

# WATKINS MILL CLUSTER

## Cluster 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

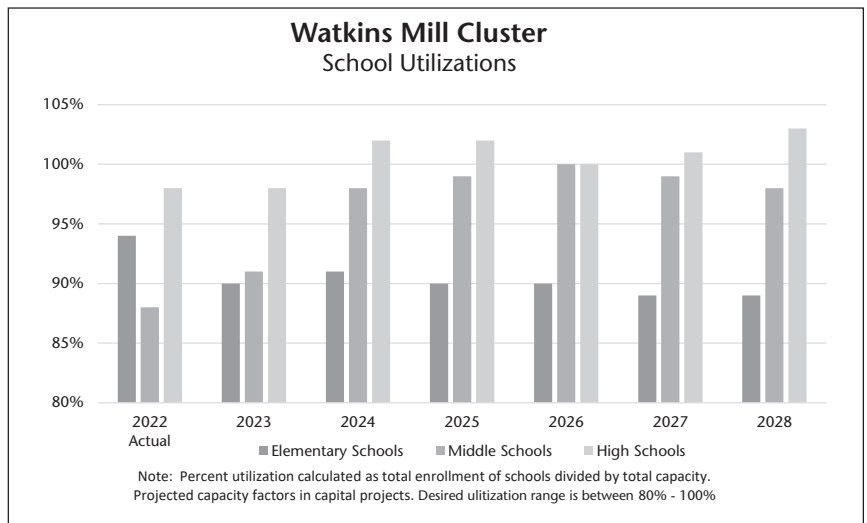
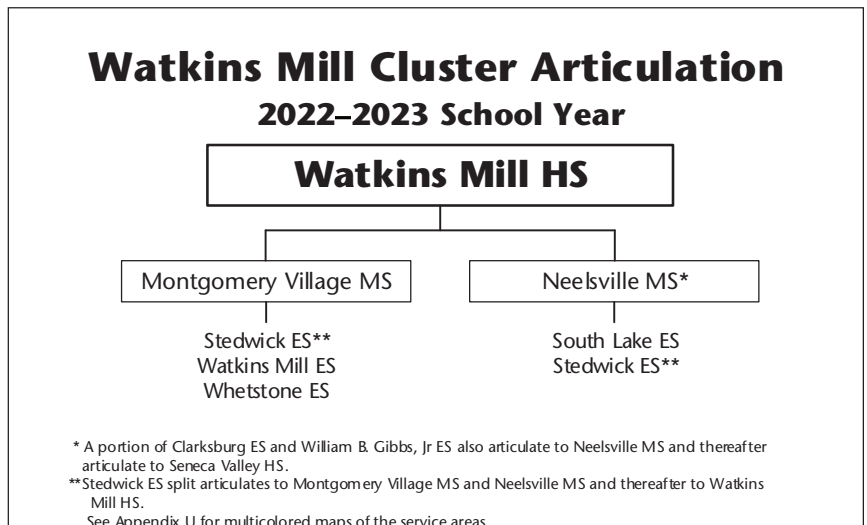
complete. A capacity study was approved to evaluate the elementary school space deficits in the cluster, as well as look to adjacent clusters to address the overutilization issues. The capacity study was conducted in summer 2021. Non-capital and/or capital solutions will be considered in a future CIP.

### Watkins Mill Elementary School

**Planning Study:** 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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**Planning Study:** This school has been approved for a feasibility study for a major capital project. The Key Facilities Indicators (KFI) is utilized to identify schools for possible major capital projects. The scope for the project will be identified based on the individual building system and programmatic and capacity needs for each school. Once the feasibility study is complete, a recommendation regarding scope, timeline and funding will be considered in a future CIP.

## 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 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.



**Whetstone Elementary School**

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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							
			22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26	26-27	27-28	28-29	2032	2037
Watkins Mill HS		Program Capacity	1742	1742	1742	1742	1742	1742	1742	1742	1742
		<b>Enrollment</b>	<b>1715</b>	<b>1704</b>	<b>1783</b>	<b>1775</b>	<b>1739</b>	<b>1768</b>	<b>1792</b>	<b>1800</b>	<b>1800</b>
		Available Space	27	38	(41)	(33)	3	(26)	(50)	(58)	(58)
		Comments									
Montgomery Village MS		Program Capacity	844	844	844	844	844	844	844	844	844
		<b>Enrollment</b>	<b>773</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>851</b>	<b>849</b>	<b>847</b>	<b>844</b>	<b>841</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>850</b>
		Available Space	71	35	(7)	(5)	(3)	0	3	(6)	(6)
		Comments									
Neelsville MS		Program Capacity	965	965	956	956	956	956	956	956	956
		<b>Enrollment</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>836</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>937</b>	<b>955</b>	<b>942</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>940</b>	<b>940</b>
		Available Space	150	129	52	19	1	14	27	16	16
		Comments			Maj. Cap. Project Complete						
South Lake ES	CSR	Program Capacity	694	796	796	796	796	796	796		
		<b>Enrollment</b>	<b>797</b>	<b>806</b>	<b>804</b>	<b>787</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>757</b>		
		Available Space	(103)	(10)	(8)	9	11	40	39		
		Comments		Maj. Cap. Project Complete							
Stedwick ES	CSR	Program Capacity	713	713	713	713	713	713	713		
		<b>Enrollment</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>497</b>		
		Available Space	212	193	207	226	222	216	216		
		Comments									
Watkins Mill ES	CSR	Program Capacity	732	732	732	732	732	732	732		
		<b>Enrollment</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>695</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>722</b>	<b>734</b>	<b>724</b>	<b>727</b>		
		Available Space	(3)	37	21	10	(2)	8	5		
		Comments									
Whetstone ES	CSR	Program Capacity	788	788	788	788	788	788	788		
		<b>Enrollment</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>731</b>	<b>716</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>710</b>		
		Available Space	73	80	59	57	72	70	78		
		Comments	See Text								
Cluster Information		HS Utilization	98%	98%	102%	102%	100%	101%	103%	103%	103%
		HS Enrollment	1715	1704	1783	1775	1739	1768	1792	1800	1800
		MS Utilization	88%	91%	98%	99%	100%	99%	98%	99%	99%
		MS Enrollment	1588	1645	1755	1786	1802	1786	1770	1790	1790
		ES Enrollment	2748	2729	2750	2727	2726	2695	2691		



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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
Watkins Mill HS	1989		305,288	51.0	Yes		HSWC
Montgomery Village MS	1968	2003	141,615	15.1			
Neelsville MS	1981		131,432	29.2			
South Lake ES	1972		83,038	10.2			LTL
Stedwick ES	1974		109,677	10.0			
Watkins Mill ES	1970		80,923	10.0	Yes	6	
Whetstone ES	1968		96,946	8.8	Yes	3	

*\*Relocatables on site to address overutilization*

