

Fairland Center



Community Presentation

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Fairland
Holding
Center



Capital Budget and Capital Improvements Program

- MCPS is moving through the Capital Improvement process with County Council
- The County Council will take final action in May
- We anticipate non-recommended reductions could potentially change what was recommended by the Superintendent in October and requested by the Board of Education in November to the County Executive.
- MCPS may need to use the facility as swing space for schools undergoing systemic projects such as HVAC or roof replacements in the future

Recommended Facility Improvements and Use

- In order for the Fairland Center to serve as swing space for an MCPS school undergoing a major capital project there will need to be additional classrooms added
- **If additional funding is available** for holding center improvements MCPS also plans to use it towards other systemic upgrades beyond normal maintenance repairs
- Plan to make facility improvements prior to school year 2029 **if funding is available**
- Plan was to serve as swing space for Alternative Education Programs for school years 2027-2029 and for Highland View Elementary School 2029-2031 **based on the approved FY27-32 CIP**

Capital Budget and Capital Improvements Program

Board of Education's Requested FY 2027 Capital Budget
and the FY 2027–2032 Capital Improvements Program
(\$000s)

| Project | FY 2027 Approp. | Total | Thru FY 2025 | Est. FY 2026 | Total Six-Years | FY 2027 | FY 2028 | FY 2029 | FY 2030 | FY 2031 | FY 2032 | Beyond Six-Years |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------------------|
| Holding School Improvements ♦♦♦ | 4,000 | 44,000 | | | 44,000 | 4,000 | 10,000 | 30,000 | | | | |

Expected Facility Use Schedule for Fiscal Years 2027–2032

| Facility | School Year 2026–2027 | School Year 2027–2028 | School Year 2028–2029 | School Year 2029–2030 | School Year 2030–2031 | School Year 2031–2032 |
|--------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Existing Burtonsville ES | Opens as Early Childhood Center (ECC) #3 | | | | | |
| Emory Grove Center | Permanent Location for Upcounty Early Childhood Center (renovations to occur in School Year 2031–2032) | | | | | |
| Grosvenor Center | | | | | Cold Spring ES | |
| Radnor Center | | | | | Burning Tree ES | |
| Potential Sligo Creek ES Site* | | | | | Permanent Location for Sligo Creek ES | |
| Existing Sligo Creek ES | | Sligo Creek ES | | | Piney Branch ES | |
| North Lake Center | Alt. Ed. Programs | | | | | |
| Fairland Center | | Downcounty Alt Ed. Programs | | | Highland View ES | |
| Spring Mill Center | Leased Tenants | | | Downcounty Alternative Education Programs | | |
| Existing Blair G. Ewing Center | Upcounty Alternative Ed. Programs | | | | | |
| Woodward HS | Northwood HS | Woodward HS Reopens | | | | |



Current status

- JoAnn Leleck ES at Broad Acres will move out over summer 2026 and into their beautiful new facility at which point the Fairland Center will be vacant
- MCPS does not want to keep the facility sitting vacant for long
- Relocatable classrooms will be removed during summer 2026

Policy on Leasing facilities/space in facilities

- We are looking to lease the property out shortly
- Per MCPS **Policy DNA, Management of Board of Education Property**, when leasing properties, priority will be considered for programs that benefit MCPS students, their families, or staff in accordance with applicable laws
- This will be a public Request for Proposals (RFP) and we do not have to move forward with a selection just because we've issued a RFP
- MCPS has similar plans for its other holding centers

[Policy DNA](#)

Questions and Follow Up

- Additional questions may be directed via email to [Julie A Morris@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Julie_A_Morris@mcpsmd.org)
- Questions and answers will be posted to the MCPS project website along with a copy of this presentation within the next week

MCPS Growth the Last 75 Years



Sources: MCPS Division of Facilities Management, Montgomery County Historical Society



Current and Projected Available Seats by Level

The table represents preliminary enrollment as of September 30, 2025. The capacities shown in the “Projected FY 2032 Capacity” column represent all requested Major Capital Projects, including Crown HS (2,219 capacity) and Woodward HS (2,249 capacity).

| GRADE LEVEL | CURRENT FY 2026 CAPACITY | PRELIM. FY 2026 ENROLLMENT | PRELIM. FY 2026 AVAIL. SEATS | PROJECTED FY 2032 CAPACITY* | PROJECTED FY 2032 ENROLLMENT* | PROJECTED FY 2032 AVAILABLE SEATS* | AVERAGE CAPACITY BY LEVEL IN FY 2032 | Current Relocatable Classrooms (Portables) |
|---------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** | 78,473 | 69,993 | 8,480 | 79,401 | 66,653 | 12,748 | 580 students | 208 |
| MIDDLE SCHOOL | 39,790 | 35,386 | 4,404 | 39,402 | 32,832 | 6,570 | 1010 students | 9 |
| HIGH SCHOOL | 50,970 | 51,162 | (192) | 56,880 | 50,221 | 6,659 | 2107 students | 120 |
| MCPS | 169,233 | 156,541 | 12,692 | 175,683 | 149,706 | 25,977 | | 337 |

*Includes capacities and enrollments from BOE Requested FY 2027–2032 CIP.

**Includes Pre-K, Head Start, and Pre-K Special Education students.



Process and Scope of the Boundary Study

**Consider Possible
School
Consolidations**

Schools in the Scope:

All Elementary and
Middle Schools

**Consider
New Boundaries**

Schools in the Scope:

All Elementary Schools and any
Middle School consolidations

Process and Scope of the Boundary Study

1. Preliminary assessment of facility utilization and condition
2. Identify potential consolidations (if necessary)
3. Gather community feedback on potential consolidations (if necessary)
4. Superintendent's recommendation on consolidations (if necessary)
5. Board of Education Action on consolidations (if necessary)
6. Draft initial boundary options
7. Gather community feedback on boundary options
8. Draft next round of boundary options
9. Gather additional community feedback on boundary options
10. Superintendent's recommendation on the boundaries
11. Board of Education Action on the boundaries
12. Implementation

MULTIPURPOSE ROOM



Proposed Timeline

Options for Boundary Study Timeline

Recommended Option

- **Balance between engagement, option development, and implementation**
- **Requires off-cycle CIP sequence**

Timeline Overview

9 months to consider potential school consolidations **BOE Action 5/2027**
12 months to explore boundary options **BOE Action 5/2028**
15 months to implement new boundaries **(8/2029 – SY 2029–2030)**

OPTION 2

- **Two less months of engagement on the consolidation process**
- **Two more months of implementation**

Timeline Overview

7 months to consider potential school consolidations **BOE Action 3/2027**
12 months to explore boundary options **BOE Action 3/2028**
17 months to implement new boundaries **(8/2029 – SY 2029–2030)**

OPTION 3

- **Option with the longest timeline**
- **One additional year of engagement**
- **Boundaries to begin in SY 2030–31**

Timeline Overview

19 months to consider potential school consolidations **BOE Action 3/2028**
12 months to explore boundary options **BOE Action 3/2029**
17 months to implement new boundaries **(8/2030 – SY 2030–2031)**

Recommended Timeline for Boundary Study Process

| | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | SUMMER BREAK | | | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|------|--|-----|---------------|---|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------|
| | Scope Recommended and Approved by BOE | | | Development, Approval, and Award for RFP | | | | | Data Gathering, Option Development, and Community Engagement Regarding Possible Consolidations | | | |
| 2026 | Data Gathering, Option Development, and Community Engagement Regarding Possible Consolidations | | | Consol. Report | Recommendation, Public Hearings, and BOE Decision on Consolidations | | Policy Meeting | 1st Round of Boundary Options | | Feedback from 1st Round of Options | | 2nd Round of Boundary Options |
| 2027 | Feedback from 2nd Round of Options | | Bound. Report | Recommendation, Public Hearings, and BOE Decision on Boundaries | | Implementation Preparation | | | | | | |
| 2028 | Implementation Preparation | | | | | | New Boundaries Implemented | | | | | |
| 2029 | Implementation Preparation | | | | | | New Boundaries Implemented | | | | | |

