



Montgomery Planning | Functional Planning & Policy Division

FY2021 Annual School Test

June 25, 2020



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Revision of Cluster Test Detail

Subdivision Staging Policy FY 2021 School Test Reflects Adopted FY 2021 Capital Budget and FY 2021-2026 Capital

CLUSTER Test: Percent Utilization > 120% = Moratorium

Cluster Area	Level	Cluster Projections for September 2025		Cluster Capacity is:	Cluster Test Results		
		Enrollment	Program Capacity		Test Utilization	Cluster Area Status is:	Moratorium Threshold*



Col. Zadok Magruder	ES	2,681	2,684	Adequate	99.9%	Open	540
	MS	1,333	1,619	Adequate	82.3%		609
	HS	1,879	1,941	Adequate	96.8%		450
Richard Montgomery	ES	2,814	2,997	Adequate	93.9%	Moratorium	N/A
	MS	1,440	1,432	Adequate	100.6%		
	HS	2,828	2,241	Inadequate	126.2%		
Northwest	ES	3,620	3,398	Adequate	106.5%	Open	458
	MS	1,799	1,882	Adequate	95.6%		459
	HS	2,492	2,286	Adequate	109.0%		251

Subdivision Staging Policy Overview

Subdivision Staging Policy (2016)

- Requires the Planning Board to certify the results of an **Annual School Test** that:
 - evaluates projected capacity utilization of public schools *five years in the future* according to defined adequacy standard
 - enacts **residential development moratoria** in cluster or school service areas *throughout the county*
 - calculates **staging ceilings** (moratorium thresholds) for clusters and school service areas not in moratorium
- Establishes criteria for exceptions from moratoria



FY2021 Annual School Test

Capital Budget Decisions

- County Executive's proposed budget and CIP
 - Cut **\$100 million** from the MCPS six-year request
 - Cut **\$300 million** from first four years
- Governor's action related to state funding
 - *Allowed* **Built to Learn Act**: would provide county additional \$420 million in school construction funding
 - *Vetoed* **Blueprint for Maryland's Future (Kirwan) Bill**: requires school operating funds recommended by the Kirwan Commission
 - Until the Kirwan bill becomes law, school construction bill does not go into effect.

Capital Budget Decisions

- County Council largely assumed the County Executive's revenue assumptions
 - Maintained funding for:
 - **Northwood HS** (2025)
 - **Woodward HS** (2025)
 - Poolesville HS (2024)
 - Neelsville MS (2024)
 - Burnt Mills ES (2023)
 - Delayed funding for:
 - **Crown HS** (2026)
 - Damascus HS (2026)
 - Bethesda ES (2025)
 - Clarksburg ES #9 (2023)
 - South Lake ES (2024)
 - Stonegate ES (2025)
 - Woodlin ES (2024)

Annual School Test Overview

- Test results are certified by the Planning Board each June after the Capital Budget and MCPS CIP are adopted by the Council.
- Results are based on projected utilization five years in the future.
- The FY21 test results:
 - are based on projections for the **2025-26 school year** (FY26)
 - take effect at the start of the new fiscal year, on **Wednesday, July 1, 2020**

Cluster Test Moratorium Threshold

Projected cumulative utilization greater than **120%** at any school level (elementary, middle or high school).

$$\text{Cluster Utilization} = \frac{\text{Total Cluster Enrollment}}{\text{Total Cluster Capacity}}$$

Individual School Test Moratorium Thresholds

Projected utilization greater than **120%** and seat deficit of at least **110 seats at an ES** and **180 seats at a MS**.

$$\text{School Utilization} = \frac{\text{School Enrollment}}{\text{School Capacity}}$$

$$\text{School Seat Surplus/Deficit} = \text{School Capacity} - \text{School Enrollment}$$

(positive number is a surplus, negative number is a deficit)

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 Effective July 1, 2020

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	<u>OPEN CONDITIONALLY - CIP</u> Planned projects in other clusters and/or future reassignments prevent these cluster service areas from entering moratoria. <i>See notes.</i>			Montgomery Blair ² Albert Einstein ² Walter Johnson ³
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Cluster Moratoria:

- Richard Montgomery Cluster 126.2% HS utilization
- Quince Orchard Cluster 136.1% HS utilization

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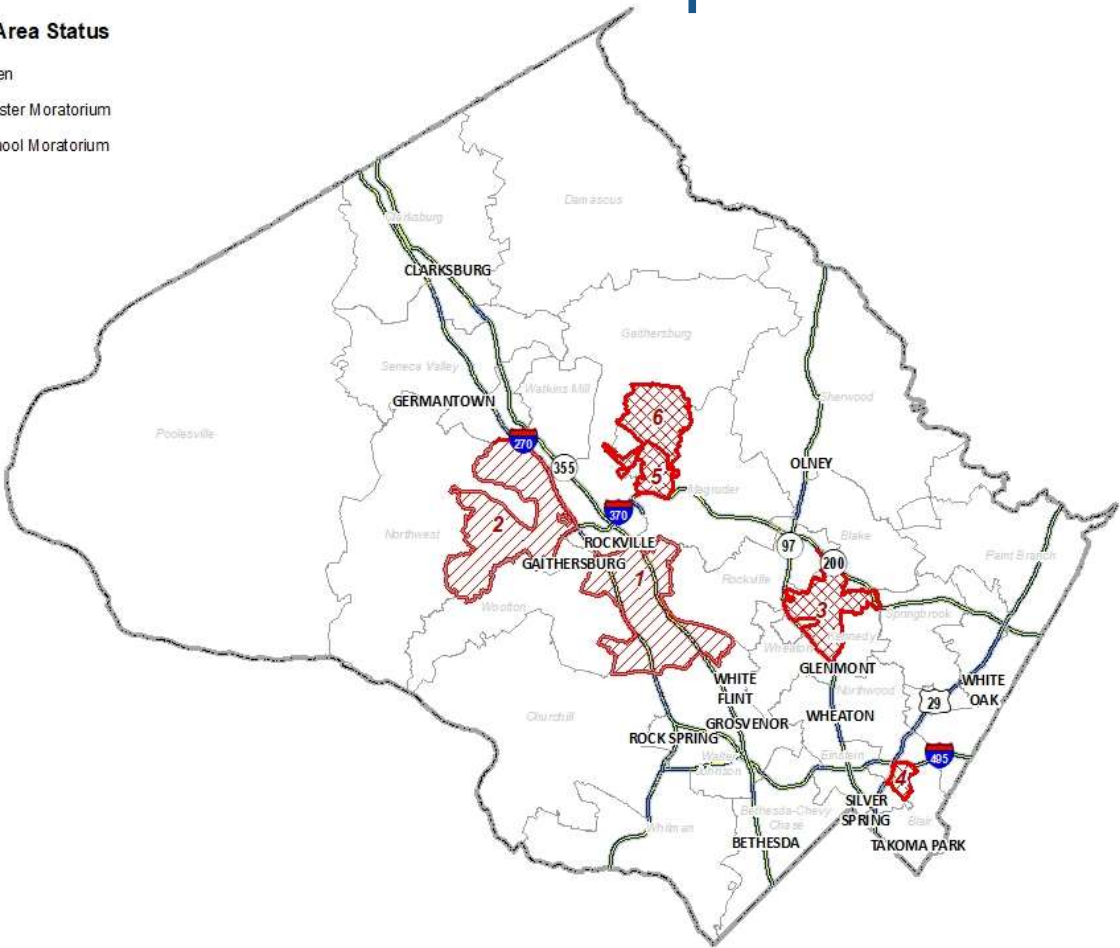
Individual School Moratoria:

- Highland View ES 146.9% utilization; 135 seat deficit
- Mill Creek Towne ES 152.4% utilization; 176 seat deficit
- Judith A. Resnik ES 123.3% utilization; 115 seat deficit
- Argyle MS 121.9% utilization; 196 seat deficit

FY21 Moratorium Map

Service Area Status

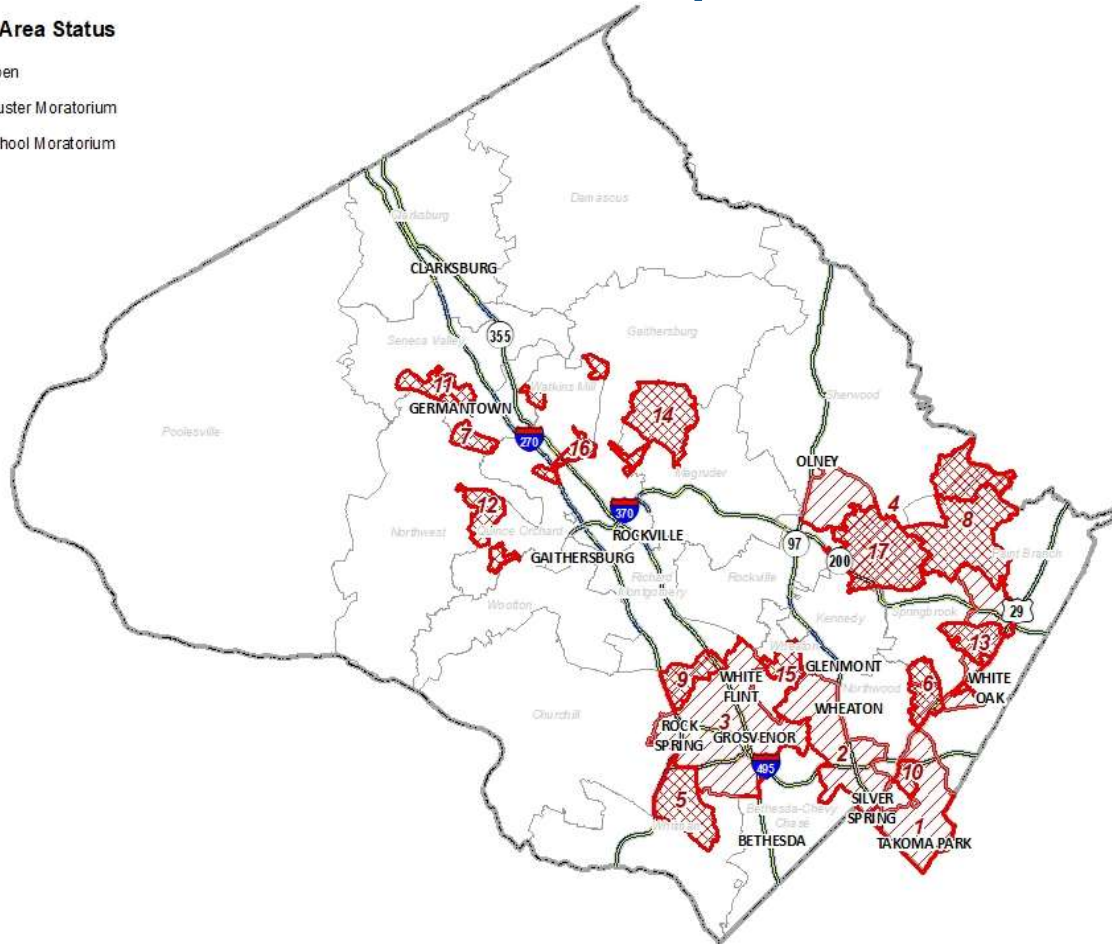
- Open
- Cluster Moratorium
- School Moratorium



Cluster/School Service Area in Moratorium	
1	Richard Montgomery Cluster – HS
2	Quince Orchard Cluster - HS
3	Argyle MS
4	Highland View ES
5	Mill Creek Towne ES
6	Judith A. Resnik ES

FY20 Moratorium Map

Service Area Status



Cluster/School Service Area in Moratorium

1	Montgomery Blair Cluster – HS
2	Albert Einstein Cluster - HS
3	Walter Johnson Cluster - HS
4	James H. Blake Cluster - ES
5	Burning Tree ES
6	Burnt Mills ES
7	Clopper Mill ES
8	Cloverly ES
9	Farmland ES
10	Highland View ES
11	Lake Seneca ES
12	Thurgood Marshall ES
13	William T. Page ES
14	Judith A. Resnick ES
15	Sargent Shriver ES
16	South Lake ES
17	Stonegate ES

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Clusters Open Conditionally due to Approved CIP Projects:

- Montgomery Blair Cluster (Northwood HS and Woodward HS)
- Albert Einstein Cluster (Northwood HS and Woodward HS)
- Walter Johnson Cluster (Woodward HS)

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Individual Schools Open Conditionally due to Approved CIP Projects:

- Rachel Carson ES (DuFief ES)
- Clarksburg ES (Clarksburg ES #9)
- JoAnn Leleck ES (Roscoe Nix ES and Cresthaven ES)
- Strawberry Knoll ES (Gaithersburg ES #8)
- Summit Hall ES (Gaithersburg ES #8)

Data Calculation Method

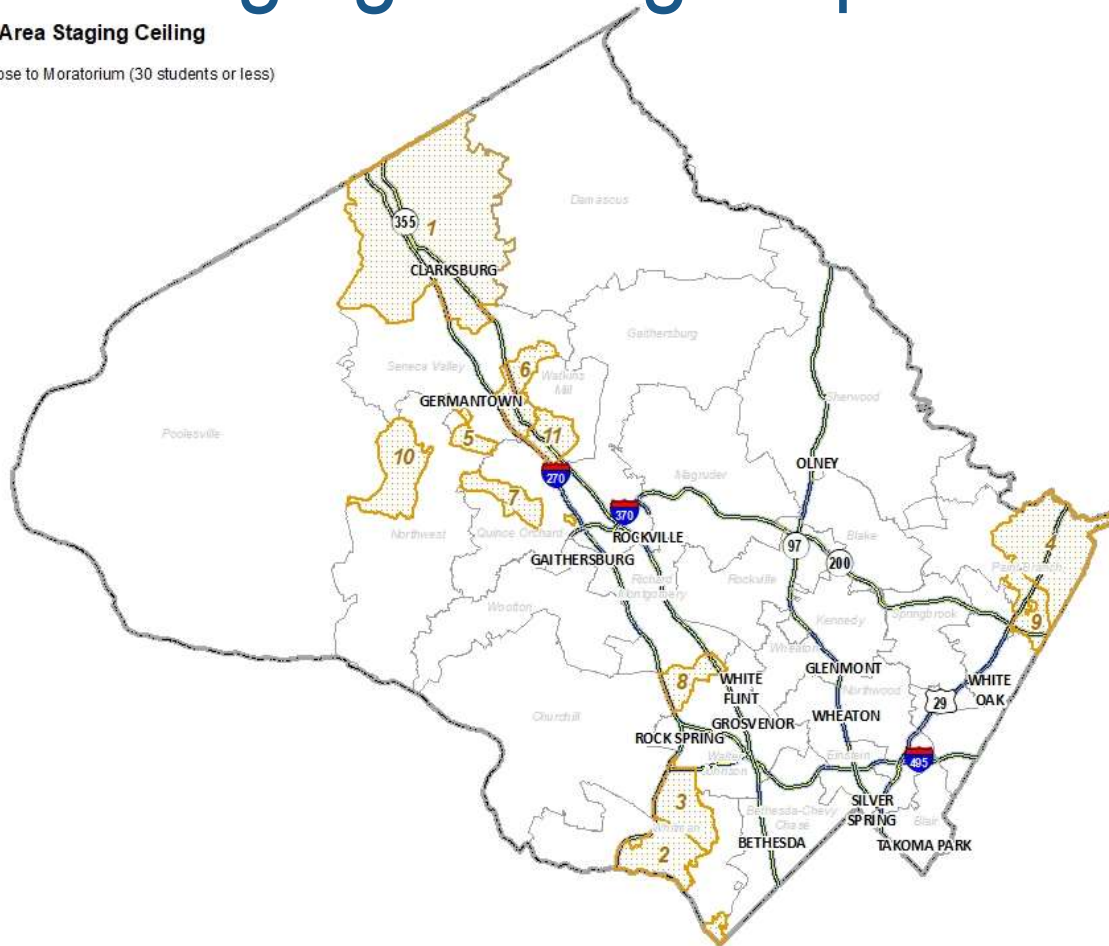
for Approved CIP/Prospective Student Reassignments

Cluster/School	MCPS Projection Data		FY21 School Test Assumptions	
	Utilization Rate	Seat Surplus/Deficit	Balanced Utilization Rate	Balanced Seat Surplus/Deficit
Rachel Carson ES	127.0%	-187	82.1%	+124
DuFief ES	40.9%	+445	82.2%	+134

FY21 Staging Ceiling Map

Service Area Staging Ceiling

 Close to Moratorium (30 students or less)



	Cluster/School Service Area Close to Moratorium	# of Students to Trigger Moratorium
1	Clarksburg Cluster – HS	30
2	Bannockburn ES	3
3	Burning Tree ES	27
4	Burtonsville ES	17
5	Clopper Mill ES	30
6	Capt. James E. Daly ES	26
7	Diamond ES	10
8	Farmland ES	22
9	Greencastle ES	6
10	Spark M. Matsunaga ES	27
11	Watkins Mill ES	20

Suggested Motion

- To accept and certify the results of the FY21 Annual School Test as presented by Montgomery Planning staff, including the modifications due to the correction of the projected enrollment at Northwest HS.