You are Invited to Attend
Two Public Information Meetings

Downcounty Consortium Elementary Schools Capacity Study

Initial Meeting: March 2, 2015, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Montgomery Blair High School, cafeteria
51 University Boulevard East, Silver Spring, Maryland

Results of Elementary School Meetings: June 1, 2015, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Northwood High School, cafeteria
919 University Boulevard West, Silver Spring, Maryland

Enrollment growth in the southern portion of the Downcounty Consortium elementary schools requires classroom additions or a new elementary school. In November 2013, the Board of Education directed Montgomery County Public Schools’ staff to study the feasibility of classroom additions at five elementary schools in the Downcounty Consortium study area. Seven other schools also are included in the study. The results of these studies will be compared to the cost of opening a new elementary school. The schools included in this study are listed below:

Schools to be Studied for Additions
Montgomery Knolls Elementary School
New Hampshire Estates Elementary School
Oak View Elementary School
Pine Crest Elementary School
Sligo Creek Elementary School

Other Cluster Schools
East Silver Spring Elementary School
Forest Knolls Elementary School
Highland View Elementary School
Piney Branch Elementary School
Rolling Terrace Elementary School
Takoma Park Elementary School
Woodlin Elementary School

Come learn about the upcoming process and have your questions addressed. The schedule of meetings at the five elementary schools to be studied for additions is listed on the back of this page. During the study, all relevant materials will be posted, as they become available, at the website listed below:

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/construction/studies/dccesstudy.shtml

Spanish interpreters will be present at all evening meetings. Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals who need accommodations or special assistance, may contact the Office of Interpreting Services at 301-517-5539 and for video phone at 301-637-2933.
Elementary School Meetings

The meetings at each elementary school are an opportunity for community members to provide input on the classroom additions being studied. At each school, the architect will present one or more concepts for the classroom addition. Comments will be recorded and the architect will incorporate any changes based on the input.

Capacity Study Follow-up

Following completion of the meetings, the architect will develop cost estimates for each proposed school addition. The cost of additions will be compared with the cost of a new elementary school. In Fall 2015, the superintendent of schools will make a recommendation on whether to construct additions at some schools, build a new elementary school, or a combination of both. The recommendation will be included as part of the Superintendent’s Recommended FY 2017–2022 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) where funds and opening dates will be recommended.