schools are included in the boundary study. It is anticipated that community meetings will begin early 2024, with the superintendent’s recommendation released in February 2025, and Board of Education action in March 2025. Information regarding this boundary study is available on the MCPS website at

the following link: [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/WoodwardHSBoundaryStudy.aspx](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/WoodwardHSBoundaryStudy.aspx)

## SCHOOLS

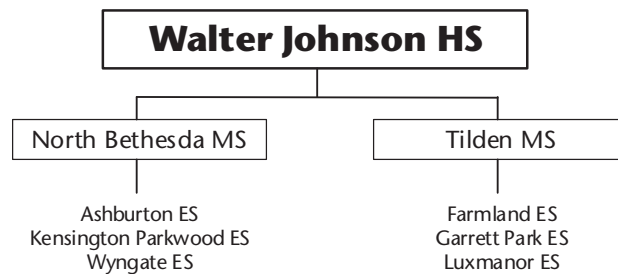
### Walter Johnson High School

**Planning Issue:** See text under Cluster Planning Issue.

**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.

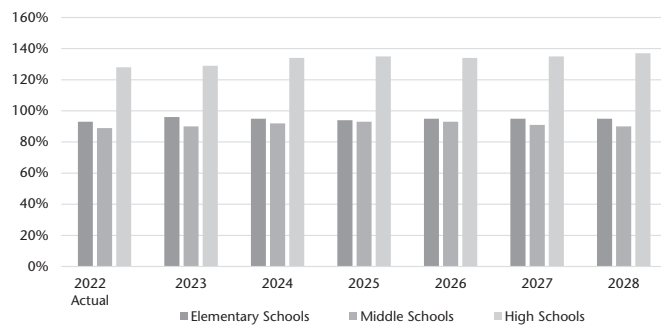
## Walter Johnson Cluster Articulation

2022–2023 School Year



See Appendix U for multicolored maps of the service areas.

## Walter Johnson Cluster School Utilizations



Note: Percent utilization calculated as total enrollment of schools divided by total capacity. Projected capacity factors in capital projects. Desired utilization range is between 80% - 100%

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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 scheduled to be completed August 2026. An FY2024 appropriation was approved for construction cost increases.

### Charles W. Woodward High School

**Planning Issue:** See text under Cluster Planning Issue.

**Capital Project:** To address the urgent space needs at Walter Johnson High School and the Downcounty Consortium high schools, an FY 2021 appropriation for construction was approved to reopen the school. 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 will return to its facility in August 2025. 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 scheduled completion date for the reopening of Charles W. Woodward High School is now August 2026. An FY2024 appropriation was approved for construction cost increases.

### North Bethesda Middle School

**Planning Issue:** See text under Cluster Planning Issue.

### Tilden Middle School

**Planning Issue:** See text under Cluster Planning Issue.

### Ashburton Elementary School

**Planning Issue:** See text under Cluster Planning Study.

### Bethesda-Chevy Chase/Walter Johnson Clusters Elementary School

**Planning Study:** See text under Cluster Planning Study.

**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 Study.

### Garrett Park Elementary School

**Planning Issue:** See text under Cluster Planning Study.

### Kensington-Parkwood Elementary School

**Planning Issue:** See text under Cluster Planning Study.

### Luxmanor Elementary School

**Planning Issue:** See text under Cluster Planning Study.

### Wyngate Elementary School

**Planning Issue:** See text under Cluster Planning Study.

## CAPITAL PROJECTS

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

\*Approved—Project has an approved FY 2024 appropriation in the amended 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 Adopted FY 2023–2028 Amended CIP and Non-Capital Actions

Schools		Actual	Projections							2032	2037
		22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26	26-27	27-28	28-29			
Walter Johnson HS	Program Capacity	2291	2291	2291	2291	2291	2291	2291	2291	2291	2291
	Enrollment	2942	2950	3070	3083	3059	3102	3143	3150	3150	3150
	Available Space	(651)	(659)	(779)	(792)	(768)	(811)	(852)	(859)	(859)	(859)
	Comments	See Text									
Charles W. Woodward HS	Program Capacity					2159	2159	2159	2159	2159	2159
	Enrollment					0	0	0	0	0	0
	Available Space					2159	2159	2159	2159	2159	2159
	Comments					Opens					
North Bethesda MS	Program Capacity	1233	1233	1233	1233	1233	1233	1233	1233	1233	1233
	Enrollment	1110	1120	1126	1132	1128	1123	1121	1130	1130	1130
	Available Space	123	113	107	101	105	110	112	103	103	103
	Comments	See Text									
Tilden MS	Program Capacity	1244	1244	1244	1244	1244	1244	1244	1244	1244	1244
	Enrollment	1100	1110	1147	1173	1164	1139	1119	1120	1120	1120
	Available Space	144	134	97	71	80	105	125	124	124	124
	Comments	See Text									
Ashburton ES	Program Capacity	789	789	789	789	789	789	789			
	Enrollment	810	846	848	932	951	955	956			
	Available Space	(21)	(57)	(59)	(143)	(162)	(166)	(167)			
	Comments										
Farmland ES	Program Capacity	737	737	737	737	737	737	737			
	Enrollment	797	798	792	770	783	771	772			
	Available Space	(60)	(61)	(55)	(33)	(46)	(34)	(35)			
	Comments										
Garrett Park ES	Program Capacity	777	777	777	777	777	777	777			
	Enrollment	686	751	728	688	670	668	670			
	Available Space	91	26	49	89	107	109	107			
	Comments										
Kensington–Parkwood ES	Program Capacity	786	786	786	786	786	786	786			
	Enrollment	592	582	560	552	556	546	554			
	Available Space	194	204	226	234	230	240	232			
	Comments										
Luxmanor ES	Program Capacity	746	746	746	746	746	746	746			
	Enrollment	707	754	782	780	794	799	791			
	Available Space	39	(8)	(36)	(34)	(48)	(53)	(45)			
	Comments										
Wyngate ES	Program Capacity	778	778	778	778	778	778	778			
	Enrollment	715	697	659	631	625	624	619			
	Available Space	63	81	119	147	153	154	159			
	Comments										
Cluster Information	HS Utilization	128%	129%	134%	135%	134%	135%	137%	137%	137%	137%
	HS Enrollment	2942	2950	3070	3083	3059	3102	3143	3150	3150	3150
	MS Utilization	89%	90%	92%	93%	93%	91%	90%	91%	91%	91%
	MS Enrollment	2210	2230	2273	2305	2292	2262	2240	2250	2250	2250
	ES Utilization	93%	96%	95%	94%	95%	95%	95%			
	ES Enrollment	4307	4428	4369	4353	4379	4363	4362			

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## Demographic Characteristics of Schools

Schools	2022-2023								2021-2022
	Total Enrollment	Two or more races %	Black or Afr. Amer. %	Asian%	Hispanic %	White %	FARMS%*	ESOL%**	Mobility Rate%***
Walter Johnson HS	2942	6.4%	12.8%	12.2%	18.3%	49.9%	18.4%	5.9%	9.3%
North Bethesda MS	1110	8.2%	12.9%	11.8%	15.0%	52.0%	14.4%	5.4%	8.0%
Tilden MS	1100	6.1%	13.6%	18.0%	22.8%	39.0%	28.1%	14.8%	12.3%
Ashburton ES	810	9.0%	17.7%	18.9%	18.5%	35.7%	20.5%	14.4%	15.7%
Farmland ES	797	5.5%	8.7%	31.0%	12.7%	41.9%	19.1%	28.6%	23.4%
Garrett Park ES	686	8.6%	12.8%	15.2%	23.6%	39.7%	24.6%	22.4%	18.3%
Kensington-Parkwood ES	592	8.6%	7.9%	10.8%	17.4%	55.1%	16.4%	11.5%	10.3%
Luxmanor ES	707	8.9%	15.7%	24.3%	22.3%	28.6%	27.6%	23.9%	23.3%
Wyngate ES	715	10.8%	4.5%	14.7%	13.0%	57.1%	4.9%	7.8%	8.7%
<b>Elementary Cluster Total</b>	<b>4307</b>	<b>8.5%</b>	<b>11.4%</b>	<b>19.6%</b>	<b>17.8%</b>	<b>42.5%</b>	<b>18.9%</b>	<b>18.4%</b>	<b>16.8%</b>
<b>Elementary County Total</b>	<b>72315</b>	<b>5.4%</b>	<b>21.7%</b>	<b>13.5%</b>	<b>35.6%</b>	<b>23.5%</b>	<b>47.5%</b>	<b>24.9%</b>	<b>19.9%</b>

\*Percent of students approved for Free and Reduced-priced Meals Program (FARMS) during the 2022–2023 school year.

\*\*Percent of English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) during the 2022–2023 school year. High School students are served in regional ESOL centers.

\*\*\*Mobility Rate is the number of entries plus withdrawals during the 2021–2022 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 2022–2023)

Schools	Grades Served	Capacity (HS @90% MS@85%)	Special Education Services																															
			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	OTHER	HSM @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		
																																	School Based	Quad Cluster Based
Walter Johnson HS	9-12	2291	106	99							1							3			2						1							
North Bethesda MS	6-8	1233	59	57																							2							
Tilden MS	6-8	1244	63	56							1							3			3													
Ashburton ES	K-5	789	39	4	28						6					1																		
Farmland ES	K-5	737	37	3	25						6							3																
Garrett Park ES	K-5	777	37	3	29						5																							
Kensington-Parkwood ES	K-5	786	41	4	29						4				1						3													
Luxmanor ES	K-5	746	39	3	24						5							3												1	3			
Wyngate ES	K-5	778	38	4	30						4																							

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### Facility Characteristics of Schools 2022–2023

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		15	
North Bethesda MS	1955	1999	178,252	19.1			
Tilden MS**	1967	2020	244,561	16.63			
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	11.2			

\*Relocatables on site to address overutilization

\*\*Tilden MS is colocated with Rock Terrace School



**Tilden Middle School**

