

GAITHERSBURG CLUSTER

CLUSTER PLANNING ISSUES

Planning Issue: There are three Master Plans—The Great Seneca Science Corridor Minor Master Plan, The Shady Grove Minor Master Plan Amendment, and The Montgomery Village Master Plan—that involve portions of the Gaithersburg Cluster. It is anticipated that these plans will take 20–30 years to build-out, with the pace of construction being market driven. In addition, there are approximately 2,800 units in the development pipeline approved, but unbuilt, within the cluster. Of the 2,800 units, approximately 2,260 are multifamily and 540 are single family units. Additional information on each of the plans can be found at the following weblinks:

The Great Seneca Science Corridor Minor Master Plan—<https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/communities/midcounty/great-seneca-science-corridor/>

The Shady Grove Minor Master Plan Amendment—<https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/communities/midcounty/shady-grove/>

The Montgomery Village Master Plan—<https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/communities/midcounty/montgomery-village/>

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 the 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: www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/crowndamascusboundarystudy/

SCHOOLS

Crown 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 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 is 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.

Gaithersburg High School

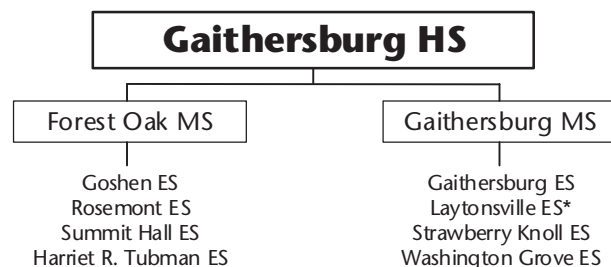
Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Forest Oak Middle School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Gaithersburg Cluster Articulation

2024–2025 School Year



* A portion of Laytonville ES also articulates to John T. Baker MS and then Damascus HS. See Appendix V for multicolored maps of the service areas.

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Gaithersburg Middle School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Planning Study: This school was approved for a feasibility study for a major capital project. The Key Facilities Indicators (KFI) were 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
Crown HS	New School	Approved	August 2027

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							2034	2039
			24-25	25-26	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30	30-31			
Gaithersburg HS		Program Capacity	2444	2444	2444	2444	2444	2444	2444	2444	2444	
		Enrollment	2441	2461	2444	2440	2488	2505	2546	2575	2575	
		Available Space	3	(17)	0	4	(44)	(61)	(102)	(131)	(131)	
		Comments	See Text									
Crown HS		Program Capacity				2219	2219	2219	2219	2219	2219	
		Enrollment				0	0	0	0	0	0	
		Available Space				2219	2219	2219	2219	2219	2219	
		Comments	See Text			Opens						
Forest Oak MS		Program Capacity	971	971	971	971	971	971	971	971	971	
		Enrollment	828	829	844	866	869	869	854	870	870	
		Available Space	143	142	127	105	102	102	117	101	101	
		Comments	See Text									
Gaithersburg MS		Program Capacity	1028	1028	1028	1028	1028	1028	1028	1028	1028	
		Enrollment	869	877	869	891	893	894	877	900	900	
		Available Space	159	151	159	137	135	134	151	128	128	
		Comments	See Text									
Gaithersburg ES	CSR	Program Capacity	770	770	770	770	770	770	770			
		Enrollment	603	588	563	533	513	515	523			
		Available Space	167	182	207	237	257	255	247			
		Comments										
Goshen ES	CSR	Program Capacity	609	609	609	609	609	609	609			
		Enrollment	494	494	475	472	469	456	465			
		Available Space	115	115	134	137	140	153	144			
		Comments										
Laytonsville ES		Program Capacity	497	497	497	497	497	497	497			
		Enrollment	355	350	342	338	340	337	343			
		Available Space	142	147	155	159	157	160	154			
		Comments										
Rosemont ES	CSR	Program Capacity	577	577	577	577	577	577	577			
		Enrollment	564	567	539	514	515	518	518			
		Available Space	13	10	38	63	62	59	59			
		Comments										
Strawberry Knoll ES	CSR	Program Capacity	482	482	482	482	482	482	482			
		Enrollment	448	454	422	397	392	400	403			
		Available Space	34	28	60	85	90	82	79			
		Comments										
Summit Hall ES	CSR	Program Capacity	442	442	442	442	442	442	442			
		Enrollment	413	398	389	369	370	369	369			
		Available Space	29	44	53	73	72	73	73			
		Comments										
Harriet R. Tubman ES	CSR	Program Capacity	633	633	633	633	633	633	633			
		Enrollment	571	593	611	601	593	584	592			
		Available Space	62	40	22	32	40	49	41			
		Comments										
Washington Grove ES	CSR	Program Capacity	550	550	550	550	550	550	550			
		Enrollment	480	490	508	509	512	508	500			
		Available Space	70	60	42	41	38	42	50			
		Comments										
Cluster Information		HS Utilization	100%	101%	100%	100%	102%	102%	104%	105%	105%	
		HS Enrollment	2441	2461	2444	2440	2488	2505	2546	2575	2575	
		MS Utilization	85%	85%	86%	88%	88%	88%	87%	89%	89%	
		MS Enrollment	1697	1706	1713	1757	1762	1763	1731	1770	1770	
		ES Utilization	85%	86%	71%	69%	68%	68%	68%			
		ES Enrollment	3357	3934	3238	3132	3704	3687	3713			

Demographic Characteristics of Schools

Due to federal and state guidelines, demographic characteristics of schools of less than or equal to 5 students per category are reported as 0%.

(School Year 2024–2025)

Schools

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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
Gaithersburg HS	1951	2013	427,048	40.97	Yes		HSWC
Forest Oak MS	1999		132,259	41.2			LTL
Gaithersburg MS	1960	1988	157,694	22.82			LTL
Gaithersburg ES	1947	1983	94,468	8.39		4	SBHC
Goshen ES	1988		76,740	10.48			
Laytonsville ES	1951	1989	64,160	10.4			
Rosemont ES	1965	1995	88,764	8.9		4	LTL
Strawberry Knoll ES	1988		78,723	10.8	Yes	2	
Summit Hall ES	1971		68,059	10.17	Yes	17	SBHC
Harriet R. Tubman ES	2022		99,893	5.72	Yes		LTL
Washington Grove ES	1956	1984	86,266	10.66			LTL

*See Appendix H for relocatable use.