## **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.

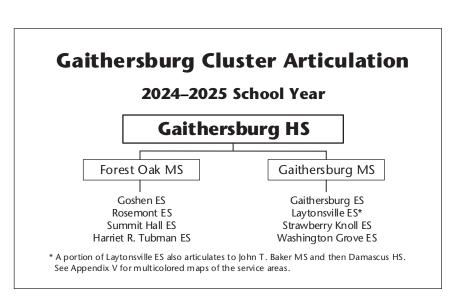
Capital Project: To address the urgent space needs at Walter Johnson High School and the Downcounty Consortium high schools, an FY 2021 appropriation for construction was approved for the reopening of Charles W. Woodward High School. The Board of Education approved that Charles W. Woodward High School 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 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			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.

**Projected Enrollment and Space Availability**Effects of the Adopted FY 2025–2030 Amended CIP and Non-Capital Actions

			Official				Proje	ctions			
Schools			24-25	25-26	26-27	27-28	28-29	ctions 29-30	30-31	2034	2039
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								
			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					
			See Text			Opens					
Forest Oak MS	i	Program Capacity	971	971	971	971	971	971	971	971	971
		Enrollment	828	829	844	866	869	869	854	870	870
		Available Space Comments	143	142	127	105	102	102	117	101	101
		Comments	See Text								
			Sec 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 Comments	159	151	159	137	135	134	151	128	128
		Comments	See Text								
			Jee Text								
Gaithersburg ES	CSR		770	770	770	770	770	770	770		
		Enrollment	603	588	563	533	513	515	523		
		Available Space Comments	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		482	482	482	482	482	482	482		
		Enrollment	448	454	422	397	392	400	403		
		Available Space Comments	34	28	60	85	90	82	79		
		Comments									
Summit Hall ES	CSR	Program Capacity	442	442	442	442	442	442	442		
		Enrollment	<b>413</b> 29	<b>398</b> 44	389 53	369	<b>370</b> 72	369	<b>369</b> 73		
		Available Space Comments	29	44	33	73	/2	73	/3		
		Comments									
Harriet R. Tubman ES	CSR	Program Capacity	633	633	633	633	633	633	633		
		Enrollment Available Space	<b>571</b> 62	<b>593</b> 40	611 22	601 32	<b>593</b> 40	<b>584</b> 49	<b>592</b> 41		
		Comments	02	10		32	10	- '	,,		
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Washington Grove ES	CSR	Program Capacity Enrollment	550 <b>480</b>	550 <b>490</b>	550 <b>508</b>	550 <b>509</b>	550 <b>512</b>	550 <b>508</b>	550 <b>500</b>		
		Available Space	70	60	42	41	38	42	500		
		Comments	1				30		30		
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Cluster Information		HS Utilization HS Enrollment	100% 2441	101% 2461	100% 2444	100% 2440	102% 2488	102% 2505	104% 2546	105% 2575	105% 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%		
	1	ES Enrollment	3357	3934	3238	3132	3704	3687	3713		

# **Demographic Characteristics of Schools**

				2024-2	2025				2023-2024
	Total	Two or more	Black or						Mobility
Schools	Enrollment	races %	Afr. Amer. %	Asian%	Hispanic %	White %	FARMS%*	ELD%**	Rate%***
Gaithersburg HS	2441	2.9%	19.9%	5.9%	62.6%	8.5%	55.7%	32.7%	23.0%
Forest Oak MS	828	2.1%	23.7%	5.2%	62.0%	7.0%	58.3%	29.6%	19.7%
Gaithersburg MS	869	5.5%	21.4%	6.9%	58.0%	8.1%	63.2%	30.5%	22.8%
Gaithersburg ES	603	3.6%	15.8%	3.0%	75.6%	1.7%	67.5%	64.2%	38.1%
Goshen ES	494	3.8%	24.3%	8.9%	52.6%	10.1%	55.9%	25.3%	17.8%
Laytonsville ES	355	7.0%	16.3%	7.6%	39.4%	29.3%	34.4%	17.2%	14.1%
Rosemont ES	564	6.0%	29.4%	8.2%	48.2%	7.4%	59.0%	39.2%	33.1%
Strawberry Knoll ES	448	4.9%	23.4%	10.5%	48.9%	12.1%	57.8%	19.9%	17.5%
Summit Hall ES	413	2.2%	19.4%	3.9%	72.6%	1.9%	67.6%	41.9%	36.4%
Harriet R. Tubman ES	571	3.7%	19.1%	4.2%	68.5%	4.4%	61.6%	46.2%	33.3%
Washington Grove ES	480	3.5%	21.9%	5.8%	57.5%	10.8%	52.7%	31.0%	36.0%
Elementary Cluster Total	3928	4.3%	21.3%	6.4%	58.9%	8.8%	58.1%	37.4%	21.7%
Elementary County Total	71259	5.7%	21.2%	13.0%	36.6%	23.2%	41.8%	25.8%	16.2%

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

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%.

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Schools	Grades Served	Capacity (HS @90% MS@85%)	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	METS @15	OTHER	ELC @10	LANG @12	LFI @10	SCB @6	AAC@7	AUT @6	BRIDGE @10	DHOH @7	SESES @10	EXTENSIONS @6	2e @13	PD @7	PEP@6	PEP @12	PEP @18	VISION (Elementary) @7
Gaithersburg HS	9-12	2444	122		99								4	2		П		5	5			7								П	
Forest Oak MS	6-8	971	48		44								2						2												
Gaithersburg MS	6-8	1029	52		45								2	1								4									
Gaithersburg ES	PreK-5	770	44	5		16	12	1	1		6										3										
Goshen ES	K-5	609	34	4		15	9				5						1														
Laytonsville ES	K-5	497	27	3		17						4							3												
Rosemont ES	PreK-5	577	36	5		13	8	1			5										4										
Strawberry Knoll ES	HS-5	482	32	5		8	7	1		1	3										2							1	2	2	
Summit Hall ES	HS-5	442	28	5		6	7	4		1	3																		2		
Harriet R. Tubman ES	PreK-5	633	39	5		11	12	1			6										2							1		1	
Washington Grove ES	HS-5	550	34	5		10	7	2		2	4																	2	1	1	

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

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Mobility Rate is the number of entries plus withdrawals during the 2023–2024 school year compared to total enrollment.

# 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

<sup>\*</sup>See Appendix H for relocatable use.