

# WALT WHITMAN CLUSTER

## CLUSTER PLANNING ISSUES

The Westbard Sector Plan was adopted in 2016. This plan provides for an additional 135 townhouse, 487 multi-family mid-rise, and 516 multi-family high-rise units. It is anticipated 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/downcounty/planwestbard/>.

**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

### Walt Whitman 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 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 Requested FY 2025–2030 CIP, the construction schedule for the Northwood High School capital 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.

### Thomas W. Pyle Middle School

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

### Burning Tree Elementary School

**Planning Study:** This school has been approved for a feasibility study for a major capital project. The Key Facilities Indicators (KFI) is 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. To address the accessibility challenges identified at this school, an FY 2025 appropriation was approved in the ADA Compliance project to remove existing barriers at Burning Tree Elementary School. The FY 2025 appropriation will begin the planning for this project. Once planning is complete, a completion date will be included in a future CIP.

## Walt Whitman Cluster Articulation

### 2024–2025 School Year

#### Walt Whitman HS

Thomas W. Pyle MS

Bannockburn ES  
Bradley Hills ES  
Burning Tree ES  
Carderock Springs ES  
Wood Acres ES

See Appendix V for multicolored maps of the service areas.

## CAPITAL PROJECTS

School	Project	Project Status*	Date of Completion
Charles W. Woodward HS	Reopening	Approved	August 2024/2027
Burning Tree ES	Accessibility Modifications	Proposed	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
Walt Whitman HS		Program Capacity	2218	2218	2218	2218	2218	2218	2218	2218	2218
		Enrollment	2056	2036	2019	2040	2040	2050	2079	2100	2100
		Available Space	162	182	199	178	178	168	139	118	118
		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					
Thomas W. Pyle MS		Program Capacity	1498	1498	1498	1498	1498	1498	1498	1498	1498
		Enrollment	1259	1263	1269	1289	1293	1294	1272	1275	1275
		Available Space	239	235	229	209	205	204	226	223	223
		Comments	See Text								
Bannockburn ES		Program Capacity	389	389	389	389	389	389	389		
		Enrollment	446	422	419	398	412	412	402		
		Available Space	(57)	(33)	(30)	(9)	(23)	(23)	(13)		
		Comments									
Bradley Hills ES		Program Capacity	686	686	686	686	686	686	686		
		Enrollment	474	477	465	454	459	449	457		
		Available Space	212	209	221	232	227	237	229		
		Comments									
Burning Tree ES		Program Capacity	389	389	389	389	389	389	389		
		Enrollment	479	492	504	511	524	504	512		
		Available Space	(90)	(103)	(115)	(122)	(135)	(115)	(123)		
		Comments	See Text								
Carderock Springs ES		Program Capacity	429	429	429	429	429	429	429		
		Enrollment	363	373	377	377	388	397	382		
		Available Space	66	56	52	52	41	32	47		
		Comments									
Wood Acres ES		Program Capacity	757	757	757	757	757	757	757		
		Enrollment	609	613	622	634	639	638	637		
		Available Space	148	144	135	123	118	119	120		
		Comments									
Cluster Information		HS Utilization	93%	92%	91%	92%	92%	92%	94%	95%	95%
		HS Enrollment	2056	2036	2019	2040	2040	2050	2079	2100	2100
		MS Utilization	84%	84%	85%	86%	86%	86%	85%	85%	85%
		MS Enrollment	1259	1263	1269	1289	1293	1294	1272	1275	1275
		ES Utilization	89%	90%	90%	90%	91%	91%	90%		
		ES Enrollment	2371	2377	2387	2374	2422	2400	2390		

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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%***
Walt Whitman HS	2056	8.6%	5.9%	16.1%	12.5%	56.7%	7.0%	2.5%	6.3%
Thomas W. Pyle MS	1259	8.4%	5.6%	16.0%	15.0%	54.8%	6.4%	5.1%	7.3%
Bannockburn ES	446	8.3%	5.6%	15.7%	8.7%	61.7%	4.0%	5.4%	5.1%
Bradley Hills ES	474	9.7%	2.1%	14.3%	9.3%	64.6%	2.1%	2.7%	5.6%
Burning Tree ES	479	7.7%	9.4%	20.9%	10.4%	51.4%	8.6%	10.9%	17.8%
Carderock Springs ES	363	12.4%	5.0%	14.3%	11.8%	56.2%	5.5%	7.7%	11.8%
Wood Acres ES	609	5.9%	5.9%	10.3%	12.3%	65.5%	7.2%	6.1%	11.6%
<b>Elementary Cluster Total</b>	<b>2371</b>	<b>8.5%</b>	<b>5.7%</b>	<b>14.9%</b>	<b>10.6%</b>	<b>60.3%</b>	<b>5.6%</b>	<b>6.5%</b>	<b>8.8%</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												
																				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
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																	
Walt Whitman HS	9-12	2218	105		95													3	2	1						4						
Thomas W. Pyle MS	6-8	1498	73		69															1						3						
Bannockburn ES	K-5	389	20	3		15						2																				
Bradley Hills ES	K-5	686	33	3		26						4																				
Burning Tree ES	K-5	389	24	3		11						3					7															
Carderock Springs ES	K-5	429	24	3		15						3									3											
Wood Acres ES	K-5	757	37	3		27						4																			1	2

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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
Walt Whitman HS	1962	1992	312,270	30.7	Yes		
Thomas W. Pyle MS	1962	1993	209,464	14.3			
Bannockburn ES	1957	1988	54,234	8.3		2	
Bradley Hills ES	1951	1984	76,745	6.7	Yes		
Burning Tree ES	1958	1991	68,119	6.79	Yes	4	
Carderock Springs ES	1966	2010	75,351	9			
Wood Acres ES	1952	2002	96,358	4.78	Yes		

\*See Appendix H for relocatable use.