

# 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: [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/crowndamascusboundarystudy/](http://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 FY 2023–2028 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 FY 2025–2030 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. An FY 2025 appropriation was approved for the balance of funding and to build out the outside structure of the auditorium. An FY 2026 appropriation and amendment to the FY 2025–2030 CIP was approved to complete Phase II, the interior fit-out of the auditorium, teaching spaces, and upgrade site amenities. 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 2026 appropriation in the FY 2025–2030 CIP for planning or construction funds.

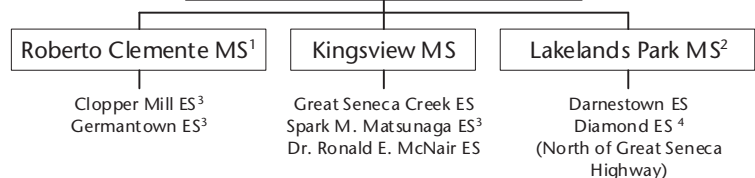
**Programmed**—Project has expenditures programmed in a future year of the CIP for planning and/or construction funds.

**Proposed**—Project has facility planning funds approved for a feasibility study.

## Northwest Cluster Articulation

### 2024–2025 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 V for multicolored maps of the service areas.

# NORTHWEST CLUSTER

## 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
Northwest HS		Program Capacity	2268	2268	2268	2268	2268	2268	2268	2268	2268
		Enrollment	2300	2277	2213	2254	2269	2282	2314	2350	2350
		Available Space	(32)	(9)	55	14	(1)	(14)	(46)	(82)	(82)
		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					
Roberto W. Clemente MS		Program Capacity	1182	1182	1182	1182	1182	1182	1182	1182	1182
		Enrollment	888	947	980	989	991	993	974	980	980
		Available Space	294	235	202	193	191	189	208	202	202
		Comments	See Text								
Kingsview MS		Program Capacity	1033	1033	1033	1033	1033	1033	1033	1033	1033
		Enrollment	908	884	903	927	929	930	913	920	920
		Available Space	125	149	130	106	104	103	120	113	113
		Comments	See Text								
Lakelands Park MS		Program Capacity	1154	1154	1154	1154	1154	1154	1154	1154	1154
		Enrollment	993	997	999	1012	1015	1015	996	1000	1000
		Available Space	161	157	155	142	139	139	158	154	154
		Comments	See Text								
Clopper Mill ES	CSR	Program Capacity	498	498	498	498	498	498	498		
		Enrollment	458	487	473	467	472	465	459		
		Available Space	40	11	25	31	26	33	39		
		Comments									
Darnestown ES		Program Capacity	412	412	412	412	412	412	412		
		Enrollment	356	361	367	375	381	382	383		
		Available Space	56	51	45	37	31	30	29		
		Comments									
Diamond ES		Program Capacity	664	664	664	664	664	664	664		
		Enrollment	654	637	613	611	612	612	602		
		Available Space	10	27	51	53	52	52	62		
		Comments									
Germantown ES	CSR	Program Capacity	279	279	279	279	279	279	279		
		Enrollment	314	318	318	304	307	307	301		
		Available Space	(35)	(39)	(39)	(25)	(28)	(28)	(22)		
		Comments									
Great Seneca Creek ES	CSR	Program Capacity	586	586	586	586	586	586	586		
		Enrollment	487	478	475	469	457	458	459		
		Available Space	99	108	111	117	129	128	127		
		Comments									
Spark M. Matsunaga ES		Program Capacity	602	602	602	602	602	602	602		
		Enrollment	530	517	512	502	494	490	498		
		Available Space	72	85	90	100	108	112	104		
		Comments									
Dr. Ronald E. McNair ES		Program Capacity	797	797	797	797	797	797	797		
		Enrollment	673	654	652	632	640	634	635		
		Available Space	124	143	145	165	157	163	162		
		Comments									
Cluster Information		HS Utilization	101%	100%	98%	99%	100%	101%	102%	104%	104%
		HS Enrollment	2300	2277	2213	2254	2269	2282	2314	2350	2350
		MS Utilization	83%	84%	86%	87%	87%	87%	86%	86%	86%
		MS Enrollment	2789	2828	2882	2928	2935	2938	2883	2900	2900
		ES Utilization	90%	90%	89%	88%	88%	87%	87%		
		ES Enrollment	3472	3452	3410	3360	3363	3348	3337		

# NORTHWEST CLUSTER

## 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%***
Northwest HS	2300	5.7%	26.2%	20.5%	26.2%	21.2%	36.1%	10.4%	9.9%
Roberto W. Clemente MS	888	5.1%	31.3%	16.2%	36.0%	10.9%	55.0%	15.5%	14.0%
Kingsview MS	908	5.8%	26.8%	26.8%	22.7%	17.8%	35.6%	10.6%	8.2%
Lakelands Park MS	993	5.8%	13.4%	18.9%	28.5%	33.2%	34.0%	15.0%	13.5%
Clopper Mill ES	458	3.1%	30.6%	8.1%	50.9%	7.0%	60.9%	27.7%	32.2%
Darnestown ES	356	8.7%	9.6%	14.9%	14.6%	51.4%	17.7%	10.4%	15.0%
Diamond ES	654	5.5%	9.2%	44.6%	13.9%	25.1%	12.4%	18.8%	31.3%
Germantown ES	314	4.5%	35.7%	19.7%	26.4%	13.1%	52.2%	16.6%	29.9%
Great Seneca Creek ES	487	8.0%	30.2%	11.1%	33.1%	16.8%	54.2%	24.8%	22.7%
Spark M. Matsunaga ES	530	8.9%	22.1%	37.2%	15.5%	16.2%	28.7%	13.4%	22.8%
Dr. Ronald E. McNair ES	673	7.9%	25.6%	28.2%	19.9%	18.1%	33.6%	12.6%	15.3%
<b>Elementary Cluster Total</b>	<b>3472</b>	<b>6.7%</b>	<b>22.5%</b>	<b>25.5%</b>	<b>24.1%</b>	<b>20.4%</b>	<b>35.4%</b>	<b>17.7%</b>	<b>19.4%</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)

Program Capacity Table (School Year 2024–2025)															Special Education Services																	
															Quad Cluster Based	County & Regional Based																
																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
Schools	Northwest HS	9-12	2268	104		98							2												4							
	Roberto W. Clemente MS	6-8	1182	60		53							1					2			3					1						
	Kingsview MS	6-8	1033	49		48							1																			
	Lakelands Park MS	6-8	1154	57		53							1					1							2							
	Clopper Mill ES	HS-5	498	29	5		8	9		1	2	4																				
	Darnestown ES	K-5	412	25	3		12						3				7															
	Diamond ES	K-5	664	35	3		22						5								3									1	1	
	Germantown ES	K-5	279	22	4		3	5				3							4										1		2	
	Great Seneca Creek ES	K-5	586	34	4		14	9				4												3								
	Spark M. Matsunaga ES	K-5	602	34	3		22						3			1					5											
	Dr. Ronald E. McNair ES	PreK-5	797	38	3		29	1					5																			

## NORTHWEST CLUSTER

### 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
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		
Germantown ES	1935	1978	57,668	7.75		4	
Great Seneca Creek ES	2006		82,511	13.71			
Spark M. Matsunaga ES	2001		90,718	11.8			
Dr. Ronald E. McNair ES	1990		91,613	10	Yes		

\*See Appendix H for relocatable use.

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