

## CLUSTER PLANNING ISSUES

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Cluster includes the recently adopted Chevy Chase Lake Sector Plan that provides for up to 1,400 new, mostly multi-family residential units. Although the majority of the residential units can go forward at any time, build-out of all the residential units requires funding for the Purple Line to be secured. As with many sector plans in the county, build-out requires the redevelopment of many existing land uses in the area. The pace of construction will be market driven.

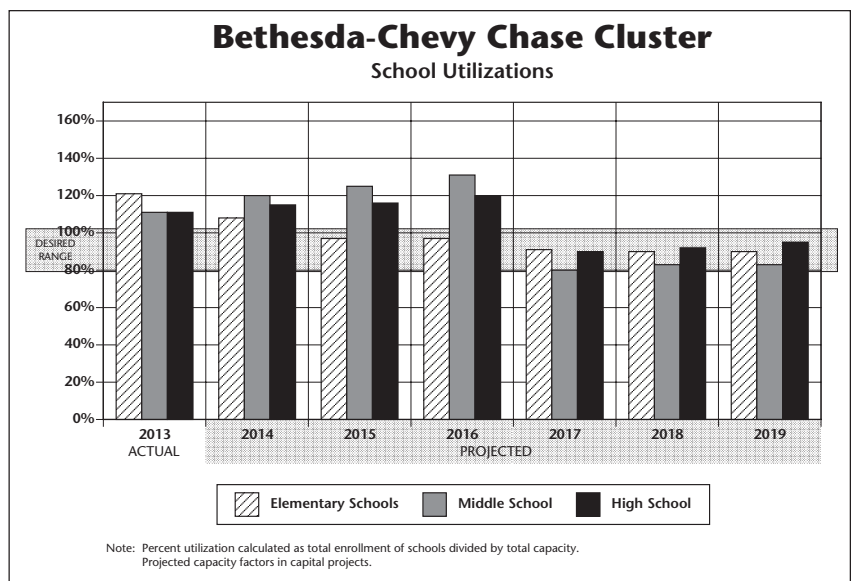
Student enrollment at all the schools in the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Cluster has increased dramatically over the past few years. To address the overutilization at the schools, capital projects were approved as part of the Amended FY 2011–2016 CIP and FY 2013–2018 CIP, and several planning activities occurred over the past several years to develop long-range plans for schools in this cluster. The approved capital projects include the following:

- An addition that opened at Somerset Elementary School during the 2010–2011 school year;
- An addition that opened at Westbrook Elementary School in August 2013;
- An addition at Bethesda Elementary School scheduled to open in August 2015;
- An addition at North Chevy Chase Elementary School scheduled to open in August 2015;
- A revitalization/expansion project at Rock Creek Forest Elementary School (with increased capacity) scheduled to open in January 2015; and
- An addition at Rosemary Hills Elementary School scheduled to open in August 2015.

A summary of other planning actions and activities for other Bethesda-Chevy Chase Cluster schools include the following:

- In March 2010, the Board of Education adopted a boundary change between Bethesda and Bradley Hills elementary schools to address the overutilization at Bethesda Elementary School. In August 2013, the western portion of the Bethesda Elementary School service area (that articulates to the Walt Whitman Cluster secondary schools) was reassigned to Bradley Hills Elementary School. A classroom addition opened at Bradley Hills Elementary School that provided sufficient capacity for the expansion of the school’s service area.
- In November 2011, the Board of Education adopted the following boundary changes that were implemented in August 2013:
  - The East Bethesda community was reassigned from Rosemary Hills Elementary School to Bethesda Elementary School for Grades K–2, with continuance at this school through Grade 5.

- The Paddington Square Apartments community and the area occupied by the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center were reassigned from Bethesda Elementary School to North Chevy Chase Elementary School for Grades 3–6 (and when reorganization occurs in August 2017, for Grades 3–5). Both of these areas remained assigned to Rosemary Hills Elementary School for Grades K–2.
- The portion of the Summit Hills Apartments community with addresses 1703 and 1705 East West Highway was reassigned from North Chevy Chase Elementary School to Chevy Chase Elementary School for Grades 3–6 (and when reorganization occurs in August 2017, for Grades 3–5).
- The Board of Education action is available at the following link: [http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/pdf/BCC\\_Greensheet\\_111711.pdf](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/pdf/BCC_Greensheet_111711.pdf)
- A new middle school is needed in the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Cluster to address Grades 6–8 enrollment growth in the cluster and allow the Grade 6 students currently enrolled at Chevy Chase and North Chevy Chase elementary schools to be reassigned to the middle school level. In addition, the reorganization of these two elementary schools, from Grades 3–6 to Grades 3–5, will help relieve some of the projected overutilization at these schools when the new middle school opens. A feasibility study for the new middle school, to be located at the Rock Creek Hills Local Park site, was conducted in summer 2011. An FY 2015 appropriation for planning funds is recommended to construct Bethesda-Chevy Chase Middle School #2 for completion in August 2017.
- An abbreviated boundary study is recommended for winter 2013–2014 to consider the reassignment of the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center from its current assignment of Rosemary Hills Elementary School for Grades K–2 and North Chevy Chase Elementary



School for Grades 3–6, to Bethesda Elementary School for Grades K-5. Officials at the Medical Center have expressed concern over the recently adopted school assignments. They report that families who temporarily reside at the Medical Center have enrolled their children in Bethesda Elementary School attendance for many years and disrupting this assignment would present a hardship for these families. This year families with elementary school students residing at the Medical Center were granted Change of School Assignments to Bethesda Elementary School. This provided the opportunity to review the school assignment for the Medical Center this year, without disrupting students enrolled at Bethesda Elementary School. Following the abbreviated boundary review, the superintendent's recommendation would be provided for Board of Education action in spring 2014.

## SCHOOLS

### Bethesda Chevy Chase High School

**Capital Project:** Enrollment increases at the cluster elementary schools and at Westland Middle School have reached the high school level. Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School is projected to exceed capacity by over almost 600 students by the end of the six-year CIP planning period. An FY 2015 appropriation for planning funds is recommended to begin the architectural design for a classroom addition at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School. The scheduled completion date for this project is August 2017. In order for this project to be completed on schedule, county and state funding must be provided at levels recommended in this CIP.

### Bethesda Chevy Chase Middle School #2 (B-CC MS #2)

**Capital Project:** Enrollment increases at Westland Middle School, and the plan to reassign Grade 6 students from Chevy Chase and North Chevy Chase elementary schools to the middle school level, will result in a total cluster middle school enrollment of almost 1,700 students. Because the projected enrollment would far exceed the current capacity of Westland Middle School, Bethesda-Chevy Chase Middle School #2 is needed in the cluster to accommodate the projected enrollment. An FY 2016 appropriation will be recommended to construct the new school. The scheduled completion date for the new school is August 2017. In order for this project to be completed on schedule, county and state funding must be provided at levels recommended in this CIP.

### Westland Middle School

**Planning Issue:** Although a six-classroom addition opened in the 2009–2010 school year to accommodate the overutilization at Westland Middle School, enrollment continues to increase beyond the capacity of the school. The opening of Bethesda-Chevy Chase Middle School #2 will address the overutilization of Westland Middle School. Relocatable classrooms will be utilized until the new school opens.

### Bethesda Elementary School

**Non-capital Solution:** In March 2010, the Board of Education approved the reassignment of the western portion of the Bethesda Elementary School service area (the area that articulates to Whitman Cluster secondary schools) to Bradley Hills Elementary School, beginning in August 2013.

In November 2011, the Board of Education adopted boundary changes for Bethesda, Chevy Chase, North Chevy Chase, and Rosemary Hills elementary schools. The Board of Education action is available at the following link: [http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/pdf/BCC\\_Green-sheet\\_111711.pdf](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/pdf/BCC_Green-sheet_111711.pdf)

**Capital Project:** Enrollment projections that incorporate approved boundary changes indicate that enrollment at Bethesda Elementary School will exceed capacity by 92 seats or more throughout the six-year CIP planning period. An FY 2014 appropriation for construction funds was approved to construct the classroom addition. The scheduled completion date for the addition is August 2015. Relocatable classrooms will be utilized until the addition is completed.

### Chevy Chase Elementary School

**Non-capital Solution:** In November 2010, the Board of Education approved a plan to construct a new middle school in the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Cluster and reassign Grade 6 students from Chevy Chase and North Chevy Chase elementary schools to the middle school level when Bethesda-Chevy Chase Middle School #2 opens in August 2017.

In November 2011, the Board of Education adopted boundary changes for Bethesda, Chevy Chase, North Chevy Chase, and Rosemary Hills elementary schools. The Board of Education action is available at the following link: [http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/pdf/BCC\\_Green-sheet\\_111711.pdf](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/pdf/BCC_Green-sheet_111711.pdf)

### North Chevy Chase Elementary School

**Non-capital Solution:** In November 2010, the Board of Education approved a plan to construct a new middle school in the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Cluster and reassign Grade 6 students from Chevy Chase and North Chevy Chase elementary schools to the middle school level when Bethesda-Chevy Chase Middle School #2 opens in August 2017.

In November 2011, the Board of Education adopted boundary changes for Bethesda, Chevy Chase, North Chevy Chase, and Rosemary Hills elementary schools. The Board of Education action is available at the following link: [http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/pdf/BCC\\_Green-sheet\\_111711.pdf](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/pdf/BCC_Green-sheet_111711.pdf)

**Capital Project:** Projections that incorporate approved boundary changes indicate enrollment at North Chevy Chase Elementary School will exceed capacity by four or more classrooms throughout the six-year CIP period. The reassignment of Grade 6 students out of North Chevy Chase Elementary

School will relieve some, but not all, of the projected space deficit. An FY 2014 appropriation for construction funds was approved to construct the classroom addition. The scheduled completion date for the addition is August 2015. Relocatable classrooms will be utilized until the addition is completed.

### Rock Creek Forest Elementary School

**Capital Project:** A revitalization/expansion project is scheduled for this school with a completion date of January 2015. An FY 2014 appropriation for construction funds was approved to construct the project. Because projections indicate enrollment at Rock Creek Forest Elementary School will exceed capacity throughout the six-year period, relocatable classrooms will be utilized until additional capacity is added as part of the revitalization/expansion project.

### Rosemary Hills Elementary School

**Non-capital Solution:** In November 2011, the Board of Education adopted boundary changes for Bethesda, Chevy Chase, North Chevy Chase, and Rosemary Hills elementary schools. The Board of Education action is available at the following link: [http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/pdf/BCC\\_Greensheet\\_111711.pdf](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/pdf/BCC_Greensheet_111711.pdf)

**Capital Project:** Enrollment projections that incorporate the approved boundary changes indicate enrollment at Rosemary Hills Elementary School will exceed capacity by four or more classrooms throughout the six-year CIP period. An FY 2014 appropriation for construction funds was approved to construct the classroom addition. The scheduled completion date for the addition is August 2015. Relocatable classrooms will be utilized until the addition is completed.

**Capital Project:** A revitalization/expansion project was previously scheduled for this school with a completion date of January 2021. However, due to fiscal constraints in the county (as described in Chapter 1), the project has been delayed by one year to January 2022. FY 2017 expenditures are programmed for facility planning for a feasibility study to determine the scope and cost of the project. In order for this project to be completed on the new schedule, county and state funding must be provided at the levels recommended in this CIP.

## CAPITAL PROJECTS

School	Project	Project Status*	Date of Completion
Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS	Classroom addition	Recommended	Aug. 2017
Bethesda-Chevy Chase MS #2	New school	Programmed	Aug. 2017
Bethesda ES	Classroom addition	Approved	Aug. 2015
North Chevy Chase ES	Classroom addition	Approved	Aug. 2015
Rock Creek Forest ES	Revitalization/expansion	Approved	Jan. 2015
Rosemary Hills ES	Classroom addition	Approved	Aug. 2015
	Revitalization/expansion	Programmed	Jan. 2022 (Delayed)

\*“Approved”—Project has an FY 2014 appropriation approved in the Amended FY 2013–2018 CIP.

\*“Deferred”—Funds have been deferred for a future CIP.

\*“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 FY 2015 for a feasibility study.

\*“Recommended”—Project has an FY 2015 appropriation recommended in the FY 2015–2020 CIP.

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**Projected Enrollment and Space Availability**

Effects of the Recommended FY2015–2020 CIP and Non-CIP Actions on Space Available

Schools		Actual 13–14	Projections							
			14–15	15–16	16–17	17–18	18–19	19–20	2023	2028
Bethesda–Chevy Chase HS	Program Capacity	1692	1692	1692	1692	2399	2399	2399	2399	2399
	Enrollment	1872	1950	1971	2038	2159	2199	2286	2400	2400
	Available Space	(180)	(258)	(279)	(346)	240	200	113	(1)	(1)
	Comments		Planning for Addition			Addition Opens				
Bethesda–Chevy Chase MS #2	Program Capacity					944	944	944	944	944
	Enrollment					0	0	0	0	0
	Available Space					944	944	944	944	944
	Comments		Planning for New School			Opens				
Westland MS	Program Capacity	1097	1097	1097	1097	1097	1097	1097	1097	1097
	Enrollment	1223	1312	1366	1437	1642	1702	1694	1800	1800
	Available Space	(126)	(216)	(270)	(340)	(546)	(606)	(598)	(703)	(703)
	Comments					See text				
Bethesda ES Grades (K–5) Grades (3–5) Paired With Rosemary Hills ES	Program Capacity	384	384	568	568	568	568	568		
	Enrollment	493	494	508	509	520	528	538		
	Available Space	(109)	(110)	60	59	48	40	30		
	Comments	Boundary Change		Addition Opens						
Chevy Chase ES Grades (3–6) Paired With Rosemary Hills ES	Program Capacity	450	450	450	450	450	450	450		
	Enrollment	533	544	560	536	417	407	402		
	Available Space	(83)	(94)	(110)	(86)	33	43	48		
	Comments	Boundary Change				See text				
North Chevy Chase ES Grades (3–6) Paired With Rosemary Hills ES	Program Capacity	266	266	358	358	358	358	358		
	Enrollment	402	399	412	411	323	322	318		
	Available Space	(136)	(133)	(54)	(53)	35	36	40		
	Comments	Boundary Change		Addition Opens		See text				
Rock Creek Forest ES	Program Capacity	367	718	718	718	718	718	718		
	Enrollment	611	630	683	694	695	683	688		
	Available Space	(244)	88	35	24	23	35	30		
	Comments		@ Radnor Rev/Ex Complete	+ 2 AUT +1 PEP + PreK						
Rosemary Hills ES Grades (preK–2) Paired With Bethesda ES Chevy Chase ES North Chevy Chase ES	Program Capacity	477	477	644	644	644	644	644		
	Enrollment	643	650	594	605	603	600	599		
	Available Space	(166)	(173)	50	39	41	44	45		
	Comments	Boundary Change		Addition Opens	Facility Planning for Rev/Ex		Planning for Revitalization/Expansion			
Somerset ES	Program Capacity	516	516	516	516	516	516	516		
	Enrollment	532	527	511	496	493	471	466		
	Available Space	(16)	(11)	5	20	23	45	50		
	Comments									
Westbrook ES	Program Capacity	559	559	559	559	559	559	559		
	Enrollment	430	434	436	435	435	428	438		
	Available Space	129	125	123	124	124	131	121		
	Comments	Addition Complete								
Cluster Information	HS Utilization	111%	115%	116%	120%	90%	92%	95%	100%	100%
	HS Enrollment	1872	1950	1971	2038	2159	2199	2286	2400	2400
	MS Utilization	111%	120%	125%	131%	80%	83%	83%	88%	88%
	MS Enrollment	1223	1312	1366	1437	1642	1702	1694	1800	1800
	ES Utilization	121%	109%	97%	97%	91%	90%	90%	94%	94%
ES Enrollment	3644	3678	3704	3686	3486	3439	3449	3600	3600	

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Demographic Characteristics of Schools

Schools	2013–2014						2012–2013		
	Total Enrollment	Two or more races %	Black or Afr. Amr. %	Asian%	Hispanic %	White %	FARMS%*	ESOL%**	Mobility Rate%***
Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS	1872	≤ 5.0%	15.0%	6.0%	17.0%	57.3%	11.0%	≤ 5.0%	7.0%
Westland MS	1223	6.3%	11.1%	5.5%	15.9%	60.6%	10.7%	≤ 5.0%	5.8%
Bethesda ES	493	6.9%	7.9%	14.2%	11.6%	59.4%	5.6%	7.8%	16.3%
Chevy Chase ES	533	5.6%	10.9%	≤ 5.0%	8.8%	70.7%	12.2%	6.3%	≤ 5.0%
North Chevy Chase ES	402	7.2%	11.2%	6.7%	12.7%	61.4%	7.1%	5.1%	5.9%
Rock Creek Forest ES	611	6.4%	16.2%	5.2%	30.9%	41.1%	23.1%	18.9%	6.9%
Rosemary Hills ES	643	7.5%	16.2%	5.8%	16.0%	54.3%	21.0%	17.1%	8.3%
Somerset ES	532	6.2%	≤ 5.0%	8.8%	12.6%	66.9%	≤ 5.0%	15.9%	11.4%
Westbrook ES	430	8.1%	≤ 5.0%	≤ 5.0%	8.4%	78.6%	≤ 5.0%	≤ 5.0%	6.6%
<b>Elementary Cluster Total</b>	<b>3644</b>	<b>6.8%</b>	<b>10.4%</b>	<b>6.8%</b>	<b>15.1%</b>	<b>60.7%</b>	<b>11.9%</b>	<b>11.7%</b>	<b>8.5%</b>
<b>Elementary County Total</b>	<b>73775</b>	<b>≤ 5.0%</b>	<b>20.7%</b>	<b>14.1%</b>	<b>29.5%</b>	<b>30.6%</b>	<b>37.9%</b>	<b>24.9%</b>	<b>12.2%</b>

\*Percent of students approved for Free and Reduced-priced Meals Program (FARMS) during the 2012–2013 school year.

\*\*Percent of English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) during the 2012–2013 school year. High School students are served in regional ESOL centers.

\*\*\*Mobility Rate is the number of entries plus withdrawals during the 2012–2013 school year compared to total enrollment.

Note: 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 5.0% are reported as ≤ 5.0%.

Program Capacity Table  
(School Year 2013–2014)

Schools	Grades Served	Capacity (HS @90% MS@85%)	Total Rooms	Support Rooms	Regular Secondary @25	Regular Elementary @23	CSR Grades 1–2 @17	Pre-K @20	Pre-K @40	HS @20	CSR KIND @15	KIND @22	ESOL @15	METS @15	Special Education Services																						
															HSM @13	ELEM LAD @13	ELC @10	LANG @12	LFI @10	SCB @6	AAC@7	AUT @6	BRIDGE @10	DHOH @7	ED @10	EXTENSIONS @6	GT/LD @13	PD @7	PEP@6	PEP @12	PEP @18	VISION (Elementary) @7	OTHER				
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Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS	9-12	1692	76		74																																
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North Chevy Chase ES	3-6	266	15	3		11																															
Rock Creek Forest ES	K-5	367	23	4		9	6				3																										
Rosemary Hills ES	PreK-2	477	27	4		10			1			8																									
Somerset ES	K-5	516	27	4		19						3																									
Westbrook ES	K-5	559	30	4		20						3																									

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**Facility Characteristics of Schools 2013–2014**

Schools	Year Facility Opened	Year Reopened/ Revitalized	Total Square Footage	Site Size Acres	Adjacent Park	Reloc-atable Classrooms	Linkages to Learning Program	Home School Model
Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS	1934	2001	308,215	16.4		4		
Westland MS	1951	1997	146,006	25.1		5		
Bethesda ES	1952	1999	62,557	8.42		5		Yes
Chevy Chase ES	1936	2000	70,976	3.8				Yes
North Chevy Chase ES	1953	1995	48,350	7.9		5		Yes
Rock Creek Forest ES	1950	1971	54,522	8				Yes
Rosemary Hills ES	1956	1988	70,541	6.1		7		Yes
Somerset ES	1949	2005	80,122	3.7				Yes
Westbrook ES	1939	1990	91,359	12.5	Yes			Yes