

THOMAS S. WOOTTON CLUSTER

CLUSTER PLANNING ISSUES

The Great Seneca Science Corridor Minor Master Plan Amendment was adopted in 2021. This amendment evaluates progress to the 2010 plan and adjusts staging requirements based on development since 2010. Recent construction in the plan area has yielded nearly 1,300 new multi-family units. Additional information can be found at the following link: <https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/communities/midcounty/great-seneca-science-corridor/great-seneca-science-corridor-plan/great-seneca-science-corridor-master-plan-minor-master-plan-amendment/>.

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 included 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 included 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 were 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 Damascus High School Major Capital Project to the out-years of the adopted FY 2025–2030 CIP with a “to be determined” completion date.

In the Adopted FY 2027–2032 CIP the completion date for the Damascus HS replacement is August 2031. On March 26, 2026 the Board of Education approved the boundaries with an implementation timeline beginning in the 2027–2028 school year. Based on declining enrollment a 27th high school is not needed to open at this time and the decision was that Thomas S. Wootton High School will be relocated to the Crown Farm facility site.

Information regarding this boundary study is available on the MCPS website at the following link: www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/facilities/boundary-study

Due to declining enrollment the Board of Education on March 26, 2026 approved a study for consolidation and closure along with a countywide elementary school boundary study along with any impacted middle schools for implementation in the 2029–2030 school year.

SCHOOLS

Thomas S. Wootton High School at the Crown Farm site

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Capital Project: As a part of the March 26, 2026 Board of Education boundary study decision, Thomas S. Wootton High School will relocate to the building being constructed at the Crown Farm site. This relocation will occur in August 2027. An FY 2020 appropriation was approved for planning to begin the architectural design for this project with a completion date of August 2025. 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 construction funds. Due to fiscal constraints, the County Council, in the adopted FY 2023–2028 CIP, delayed this project 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 includes the construction of the auditorium. This new facility is scheduled to be completed and open in August 2027.

Cabin John Middle School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Robert Frost Middle School

Planning Issue: See text under Cluster Planning Issues.

Cold Spring Elementary School

Capital Project: As part of the adopted FY 2023–2028 CIP, this school was approved for a feasibility study for a major

Thomas S. Wootton Cluster Articulation

2025–2026 School Year

Thomas S. Wootton HS

Cabin John MS*

Robert Frost MS

Cold Spring ES
Stone Mill ES

DuFief ES
Fallsmead ES
Lakewood ES
Travilah ES

* Bells Mill ES and Seven Locks ES also articulate to Cabin John MS and thereafter to Winston Churchill HS.
See Appendix V for multicolored maps of the service areas.

capital project An FY 2025 appropriation was approved to begin the planning and design for this project. Due to fiscal constraints, the County Council shifted construction placeholder expenditures to the out-years of the adopted FY 2025–2030 CIP. Facility planning was completed in FY 25 and this school was recommended for a replacement project with an estimated completion date of August 2031. However the County Council delayed the project by three years and the completion date shifted to August 2034.

MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS

School	Project	Project Status*	Date of Completion
Thomas S. Wootton High School at the Crown Farm site	New School	Approved	August 2027
Cold Spring ES	Replacement	Delayed	August 2034

Approved—Project has an approved FY 2027 appropriation in the FY 2027–2032 CIP for planning or construction funds.
Delayed—Project completion date has shifted since Board of Education request.
Programmed—Project has expenditures programmed in a future year of the CIP for planning and/or construction funds.

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Projected Enrollment and Space Availability

Effects of the Adopted FY2027 Capital Budget and the FY2027-2032 Capital Improvements Program

Schools			Official	Projections							
			25-26	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30	30-31	31-32	2035	2040
Thomas S. Wootton HS	Program Capacity		2120	2120	2219	2219	2219	2219	2219	2219	2219
	Enrollment		1821	1811	1946	2017	2116	2133	2117	2135	2135
	Available Space		299	309	239	168	69	52	68	50	50
	Comments		See Text		Building Complete (New Location)						
Cabin John MS	Program Capacity		1108	1108	1108	1108	1108	1108	1108	1108	1108
	Enrollment		1021	1000	1059	1034	1021	997	982	975	975
	Available Space		87	108	49	74	87	111	126	133	133
	Comments		See Text								
Robert Frost MS	Program Capacity		1027	1027	1027	1027	1027	1027	1027	1027	1027
	Enrollment		913	893	954	960	947	959	938	935	935
	Available Space		114	134	73	67	80	68	89	92	92
	Comments		See Text								
Cold Spring ES	Program Capacity		481	481	481	481	481	481	481		
	Enrollment		366	370	365	356	362	353	349		
	Available Space		115	111	116	125	119	128	132		
	Comments		See Text					Planning for MCP			
DuFief ES	Program Capacity		369	369	369	369	369	369	369		
	Enrollment		265	270	277	277	276	270	267		
	Available Space		104	99	92	92	93	99	102		
	Comments										
Fallsmead ES	Program Capacity		572	572	572	572	572	572	572		
	Enrollment		501	477	470	445	439	434	441		
	Available Space		71	95	102	127	133	138	131		
	Comments										
Lakewood ES	Program Capacity		566	566	566	566	566	566	566		
	Enrollment		413	418	402	396	375	390	378		
	Available Space		153	148	164	170	191	176	188		
	Comments										
Stone Mill ES	Program Capacity		707	707	707	707	707	707	707		
	Enrollment		544	580	563	564	581	561	549		
	Available Space		163	127	144	143	126	146	158		
	Comments										
Travilah ES	Program Capacity		526	526	526	526	526	526	526		
	Enrollment		382	383	368	374	364	367	356		
	Available Space		144	143	158	152	162	159	170		
	Comments										
Cluster Information	HS Utilization		86%	85%	88%	91%	95%	96%	95%	96%	96%
	HS Enrollment		1821	1811	1946	2017	2116	2133	2117	2135	2135
	MS Utilization		91%	89%	94%	93%	92%	92%	90%	89%	89%
	MS Enrollment		1934	1893	2013	1994	1968	1956	1920	1910	1910
	ES Utilization		77%	78%	76%	75%	74%	74%	73%		
	ES Enrollment		2471	2498	2445	2412	2397	2375	2340		

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Demographic Characteristics of Schools

Schools	2025-2026								2024-2025
	Total Enrollment	Two or more races %	Black or Afr. Amer. %	Asian%	Hispanic %	White %	FARMS%*	ELD%*	Mobility Rate%***
Thomas S. Wootton HS	1821	6.6%	13.7%	38.6%	10.6%	30.3%	16.7%	4.1%	5.1%
Cabin John MS	1021	7.1%	13.0%	32.9%	9.8%	37.0%	13.1%	5.1%	5.1%
Robert Frost MS	913	8.0%	15.7%	40.9%	8.9%	26.2%	17.3%	5.0%	6.4%
Cold Spring ES	366	6.3%	6.0%	35.2%	9.6%	42.9%	6.0%	1.6%	3.1%
DuFief ES	265	11.3%	15.1%	26.0%	13.2%	34.3%	19.2%	13.6%	13.9%
Fallsmead ES	501	8.8%	12.0%	35.1%	11.6%	32.5%	19.0%	7.6%	14.6%
Lakewood ES	413	7.7%	15.0%	40.9%	13.8%	22.5%	18.6%	12.8%	15.7%
Stone Mill ES	544	7.9%	12.7%	47.1%	9.9%	22.2%	14.0%	13.6%	13.6%
Travilah ES	382	6.8%	9.4%	43.2%	9.9%	30.1%	14.1%	8.1%	9.3%
Elementary Cluster Total	2471	8.0%	11.7%	39.0%	11.2%	29.9%	15.2%	9.6%	10.2%
Elementary County Total	69536	6.0%	21.5%	12.9%	36.3%	23.0%	40.3%	24.7%	14.6%

*Percent of students approved for Free and Reduced-priced Meals Program (FARMS) during the 2025–2026 school year.

**Percent of English Language Development students (ELD) during the 2025–2026 school year. High School students are served in regional ELD centers.

***Mobility Rate is the number of entries plus withdrawals during the 2024–2025 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 2025–2026)

Program Capacity Table (School Year 2025–2026)															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	PEP @12	PEP @18
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																		
Thomas S. Wootton HS	9-12	2120	98		93														3		2												
Cabin John MS	6-8	1108	57		50													3	4														
Robert Frost MS	6-8	1027	51		47								1								3												
Cold Spring ES	K-5	481	24	3		19						2																					
DuFief ES	K-5	369	25	3		8						4	1		1	7	1																
Fallsmead ES	K-5	572	30	3		22						3			2																		
Lakewood ES	K-5	566	30	3		20						3						4															
Stone Mill ES	K-5	707	36	3		25						3																1	2	2			
Travilah ES	K-5	526	26	3		20						3																					

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Facility Characteristics of Schools 2025–2026

Schools	Year Facility Opened	Year Reopened/ Revitalized	Total Square Footage	Site Size Acres	Adjacent Park	Relocatable Classrooms*	County Programs
Thomas S. Wootton HS	1970		295,620	27.37			
Cabin John MS	1967	2011	159,514	18.2			
Robert Frost MS	1971		143,757	24.78			
Cold Spring ES	1972		55,158	12.38		1	
DuFief ES	1975		59,013	9.99	Yes		
Fallsmead ES	1974		67,472	8.93	Yes		
Lakewood ES	1968	2003	77,526	13.09			
Stone Mill ES	1988		78,617	11.76			
Travilah ES	1960	1992	65,378	9.3			

*See Appendix H for relocatable use.