

**FY 2025 Capital Budget
and the FY 2025–2030
Capital Improvements Program
Spring Amendments Work Session**

Montgomery County Board of Education
February 27, 2024

Agenda

- Spring Amendment Timeline
- County Executive's Recommended FY 2025-2030 CIP
- Non-Recommended Reductions
- Capital Projects Overview
- Overview of Boundary Studies (revised/new)

FY 2025-2030 Requested CIP Spring Amendments Calendar

- February 27, 2024
 - Board of Education Presentation on Spring Amendments
- March 7, 2024
 - Work Session on Spring Amendments
- March 7, 2024
 - Public Hearing (evening)
- March 14, 2024
 - Public Hearing (evening)
- March 19, 2024
 - Board of Education Action

County Executive's Recommendation

- On January 16, the county executive released the Recommended FY 2025 Capital Budget and the FY 2025–2030 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for Montgomery County.
- The recommendation for Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) was \$1.908B for the six-year period, a decrease of \$91.2M less than the Board's request of \$1.999B.
- The recommendation shifts expenditures from FYs 2025–2028 to the last two years of the CIP.
- The recommendation stated that:
 - “The Board's request continues to display a pattern in which it is consistently large in the first few years of the CIP and underfunded in the out-years. This leads to over-programming of other projects, which are then repeatedly delayed once more traditional MCPS funding levels are requested in those years.”
 - This view also was shared during the January 18, Education and Culture Committee meeting, as well as the February 8, Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee meeting.

FY 2025-2030 CIP Comparison

FY 2025-2030 CIP Board of Education's Request vs. County Executive's Recommendation (\$000s)

	Total Six-Years	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
Board of Education's Request	1,999,362	466,196	477,161	433,874	329,473	169,543	123,115
County Executive's Recommendation	1,908,175	411,677	366,685	333,920	248,187	239,817	307,889
Difference	(91,187)	(54,519)	(110,476)	(99,954)	(81,286)	70,274	184,774

- The county executive's recommendation is approximately \$91M less than the Board's request.
- The significant reductions in the first four years of the CIP, approximately \$350M, is the highest reduction in recent history.
- In order to align with the County Executive's recommendation, expenditures will not only need to be removed from the six-year plan, but delays over multiple years will be required.

Board of Education's Requested CIP

(\$000s)

Project	Total Six-Years	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
Individual School Projects							
Bethesda-Chevy Chase/Walter Johnson Clusters ES (New)	1,195	650	545				
James Hubert Blake HS Addition	18,490	980	5,210	5,850	4,450	2,000	
Burtonsville ES Replacement	52,044	15,455	19,053	17,536			
Crown HS (New)	178,267	27,613	41,719	68,358	40,577		
Greencastle ES Addition	11,835	6,445	5,390				
Highland View ES Addition	15,724	1,825	6,394	7,505			
JbAnn Leleck ES @ Broad Acres Replacement	49,799	16,444	17,355	16,000			
Mill Creek Town ES Addition	18,215	610	5,210	4,540	5,405	2,450	
Northwood HS Addition/Facility Upgrade	166,054	43,909	52,891	37,254	32,000		
William Tyler Page ES Addition	2,000	2,000					
Paint Branch HS Addition	22,569	1,390	6,850	6,750	5,579	2,000	
Silver Spring International MS Addition	15,154	10,154	5,000				
Woodward HS Reopening	101,786	26,890	22,896	31,000	21,000		
Subtotal	653,132	154,365	188,513	194,793	109,011	6,450	0
Major Capital Projects Elementary	136,413	34,126	2,287	40,000	40,000	20,000	0
Major Capital Projects Secondary	518,253	118,295	122,003	96,284	87,491	54,434	39,746
Countywide Projects Total	691,564	159,410	164,358	102,797	92,971	88,659	83,369
Total Requested CIP	1,999,362	466,196	477,161	433,874	329,473	169,543	123,115

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Expanding Opportunity and Unleashing Potential

Board of Education's Requested CIP (\$000s)

Project	Total	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
	Six-Years						
ADA Compliance: MCPS	23,200	7,200	7,200	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200
Asbestos Abatement	6,870	1,145	1,145	1,145	1,145	1,145	1,145
Building Modifications and Program Improvements	16,000	8,000	8,000				
CESC Modifications	5,000	2,500	2,500				
Design and Construction Management	33,000	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500
Early Childhood Centers	47,500	6,000	12,000	15,000	9,500	5,000	
Emergency Replacement of Major Building Components	3,000	1,500	1,500				
Facility Planning: MCPS	3,800	1,350	1,050	350	350	350	350
Fire Safety Upgrades	7,902	2,317	2,317	817	817	817	817
Healthy Schools	10,000	5,000	5,000				
HVAC Replacement	144,000	35,000	35,000	18,500	18,500	18,500	18,500
Improved (Safe) Access to Schools/ County Bicycle Initiati	7,000	3,500	3,500				
Outdoor Play Space Maintenance	2,700	450	450	450	450	450	450
Planned Life-Cycle Asset Replacement (PLAR)	64,000	12,000	12,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Relocatable Classrooms	15,000	5,000	5,000	5,000			
Restroom Renovations	24,000	6,000	6,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Roof Replacement/Moisture Protection Projects	56,000	12,000	12,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
School Security	16,000	4,000	4,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Stormwater Discharge and Water Quality Management	7,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
Sustainability Initiatives	20,000	10,000	10,000				
Technology Modernization	179,392	29,748	28,996	29,635	30,309	30,497	30,207
Sub-Total Countywide Projects	691,564	159,410	164,358	102,797	92,971	88,659	83,369

If the Board's request were to include the expenditures in the out-years, it would increase the CIP by approximately \$250M.

Non-Recommended Reductions

- On January 26, 2024, the Board received a letter from the Chair of the Education and Culture Committee requesting that MCPS provide a “Non-Recommended Reductions” scenario to align with the county executive’s recommendation.
- On February 13, 2024, we provided the County Council, with two non-recommended reduction scenarios to align with the county executive’s recommendation:
 - The first scenario includes additional funding in the out-years to provide consistent funding levels over the six-year CIP for critical infrastructure, such as heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, and roof replacement projects.
 - To offset the additional funding and to meet the county executive’s recommended CIP, individual capital projects were delayed and expenditures were removed completely from the Board of Education’s request.
 - The second scenario is a balance that removes some expenditures for newly requested projects but maintains previously approved projects in the CIP with varying delays to completion dates.

Non-Recommended Reduction Scenario A

- Add out-year expenditures for the following countywide systemic projects:
 - ADA Compliance—\$5M in FY 2027–2030—total \$20M
 - Emergency Replacement—\$1.5M in FY 2027–2030—total \$6M
 - Fire Safety Upgrades—\$2M in FY 2027–2030—total \$8M
 - Healthy Schools—\$5M in FY 2027–2030—total \$20M
 - HVAC Replacement—\$35M in FY 2027–2030—total \$140M
 - Relocatable Classrooms—\$5M in FY 2028–2030—total \$15M
 - Sustainability Initiatives—\$10M in FY 2027–2030—total \$40M
- Remove all expenditures for the following addition projects:
 - Mill Creek Towne Elementary School and James Hubert Blake and Paint Branch high schools
- Maintain planning funds, delay construction to FY 2029, with a TBD completion for the following projects:
 - Damascus High School—Major Capital Project
 - Eastern Middle School—Major Capital Project
- Remove all planning and construction funds, with a completion date of “to be determined” for the following two high school Major Capital Projects:
 - Col. Zadok Magruder and Thomas S. Wootton (site reconfiguration to remain on schedule)
- Maintain planning funds, delay construction funds two years for the following Major Capital Projects:
 - Cold Spring, Damascus, Twinbrook, and Whetstone elementary schools

Non-Recommended Reduction Scenario B

- Remove all expenditures for the following addition projects:
 - Mill Creek Towne Elementary School
 - James Hubert Blake High School
 - Paint Branch High School
- Maintain planning funds, delay the completion dates by two years for the following projects:
 - Damascus High School—Major Capital Project
 - Burtonsville Elementary School—Replacement Project
 - JoAnn Leleck Elementary School at Broad Acres—Replacement Project
- Maintain planning funds, delay the completion date by one year for the following project:
 - Eastern Middle School—Major Capital Project
- Delay planning funds to FY 2029 with a completion date of “to be determined” for the following two high school Major Capital Projects:
 - Col. Zadok Magruder
 - Thomas S. Wootton (site reconfiguration to remain on schedule)
- Maintain planning funds, delay construction funds two years for the following Major Capital Projects:
 - Cold Spring, Damascus, Twinbrook, and Whetstone elementary schools

Non-Recommended Reduction Scenario A

Board of Education's Request vs Scenario A
(\$000s)

	Total Six-Years	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
Board of Education's Request	1,999,362	466,196	477,161	433,874	329,473	169,543	123,115
Scenario A (Non-Recommended Reductions)	1,908,685	412,719	372,105	338,433	248,531	233,909	302,988
Difference	(90,677)	(53,477)	(105,056)	(95,441)	(80,942)	64,366	179,873

County Executive's Recommendation vs Scenario A
(\$000s)

	Total Six-Years	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
County Executive's Recommendation	1,908,175	411,677	366,685	333,920	248,187	239,817	307,889
Scenario A (Non-Recommended Reductions)	1,908,685	412,719	372,105	338,433	248,531	233,909	302,988
Difference	510	1,042	5,420	4,513	344	(5,908)	(4,901)

Non-Recommended Reduction Scenario B

Board of Education's Request vs Scenario B
(\$000s)

	Total Six-Years	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
Board of Education's Request	1,999,362	466,196	477,161	433,874	329,473	169,543	123,115
Scenario B (Non-Recommended Reduction)	1,909,151	410,459	366,287	333,391	251,954	250,432	296,628
Difference	(90,211)	(55,737)	(110,874)	(100,483)	(77,519)	80,889	173,513

County Executive's Recommendation vs Scenario B
(\$000s)

	Total Six-Years	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
County Executive's Recommendation	1,908,175	411,677	366,685	333,920	248,187	239,817	307,889
Scenario B (Non-Recommended Reduction)	1,909,151	410,459	366,287	333,391	251,954	250,432	296,628
Difference	976	(1,218)	(398)	(529)	3,767	10,615	(11,261)

Non-Recommended Reductions

- The two non-recommended reduction scenarios closely align with the county executive's recommendation but do not fully achieve the year-by-year expenditure schedule.
- Both scenarios incorporate several technical adjustments to capital projects that shift expenditures but do not change completion dates.
- The non-recommended reductions are not in a priority order since it is unknown the amount of funding the County Council will make available for school construction.
- MCPS staff will continue to work with Office of Management and Budget and Council staff through this budget process.

Discussion

Capital Project Overview

- Crown High School (New)
- Damascus High School (Major Capital Project)
- Charles W. Woodward High School (New)
- Burtonsville Elementary School (Replacement)
- JoAnn Leleck Elementary School at Broad Acres (Replacement)

Crown High School (New)



Damascus High School Major Capital Project

Option 1

- Three-story addition along Bethesda Church Road—new front door
- Existing field configuration remains
- Upgraded stadium/track, turf field
- Bus loop along Ridge Road
- 44 buses/approx. 385 parking



Option 2

- Three-story addition along Ridge Road- new front door
- Three-story addition along Bethesda Church Road
- Existing field configuration remains
- Upgraded stadium/track, turf field
- Bus loop along Ridge Road
- 27 buses/approx. 400 parking



Charles W. Woodward High School (New)



Burtonsville Elementary School Replacement



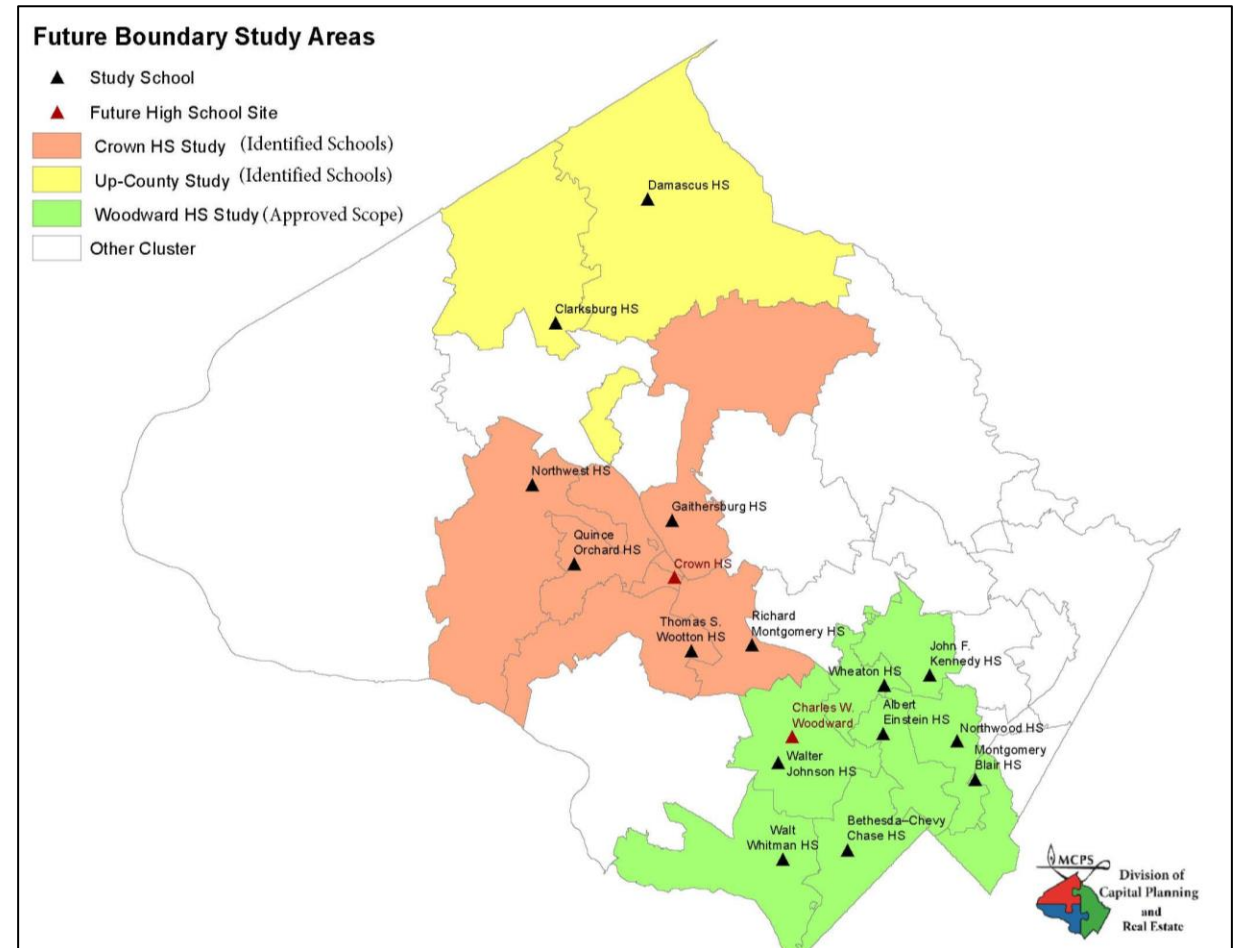
JoAnn Leleck Elementary School at Broad Acres Replacement



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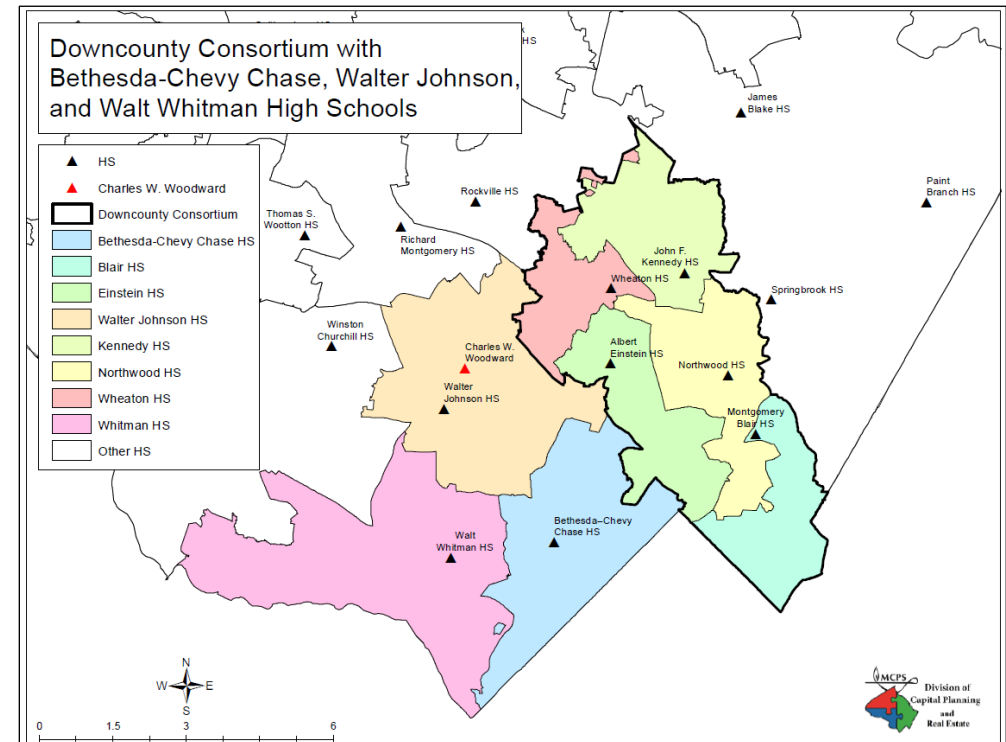
Boundary Studies Discussion

- As part of the FY 2025–2030 CIP, the recommendation was to return in the spring after a holistic review of all needed boundary studies and make recommendations on future boundary study scopes.
- Items to Discuss/Review:
 - Boundary study timeline for the reopening of Charles W. Woodward High School (revised)
 - Recommended scope and timeline for the new Crown High School and the Damascus High School Major Capital Project



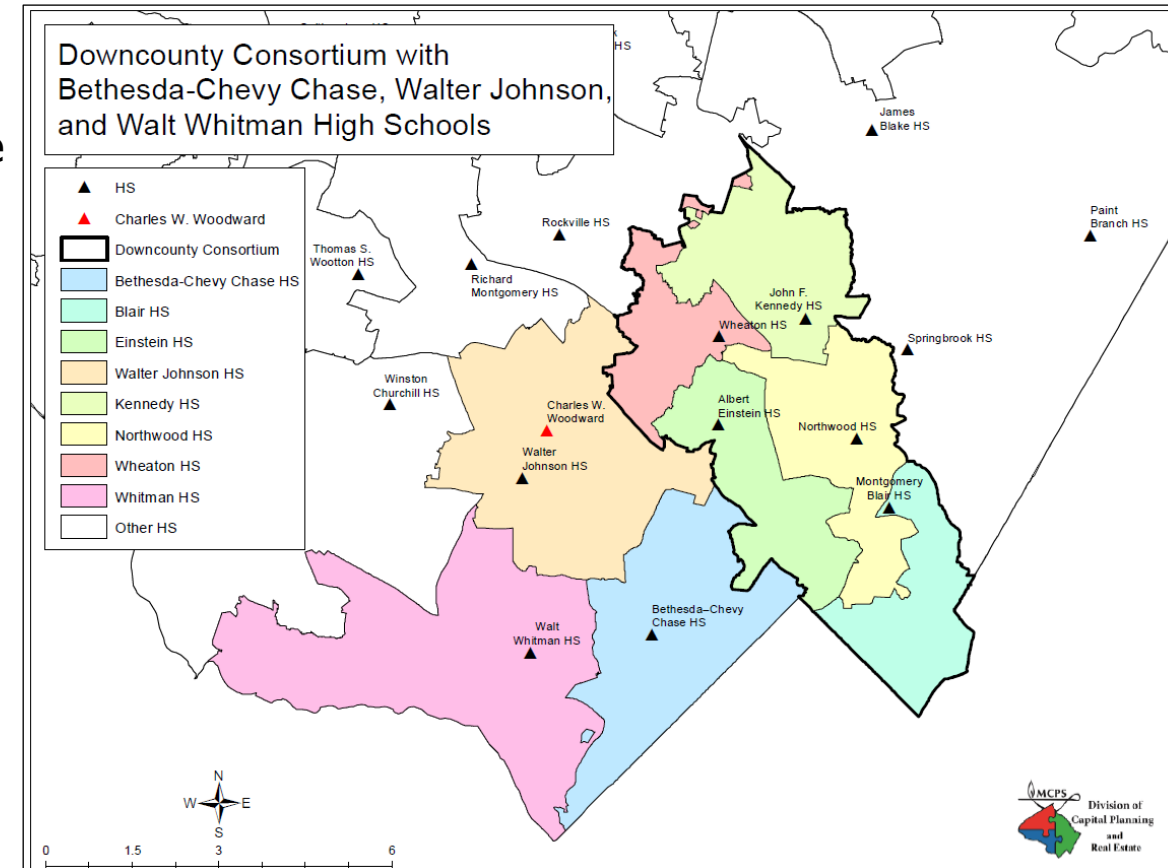
Reopening of Charles W. Woodward High School (Adopted Scope/Timeline)

- On March 28, 2023, the Board approved the boundary scope to include:
 - All high schools in the Downcounty Consortium, Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Walter Johnson, and Walt Whitman high schools.
 - All middle schools that feed into the identified high schools.
- Adopted Timeline:
 - Spring 2023–Request for Proposal released
 - Summer 2023–Board approves consultant
 - Fall 2023–Prepare for community engagement
 - Early 2024–Fall 2024 Boundary Study process
 - Early 2025– Boundary Study Report released
 - Winter 2025 (February)– Recommendation released
 - Winter 2025 (February–March) Board work sessions, public hearings, and action



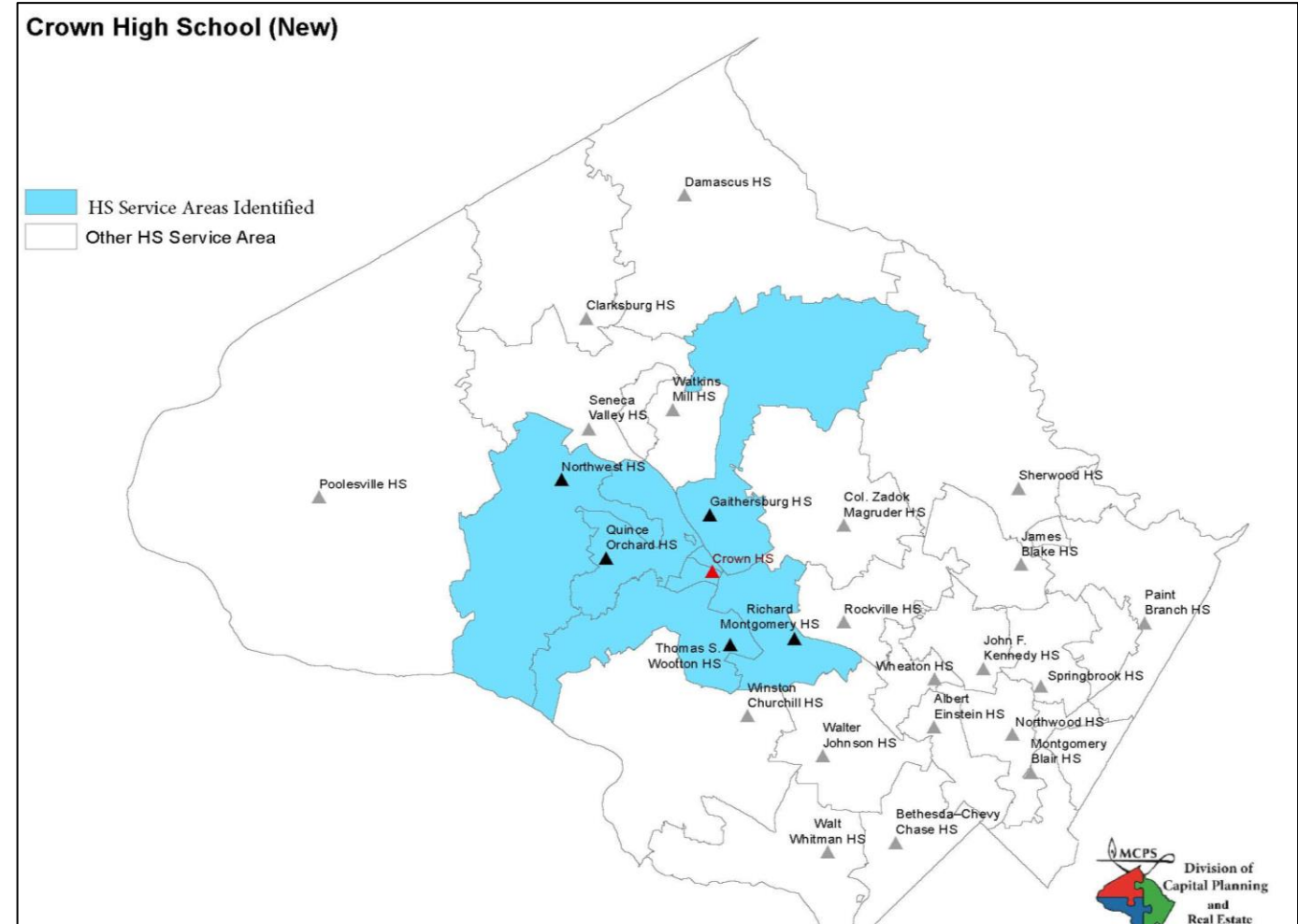
Reopening of Charles W. Woodward HS (Recommended Revised Timeline)

- As part of the adopted FY2023–2028 amended CIP, the completion date for the reopening was delayed one year.
- As a result, the boundary timeline needed to be revised.
- Below is the recommended revised timeline for the boundary study:
 - Spring 2024—Request for Proposal released
 - Summer 2024—Board approves consultant
 - Fall 2024—Prepare for community engagement
 - Early 2025–Fall/Winter 2025—Boundary Study process
 - January 2026—Boundary Study Report released
 - Early February 2026—Recommendation released
 - Late February–March 2026—Board work sessions, public hearings, and action
- No change in the original boundary scope is recommended other than the timeline
- Charles W. Woodward High School is scheduled to reopen in August 2027.



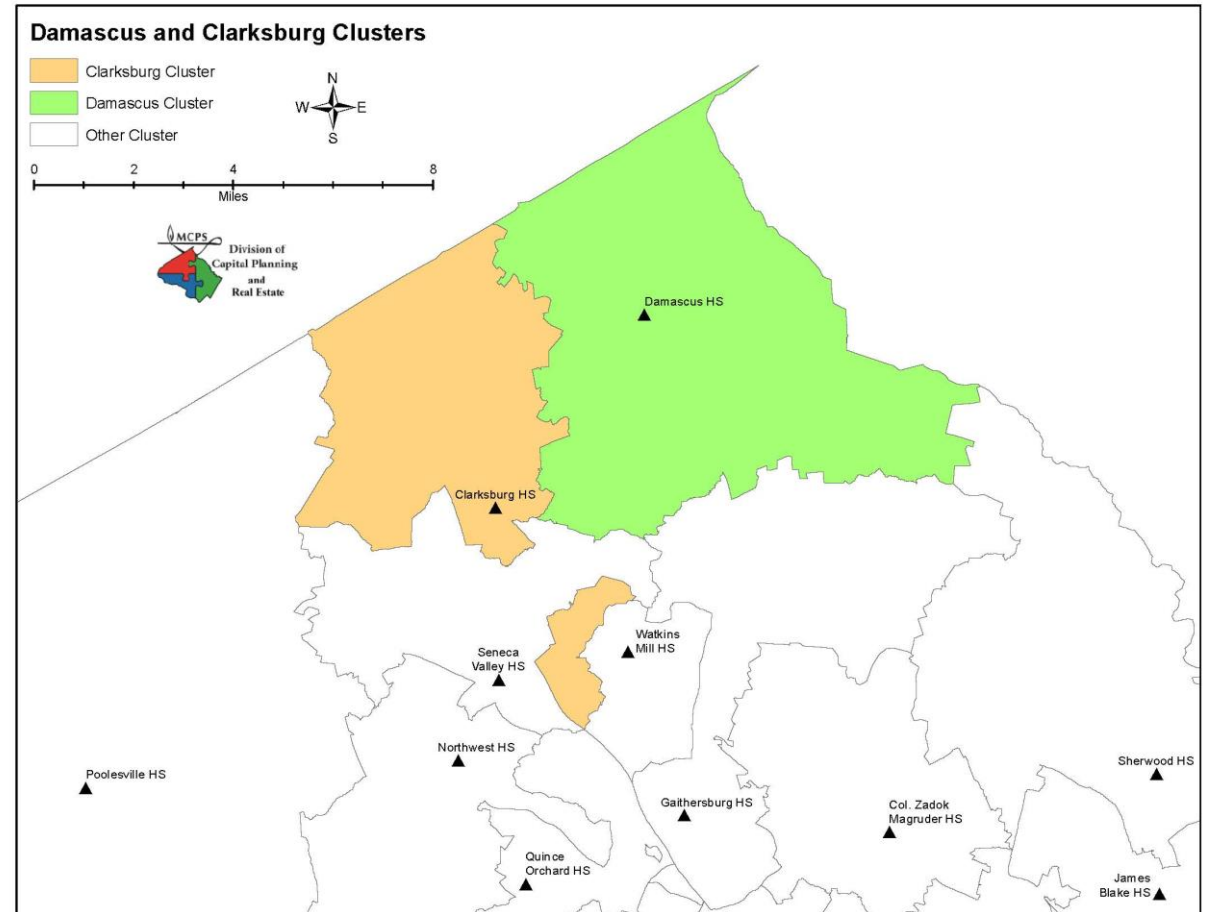
Crown High School (New)

- The new Crown High School is scheduled to open in August 2027.
- The following high schools were identified to populate the new school:
 - Gaithersburg
 - Northwest
 - Quince Orchard
 - Richard Montgomery
 - Thomas S. Wootton
- While schools have been identified, the scope of the boundary studied has not been recommended.



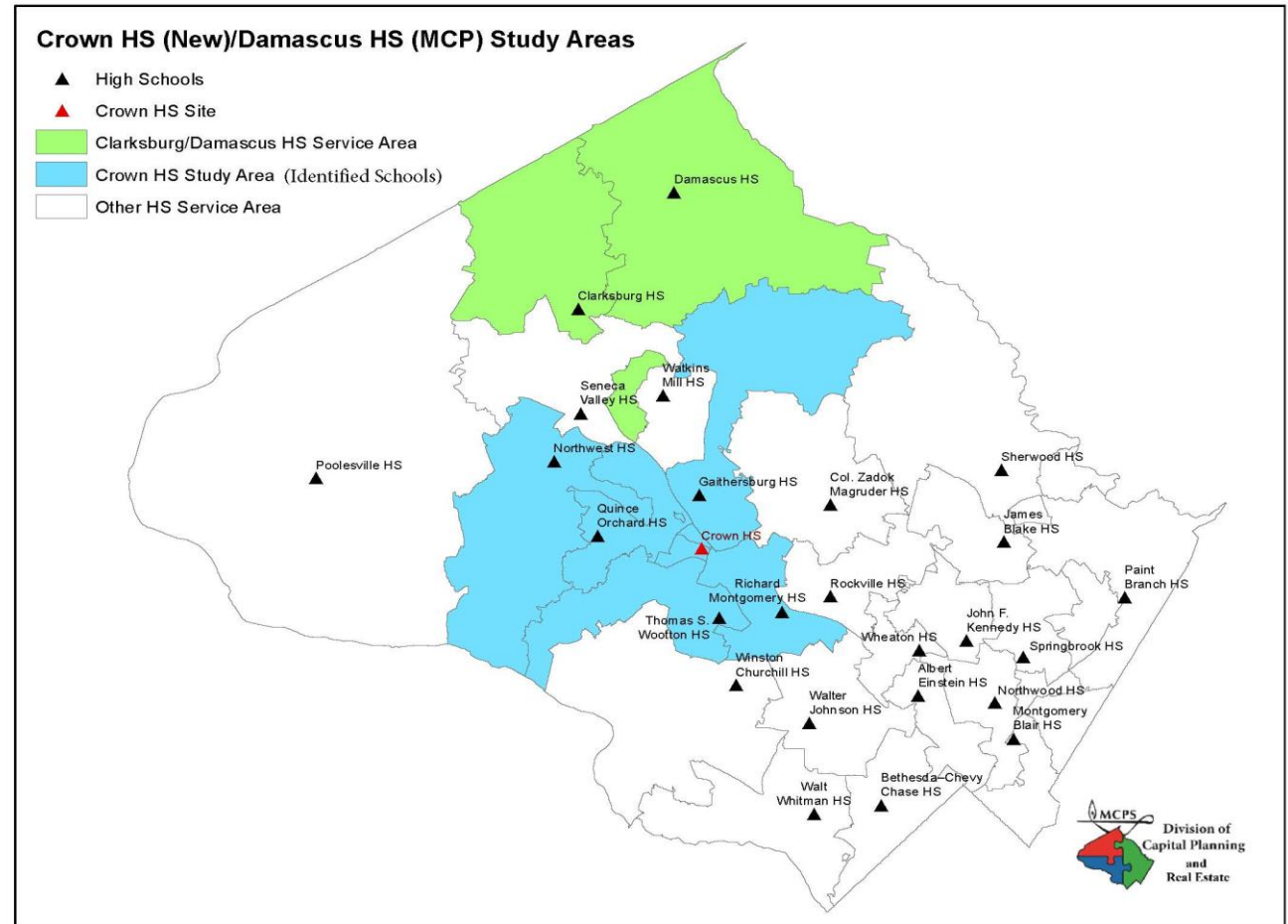
Damascus High School (Major Capital Project)

- The Damascus High School Major Capital Project (MCP) is scheduled to open in August 2027.
- As previously discussed, this project is included in the non-recommended reductions, but we will not know the outcome until late April.
- The project will include an expansion to accommodate students from Clarksburg High School.
- The scope of the boundary study has not been recommended.



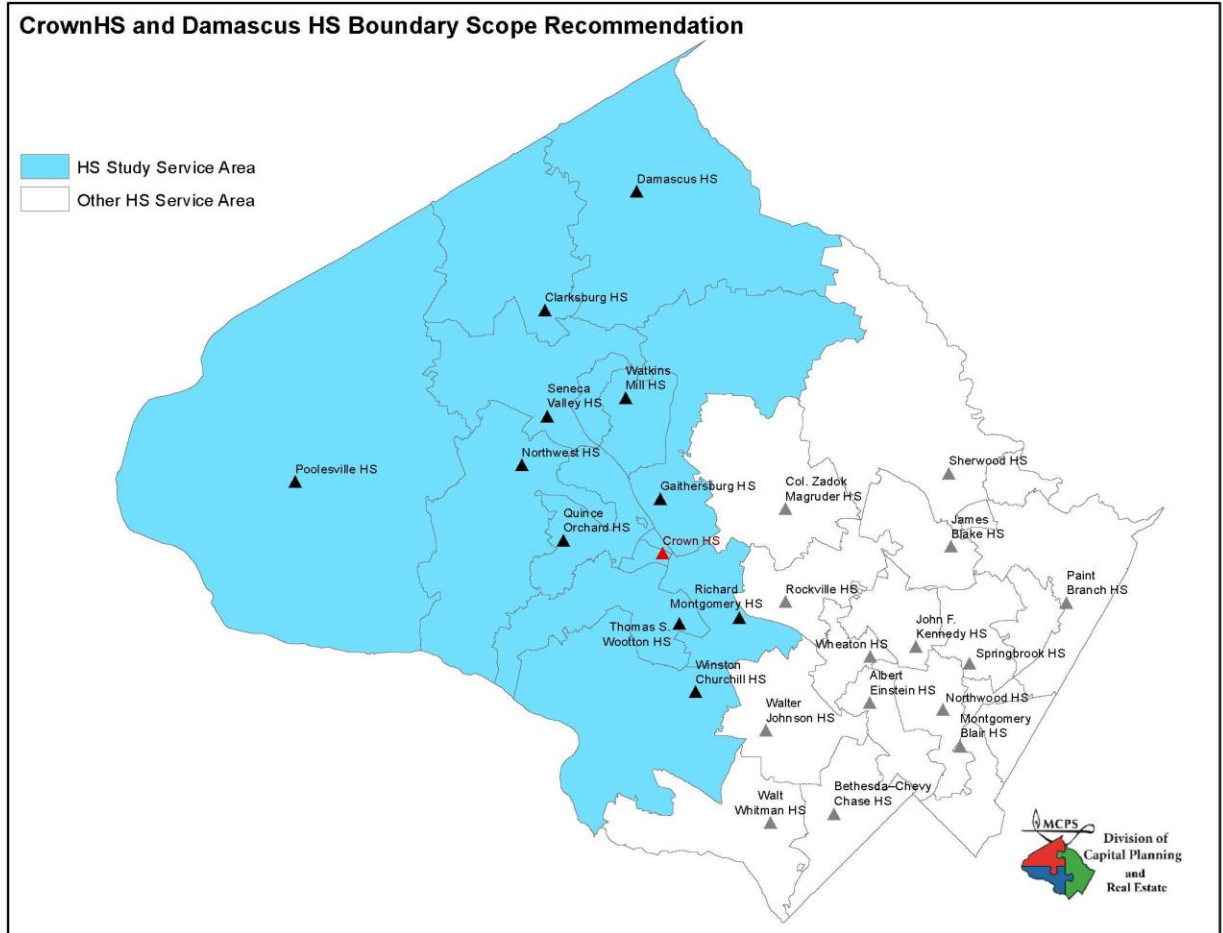
Issues for Consideration

- The new Crown High School and Damascus High School (MCP) are both scheduled to be completed in August 2027.
- As previously discussed, the Damascus High School (MCP) is included in the non-recommended reductions, but we will not know the outcome until late April.
- Clusters identified to populate the new Crown High School are adjacent to both Damascus and Clarksburg clusters.
- Considerations:
 - Combine the two boundary studies into one larger study.
 - Include adjacent clusters to provide broader analysis of boundaries.



Interim Superintendent's Recommendation Boundary Study Scope

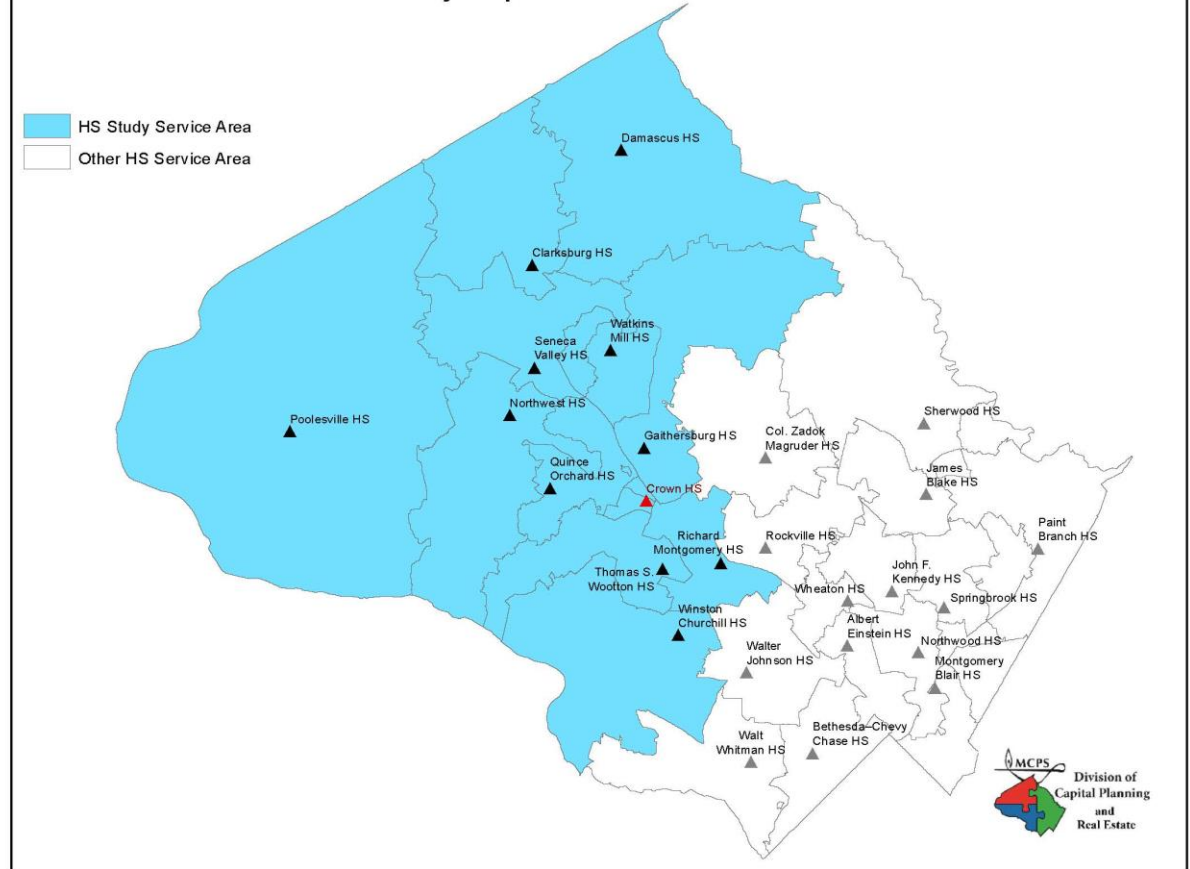
- Combine the boundary studies for Crown High School and the expansion of Damascus High School.
- Include adjacent clusters to provide a broader analysis of the boundaries in the mid/upper county.
- The following high schools are recommended:
 - Winston Churchill
 - Clarksburg
 - Damascus
 - Gaithersburg
 - Richard Montgomery
 - Thomas Wootton
 - Northwest
 - Poolesville
 - Quince Orchard
 - Seneca Valley
 - Watkins Mill
- All middle schools that feed into the identified high schools are recommended.
- No elementary schools are recommended.



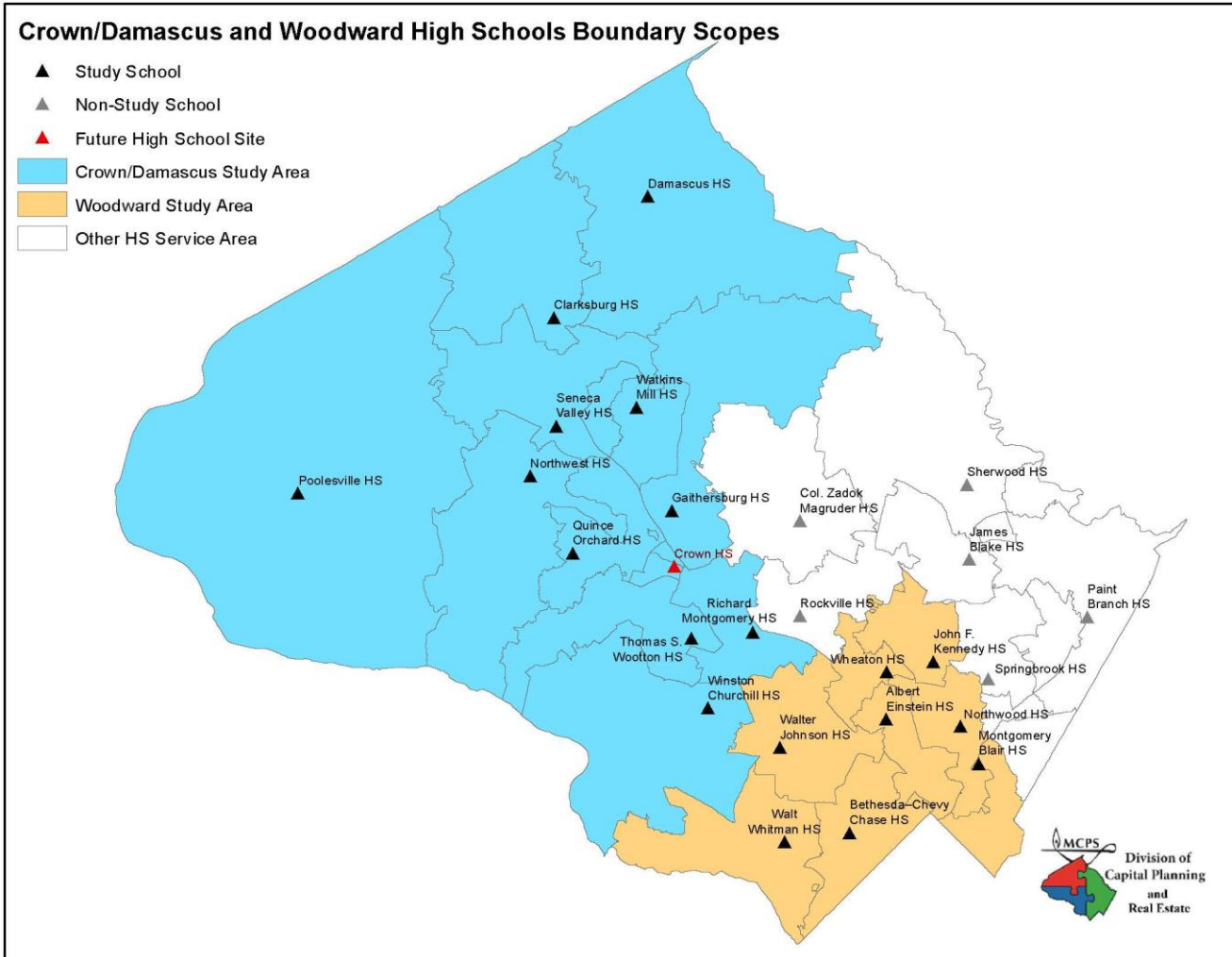
Interim Superintendent's Recommendation Boundary Study Scope

- Recommended Boundary Study Timeline:
 - Spring 2024—Request for Proposal released
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 - Early 2025–Fall/Winter 2025—Boundary Study process
 - January 2026—Boundary Study Report released
 - Early February 2026—Recommendation released
 - Late February—March 2026—Board work sessions, public hearings, and action
- The boundary recommendation will include an implementation schedule that will consider any delays to capital projects.

Crown HS and Damascus HS Boundary Scope Recommendation



Recommended Upcoming Boundary Studies



Discussion