

# BETHESDA-CHEVY CHASE CLUSTER

## CLUSTER PLANNING ISSUES

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Cluster includes four adopted Sector Plans—Bethesda Downtown, adopted 2017; Chevy Chase Lake, adopted 2013; Greater Lyttonsville, adopted 2017; and Westbard, adopted 2016. A brief description of each is below. As with many sector plans in the county, build-out requires the redevelopment of many existing land uses in the area. The pace of construction will be market driven.

- The Bethesda Downtown Sector Plan will provide additional multi-family residential units in downtown Bethesda and require a larger percentage (15%) of affordable units in new developments. There are currently seven approved residential or mixed-use developments in the pipeline which include 4,853 mainly high-rise dwelling units. Additional information can be found at the following weblink: <https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/communities/downcounty/bethesda-downtown-plan/>.
- The Chevy Chase Lake Sector Plan includes up to 1,400 mostly multi-family residential units. Additional information can be found at the following weblink: <https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/communities/downcounty/chevy-chase-lake/>.
- The Greater Lyttonsville Plan includes up to 3,749 new multifamily high-rise housing units and 132 townhouse units. Additional information can be found at the following weblink: <https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/communities/downcounty/greater-lyttonsville/>.
- The Westbard Sector Plan could yield approximately 516 multifamily high-rise, 487 multifamily mid-rise, and 135 townhouse units. Additional information can be found at the following weblink: [https://montgomeryplanning.org/community/westbard/documents/westbard\\_for\\_web9.1.pdf](https://montgomeryplanning.org/community/westbard/documents/westbard_for_web9.1.pdf).

**Planning Study:** A study was approved in November 2017, to explore all possible solutions to add elementary capacity in the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Cluster. In the Walter Johnson Cluster, a Site Selection Committee held in spring 2018, identified possible sites for a new elementary school. However, the projected space deficits at the elementary school level in the Walter Johnson Cluster were not sufficient to recommend a new elementary school for the cluster at that time. Given that the adopted CIP in November 2018, included a capacity study for the elementary schools in the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Cluster, the Board of Education approved expanding the capacity study to explore possible solutions that would include the elementary schools in both the Bethesda-Chevy Chase and Walter Johnson clusters. The Board of Education also included a joint site selection process for the two clusters conducted in summer 2019. The adopted FY 2023–2028 CIP included planning funds in the out-years for this new elementary school with a TBD completion date. An FY 2025 appropriation was requested for planning funds, however, due to fiscal constraints, the County Council shifted those expenditures to

the out-years of the adopted FY 2025–2030 CIP. Once planning is complete, construction funds, along with a completion date, will be considered in a future CIP.

**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.

As part of the adopted FY 2025–2030 CIP, the completion date for the Northwood High School project was delayed one-year due to an extension of the construction timeline. As a result of Northwood High School remaining at Charles W. Woodward High School, its holding facility, for one additional year, the completion date for the reopening of Charles W. Woodward High School is August 2027. On March 19, 2024, the Board of Education adopted a revised timeline for the boundary study. Information regarding this boundary study is available on the MCPS website at the following link: [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/woodwardhsboundarystudy/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/woodwardhsboundarystudy/)

## SCHOOLS

### Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School

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

### Charles W. Woodward High School

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

**Capital Project:** To address the urgent space needs at Walter Johnson High School and the Downcounty Consortium

## B-CC Cluster Articulation

### 2024–2025 School Year

#### Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS

##### Silver Creek MS

Chevy Chase ES  
North Chevy Chase ES  
Rock Creek Forest ES\*  
Rosemary Hills ES

##### Westland MS

Bethesda ES  
Rock Creek Forest ES\*\*  
Somerset ES  
Westbrook ES

\* non-Spanish Immersion

\*\* Spanish Immersion

See Appendix V for multicolored maps of the service areas.

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high schools, an FY 2021 appropriation for construction was approved for the reopening of Charles W. Woodward High 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. 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 FY 2023-2028 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 was August 2026. An FY 2024 appropriation was approved for construction cost increases. As part of the Board of Education's approved FY 2025–2030 CIP, the construction schedule for the Northwood High School project was extended one year, with a completion date of August 2027. Since Charles W. Woodward High School is the holding facility for Northwood High School, the completion date for the reopening of Charles W. Woodward High School is August 2027. 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 FY 2025–2030 CIP, a Phase III for this project that will include the construction of the auditorium. An FY 2026 appropriation and amendment to the FY 2025–2030 CIP was approved to complete Phase III, the interior fit-out of the auditorium and other associated spaces, and keep the completion date of August 2027.

### Silver Creek Middle School

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

### Westland Middle School

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

### Bethesda Elementary School

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

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

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

**Capital Project:** Projections indicate that enrollment will exceed capacity for some of the elementary schools in these two clusters. An FY 2025 appropriation was requested for planning funds, however, due to fiscal constraints, the County Council shifted those expenditures to the out-years of the adopted FY 2025–2030 CIP. Once planning is complete, construction funds, along with a completion date, will be considered in a future CIP.

### Chevy Chase Elementary School

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

### North Chevy Chase Elementary School

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

### Rock Creek Forest Elementary School

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

### Rosemary Hills Elementary School

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

### Somerset Elementary School

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

### Westbrook Elementary School

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

## CAPITAL PROJECTS

School	Project	Project Status*	Date of Completion
Charles W. Woodward HS	Reopening	Approved	August 2024/2027
Bethesda-Chevy Chase/Walter Johnson Cluster ES	New School	Programmed	TBD

**Approved**—Project has an approved FY 2026 appropriation in the FY 2025–2030 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 2025–2030 Amended CIP and Non-Capital Actions

Schools			Official	Projections							
			24-25	25-26	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30	30-31	2034	2039
Bethesda–Chevy Chase HS		Program Capacity	2475	2475	2475	2475	2475	2475	2475	2475	2475
		Enrollment	2377	2384	2420	2389	2417	2429	2463	2475	2475
		Available Space	98	91	55	86	58	46	12	0	0
		Comments	See Text								
Charles W. Woodward HS		Program Capacity				2249	2249	2249	2249	2249	2249
		Enrollment				0	0	0	0	0	0
		Available Space				2249	2249	2249	2249	2249	2249
		Comments	See Text			Opens					
Silver Creek MS		Program Capacity	915	915	915	915	915	915	915	915	915
		Enrollment	751	760	757	773	776	776	762	765	765
		Available Space	164	155	158	142	139	139	153	150	150
		Comments	See Text								
Westland MS		Program Capacity	1064	1064	1064	1064	1064	1064	1064	1064	1064
		Enrollment	839	824	831	851	854	855	840	850	850
		Available Space	225	240	233	213	210	209	224	214	214
		Comments	See Text								
Bethesda ES Grades (K–5)		Program Capacity	560	560	560	560	560	560	560		
		Enrollment	645	653	637	623	667	642	631		
		Available Space	(85)	(93)	(77)	(63)	(107)	(82)	(71)		
		Comments	See Text								
Chevy Chase ES Grades (3–5) Paired With Rosemary Hills ES		Program Capacity	483	483	483	483	483	483	483		
		Enrollment	434	451	467	481	485	488	471		
		Available Space	49	32	16	2	(2)	(5)	12		
		Comments	See Text								
North Chevy Chase ES Grades (3–5) Paired With Rosemary Hills ES		Program Capacity	391	391	391	391	391	391	391		
		Enrollment	237	236	251	258	261	263	250		
		Available Space	154	155	140	133	130	128	141		
		Comments	See Text								
Rock Creek Forest ES		Program Capacity	771	771	771	771	771	771	771		
		Enrollment	690	696	684	691	696	687	681		
		Available Space	81	75	87	80	75	84	90		
		Comments	See Text								
Rosemary Hills ES Grades (pre-K–2) Paired With Chevy Chase ES North Chevy Chase ES		Program Capacity	650	650	650	650	650	650	650		
		Enrollment	499	479	471	480	485	486	487		
		Available Space	151	171	179	170	165	164	163		
		Comments	See Text								
Somerset ES		Program Capacity	550	550	550	550	550	550	550		
		Enrollment	314	310	325	336	337	336	340		
		Available Space	236	240	225	214	213	214	210		
		Comments	See Text								
Westbrook ES		Program Capacity	648	648	648	648	648	648	648		
		Enrollment	468	441	428	420	405	404	415		
		Available Space	180	207	220	228	243	244	233		
		Comments	See Text								
Cluster Information		HS Utilization	96%	96%	98%	97%	98%	98%	100%	100%	100%
		HS Enrollment	2377	2384	2420	2389	2417	2429	2463	2475	2475
		MS Utilization	80%	80%	80%	82%	82%	82%	81%	82%	82%
		MS Enrollment	1590	1584	1588	1624	1630	1631	1602	1615	1615
		ES Utilization	81%	81%	81%	81%	82%	82%	81%		
		ES Enrollment	3287	3266	3263	3289	3336	3306	3275		

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### Demographic Characteristics of Schools

Schools	2024-2025								2023-2024
	Total Enrollment	Two or more races %	Black or Afr. Amer. %	Asian%	Hispanic %	White %	FARMS%*	ELD%**	Mobility Rate%***
Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS	2377	5.9%	18.4%	6.9%	21.4%	47.0%	23.9%	10.7%	10.1%
Silver Creek MS	751	6.9%	27.2%	7.7%	17.4%	40.7%	32.6%	12.5%	10.1%
Westland MS	839	7.2%	12.5%	11.8%	19.1%	49.1%	17.5%	9.4%	11.0%
Bethesda ES	645	8.8%	17.5%	22.8%	15.3%	35.5%	25.3%	22.6%	25.8%
Chevy Chase ES	434	6.5%	27.6%	9.2%	13.4%	43.1%	34.8%	13.8%	10.8%
North Chevy Chase ES	237	6.3%	22.4%	7.6%	16.9%	46.8%	20.7%	8.4%	10.3%
Rock Creek Forest ES	690	5.1%	20.7%	6.2%	38.8%	28.6%	33.2%	18.8%	10.5%
Rosemary Hills ES	499	5.0%	30.7%	5.2%	17.8%	40.3%	40.5%	14.2%	16.0%
Somerset ES	314	9.9%	12.1%	12.4%	17.2%	48.4%	20.1%	14.6%	10.0%
Westbrook ES	468	7.5%	5.8%	10.9%	15.6%	60.0%	13.0%	11.8%	8.4%
<b>Elementary Cluster Total</b>	<b>3287</b>	<b>6.9%</b>	<b>19.7%</b>	<b>11.1%</b>	<b>20.7%</b>	<b>41.3%</b>	<b>27.9%</b>	<b>16.1%</b>	<b>11.4%</b>
<b>Elementary County Total</b>	<b>71259</b>	<b>5.7%</b>	<b>21.2%</b>	<b>13.0%</b>	<b>36.6%</b>	<b>23.2%</b>	<b>41.8%</b>	<b>25.8%</b>	<b>16.2%</b>

\*Percent of students approved for Free and Reduced-priced Meals Program (FARMS) during the 2024–2025 school year.

\*\*Percent of English Language Development students (ELD) during the 2024–2025 school year. High School students are served in regional ELD centers.

\*\*\*Mobility Rate is the number of entries plus withdrawals during the 2023–2024 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 2024–2025)

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**Facility Characteristics of Schools 2024–2025**

Schools	Year Facility Opened	Year Reopened/ Revitalized/ Maj. Cap. Proj.	Total Square Footage	Site Size Acres	Adjacent Park	Relocatable Classrooms*	County Programs
Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS	1934	2001	392,833	16.36			
Silver Creek MS	2017		174,743	13.3			
Westland MS	1951	1997	146,006	25.1			
Bethesda ES	1952	1999	75,421	7.93		4	
Chevy Chase ES	1936	2000	70,976	3.78			
North Chevy Chase ES	1953	1995	65,982	7.9			
Rock Creek Forest ES	1950	2015	98,140	7.96			
Rosemary Hills ES	1956	1988	87,298	6.07			
Somerset ES	1949	2005	80,122	3.7			
Westbrook ES	1939	1990	91,359	12.46	Yes		

\*See Appendix H for relocatable use.