

# NORTHWEST CLUSTER

## CLUSTER PLANNING ISSUES

The Marc Rail Communities Plan was adopted in 2019. Clarksburg, Northwest, Poolesville, and Seneca Valley clusters serve the families within the plan area. It is anticipated that the plan will take 20–30 years to build-out. The pace of construction will be market driven. Additional information can be found at the following weblink: <https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/communities/upcounty/marc-rail-communities/>

**Planning Issue:** On March 19, 2024, the Board of Education approved the boundary study scope to determine the service area for the new Crown High School and the Expansion of Damascus High School. The scope of the boundary study includes the following high schools: Winston Churchill, Clarksburg, Damascus, Gaithersburg, Richard Montgomery, Northwest, Poolesville, Quince Orchard, Seneca Valley, Watkins Mill, and Thomas S. Wootton. The scope also includes the following middle schools: John T. Baker, Cabin John, Roberto W. Clemente, Forest Oak, Robert Frost, Gaithersburg, Herbert Hoover, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Kingsview, Lakelands Park, Montgomery Village, Neelsville, John Poole, Ridgeview Rocky Hill, Hallie Wells, and Julius West. No elementary schools are included in the boundary study.

As part of the adopted FY 2025–2030 CIP, the approved completion date for the new Crown High School is August 2027. Due to fiscal constraints, the County Council shifted expenditures for the Damascus High School Major Capital Project to the out-years of the adopted FY 2025–2030 CIP with a “to be determined” completion date. Information regarding this boundary study is available on the MCPS website at the following link: <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/crowndamascusboundarystudy/>.

## SCHOOLS

### Crown High School

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

**Capital Project:** Expenditures are programmed in the six-year period to open a new high school on the Crown Farm site to address overutilization in the mid-county region. Although an FY 2019 appropriation for planning was requested by the Board of Education for this new school, the County Council delayed the funds by one year. An FY 2020 appropriation was approved for planning to begin the architectural design for this project with a completion date of August 2025. However, as part of the FY 2021–2026 CIP, the County Council delayed the expenditures and completion date to August 2026. An FY 2023 appropriation was requested for construction cost increases and for construction funds. Due to fiscal constraints, the County Council, in the adopted FY2023–2028 CIP, delayed the completion date by one year, but approved the additional expenditures. An FY 2024

appropriation was approved for construction funds. Due to the continued effects of Covid-19 pandemic on construction cost increases, the budget for this project was insufficient to complete the construction scope as originally intended. Therefore, to move forward with the construction and remain on schedule, the Board of Education approved, as part of the FY2025–2030 CIP, a Phase II for this project which will include the construction of the auditorium. The build out of the shell, the outside structure, of the auditorium is part of the Phase I construction. Funding to construct the fit-out of the auditorium, Phase II, will be considered in the next CIP budget cycle. An FY 2025 appropriation was approved for the balance of funding. This new high school is scheduled to be completed August 2027.

### Northwest High School

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

### Roberto W. Clemente Middle School

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

### Kingsview Middle School

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

### Lakelands Park Middle School

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

## CAPITAL PROJECTS

School	Project	Project Status*	Date of Completion
Crown HS	New School	Approved	August 2027

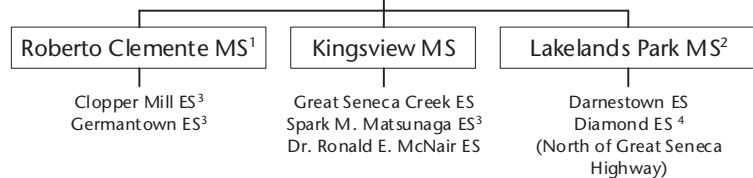
**Approved**—Project has an approved FY 2025 appropriation in the FY 2025–2020 CIP for planning or construction funds.

**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.

## Northwest Cluster Articulation 2023–2024 School Year

### Northwest HS



<sup>1</sup>S. Christa McAuliffe ES and a portion of Sally K. Ride ES also articulate to Roberto Clemente MS, but thereafter articulate to Seneca Valley HS.

<sup>2</sup>Brown Station ES and Rachel Carson ES also articulate to Lakelands Park MS but thereafter articulate to Quince Orchard HS.

<sup>3</sup>A portion of Clopper Mill ES, Germantown ES, and Spark M. Matsunaga also articulate to Seneca Valley HS.

<sup>4</sup>Diamond ES (south of Great Seneca Highway) also articulates to Ridgeview MS and Quince Orchard HS. See Appendix U for multicolored maps of the service areas.

# NORTHWEST CLUSTER

## Projected Enrollment and Space Availability

Effects of the Adopted FY 2025–2030 CIP and Non-Capital Actions

Schools		Actual 23-24	Projections							
			24-25	25-26	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30	2033	2038
Northwest HS	Program Capacity	2268	2268	2268	2268	2268	2268	2268	2268	2268
	Enrollment	2386	2385	2451	2488	2615	2631	2651	2785	2785
	Available Space	(118)	(117)	(183)	(220)	(347)	(363)	(383)	(517)	(517)
	Comments	See Text								
Crown HS	Program Capacity					2219	2219	2219	2219	2219
	Enrollment					0	0	0	0	0
	Available Space					2219	2219	2219	2219	2219
	Comments	See Text				Opens				
Roberto W. Clemente MS	Program Capacity	1198	1198	1198	1198	1198	1198	1198	1198	1198
	Enrollment	866	872	925	942	958	965	971	850	850
	Available Space	332	326	273	256	240	233	227	348	348
	Comments	See Text								
Kingsview MS	Program Capacity	1033	1033	1033	1033	1033	1033	1033	1033	1033
	Enrollment	922	911	880	897	913	919	924	900	900
	Available Space	111	122	153	136	120	114	109	133	133
	Comments	See Text								
Lakelands Park MS	Program Capacity	1154	1154	1154	1154	1154	1154	1154	1154	1154
	Enrollment	1014	998	1023	1041	1060	1068	1074	1080	1080
	Available Space	140	156	131	113	94	86	80	74	74
	Comments	See Text								
Clopper Mill ES	Program Capacity	498	498	498	498	498	498	498		
	Enrollment	460	441	455	442	440	443	444		
	Available Space	38	57	43	56	58	55	54		
	Comments									
Darnestown ES	Program Capacity	413	413	413	413	413	413	413		
	Enrollment	354	378	396	408	426	429	426		
	Available Space	59	35	17	5	(13)	(16)	(13)		
	Comments									
Diamond ES	Program Capacity	680	680	680	680	680	680	680		
	Enrollment	653	649	619	602	607	620	621		
	Available Space	27	31	61	78	73	60	59		
	Comments									
Germantown ES	Program Capacity	279	279	279	279	279	279	279		
	Enrollment	318	299	304	328	318	316	315		
	Available Space	(39)	(20)	(25)	(49)	(39)	(37)	(36)		
	Comments									
Great Seneca Creek ES	Program Capacity	581	581	581	581	581	581	581		
	Enrollment	510	507	514	518	517	512	521		
	Available Space	71	74	67	63	64	69	60		
	Comments									
Spark M. Matsunaga ES	Program Capacity	601	601	601	601	601	601	601		
	Enrollment	569	549	536	534	529	532	534		
	Available Space	32	52	65	67	72	69	67		
	Comments									
Dr. Ronald E. McNair ES	Program Capacity	797	797	797	797	797	797	797		
	Enrollment	707	686	663	661	647	655	656		
	Available Space	90	111	134	136	150	142	141		
	Comments	Addition Complete								
Cluster Information	HS Utilization	105%	105%	108%	110%	115%	116%	117%	123%	123%
	HS Enrollment	2386	2385	2451	2488	2615	2631	2651	2785	2785
	MS Utilization	83%	82%	84%	85%	87%	87%	88%	84%	84%
	MS Enrollment	2802	2781	2828	2880	2931	2952	2969	2830	2830
	ES Utilization	93%	91%	91%	91%	91%	91%	91%		
	ES Enrollment	3571	3509	3487	3493	3484	3507	3517		

## NORTHWEST CLUSTER

### Demographic Characteristics of Schools

Schools	2023-2024								2022-2023
	Total Enrollment	Two or more races %	Black or Afr. Amer. %	Asian%	Hispanic %	White %	FARMS%*	ELD%**	Mobility Rate%***
Northwest HS	2386	5.5%	26.2%	20.5%	26.2%	21.5%	34.2%	9.3%	9.0%
Roberto W. Clemente MS	866	4.4%	32.3%	15.8%	35.8%	11.4%	51.0%	16.6%	12.6%
Kingsview MS	922	6.9%	25.2%	27.7%	21.0%	19.2%	31.6%	10.1%	8.1%
Lakelands Park MS	1014	5.7%	14.4%	19.6%	27.2%	32.9%	30.2%	12.6%	13.7%
Clopper Mill ES	460	3.5%	33.9%	7.8%	47.2%	7.0%	62.2%	25.9%	24.5%
Darnestown ES	354	6.8%	10.5%	12.1%	14.1%	55.9%	17.5%	12.1%	10.0%
Diamond ES	653	4.7%	8.9%	47.2%	12.9%	24.8%	12.7%	18.8%	26.0%
Germantown ES	318	4.4%	33.0%	19.5%	29.2%	13.5%	50.3%	17.0%	15.6%
Great Seneca Creek ES	510	7.3%	30.8%	12.4%	33.1%	15.7%	49.0%	23.9%	18.5%
Spark M. Matsunaga ES	569	8.8%	22.0%	37.3%	14.2%	17.2%	27.1%	12.7%	18.5%
Dr. Ronald E. McNair ES	707	7.9%	26.7%	28.4%	18.2%	18.2%	33.9%	12.9%	10.7%
<b>Elementary Cluster Total</b>	<b>3571</b>	<b>6.4%</b>	<b>23.2%</b>	<b>25.9%</b>	<b>23.0%</b>	<b>20.8%</b>	<b>34.6%</b>	<b>17.5%</b>	<b>18.0%</b>
<b>Elementary County Total</b>	<b>72103</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>21.4%</b>	<b>13.2%</b>	<b>36.1%</b>	<b>23.4%</b>	<b>40.3%</b>	<b>25.5%</b>	<b>17.5%</b>

\*Percent of students approved for Free and Reduced-priced Meals Program (FARMS) during the 2023–2024 school year.  
 \*\*Percent of English Language Development students (ELD) during the 2023–2024 school year. High School students are served in regional ELD centers.  
 \*\*\*Mobility Rate is the number of entries plus withdrawals during the 2022–2023 school year compared to average daily 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 2023–2024)

Schools	Special Education Services																																					
	Grades Served			Capacity (HS @90% MS@85%)		Quad Cluster Based															County & Regional Based																	
						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	ELD @15	MEETS @15	OTHER	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				
Northwest HS	9-12	2268	104	98																																		
Roberto W. Clemente MS	6-8	1199	60	54																																		
Kingsview MS	6-8	1033	49	48																																		
Lakelands Park MS	6-8	1154	57	53																																		
Clopper Mill ES	HS-5	498	29	5	8	9	1	1	1	4																												
Darnestown ES	K-5	413	25	3	13						2						7																					
Diamond ES	K-5	680	35	3	24						5																											
Germantown ES	K-5	279	22	4	3	5					3																										1	2
Great Seneca Creek ES	K-5	581	34	4	13	9					5																											
Spark M. Matsunaga ES	K-5	601	34	3	21						4						1																					
Dr. Ronald E. McNair ES	PreK-5	797	38	3	29	1					5																											

## NORTHWEST CLUSTER

### Facility Characteristics of Schools 2023–2024

Schools	Year Facility Opened	Year Reopened/ Revitalized/ Maj. Cap. Proj.	Total Square Footage	Site Size Acres	Adjacent Park	Relocatable Classrooms*	County Programs
Northwest HS	1998		342,101	34.56	Yes	11	
Roberto W. Clemente MS	1992		148,246	19.87			
Kingsview MS	1997		140,398	18.45	Yes		
Lakelands Park MS	2005		153,588	8.11	Yes		
Clopper Mill ES	1986		64,851	9	Yes	6	
Darnestown ES	1954	1980	64,840	7.2			
Diamond ES	1975		85,404	10	Yes	2	
Germantown ES	1935	1978	57,668	7.75		3	
Great Seneca Creek ES	2006		82,511	13.71			
Spark M. Matsunaga ES	2001		90,718	11.8			
Dr. Ronald E. McNair ES	1990		90,975	10	Yes	7	

\*See Appendix H for relocatable use.

\*\* Spark M. Matsunaga ES is colocated with Longview School