

# Community Discussions on School Boundaries, Modernization, & Consolidation



#### **Overview**

#### Capital Programs Division

- Master Plan Support Project
- Annual Educational Facilities Master Plan
- FY 2017-22 Capital Improvement Program
- School Construction Funding and Priorities

#### Pupil Accounting and School Boundaries

- Enrollment trends
- Efficient use of schools
- School feeder patterns
- Grade organization
- Discussion Groups
- Next Steps
- Timeline



# **Department of Capital Programs**

#### **Mission**

- Deliver educationally-appropriate and correctly-sized facilities
- Provide sustainable, safe, and healthy environments conducive to teaching and learning
- Major initiatives:
  - Expanding language immersion programs
  - Expanding pre-kindergarten
  - Implementing career academies
  - Integrating special education services
  - Moving 6<sup>th</sup> grade to middle schools





### What are the EFMP and CIP?

The Educational Facilities Master Plan (EFMP) guides the selection of school facility projects to be included in the 6-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is annually updated to identify capital project needs and provide a funding schedule.

Capital Improvement Program

Capital Projects

Educational Facility
Master Plan

Strategic Plan
The Promise of PGCPS

**Comprehensive Maintenance Plan** 



# What is the MPSP?

# The Master Plan Support Project (MPSP) is a comprehensive study of long-term facility needs

- The MPSP consultants recommended:
  - A 20-year, \$8.5 billion plan for modernization.
  - A process for prioritizing construction and renovation.
  - A school by school schedule which included:
    - Modernizing 132 schools
    - Consolidating 29 schools
    - Constructing 8 new schools
- The consultants' schedule for modernization and consolidations provides useful data and insights for further analysis;
- In developing the FY 2017-22 CIP, selective MPSP recommendations were taken into consideration.
- PGCPS will continue to engage the community to determine how to integrate MPSP recommendations into future plans.





# **Educational Facility Master Plan**

# The Educational Facility Master Plan (EFMP) a 20-year plan of long-term facility needs

 The EFMP will synthesize the MPSP, stakeholder input from community meetings, and new educational goals and initiatives:

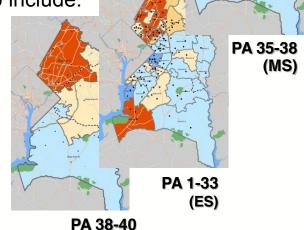
A 20-year plan for modernization.

Confirm prioritization for construction and renovation.

A school by school schedule by Planning Area (PA) to include:

- Modernizing schools
- Consolidating schools
- Constructing new schools
- Grade reorganizations and boundary changes
- Preliminary draft will be issued in January 2016
- Community engagement will continue into Spring 2016

School Board will approve the Final EFMP prior to July 2016





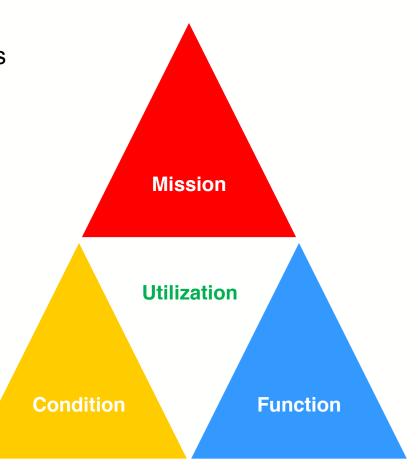
# **CIP Funding Priorities**

#### **PGCPS Capital Plan Priorities**

- Full Renovations / Replacements
- Limited Renovations
- Educational Initiatives
- Critical Systems Replacements
- Code Compliance

#### **State Eligibility Factors**

- Full Utilization
- Over Enrollment
- Older Schools (40+ years)
- State Educational Initiatives
- State Facility Initiatives





# FY 2017-22 CIP

The proposed FY 2017-22 CIP funding request represents over \$2.4 billion.

The FY 2017 funding request is for approximately \$304.4 million including:

#### **New Schools: \$10.0 million**

International High School at Langley Park, Northern High School No. 1 (Adelphi area), Northern Area Middle School No. 1 (Buck Lodge/Nicholas Orem area), Northern Middle School No. 2 (Charles Carroll/William Wirt Area), and Northern Elementary School No. 1 (Adelphi Planning Area 3)

#### Major Renovations, Additions, and Replacements: \$67.1 million

Fairmont Heights and Suitland high schools; William Wirt, Benjamin

Stoddert, and Kenmoor middle schools; and Glenarden Woods Elementary School

#### **Limited Renovations: \$32.3 million**

C Elizabeth Rieg Special Center, Bowie-Belair Annex, and Kenmoor ECC



#### FY 2017-22 CIP

Special Program Support Projects: \$18.0 million Stephen Decatur Middle School, William Schmidt Center

**Systemic Projects: \$83.4 million** 

71 Projects in Various Schools and Funding for Future Systemic Projects

Forward Funded Project Reimbursement: \$9.3 million

Lake Arbor ES, Mary Harris "Mother" Jones ES, Rosa Parks ES, Suitland ES



#### Compliance/Mandate Projects including ADA: \$13.3 million

Asbestos Abatement, ADA Compliance, WSSC Compliance, Buried Fuel Underground Storage Tanks, Lead Remediation, CFC Control and Code Corrections

#### **Countywide Projects: \$71.0 million**

AC Upgrades, Central Garage and Transportation, Kitchen and Food Services, Land and Building Acquisition, Major Renovation Misc. Projects, Major Repairs, Parking Lot/Driveways, Playground Equipment and Repairs, Security Upgrades, State Planning, Future QZAB and Future ASP



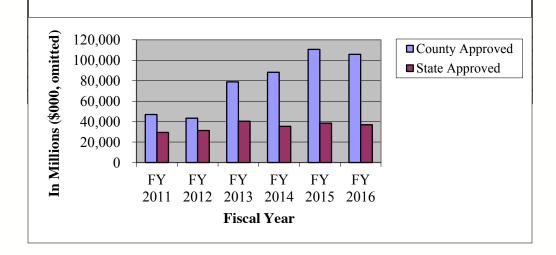
# How school construction is funded

#### **County Funding** State Funding



74% 26%

Six Year State Funding Analysis						
	County	State				
FY CIP	Approved	Approved	TOTAL	County %	State %	
FY 2011	47,000	29,500	76,500	61.44%	38.56%	
FY 2012	43,380	31,348	74,728	58.05%	41.95%	
FY 2013	78,812	40,375	119,187	66.12%	33.88%	
FY 2014	88,201	35,317	123,518	71.41%	28.59%	
FY 2015	110,589	38,539	149,128	74.16%	25.84%	
FY 2016	105,827	36,978	142,805	74.11%	25.89%	
In Millions (\$000, omitted)						





### **Pupil Accounting & School Boundaries**

**PASB** supports the PGCPS Strategic Plan focus areas of "Safe & Supportive Environments" and "Organizational Effectiveness" by:

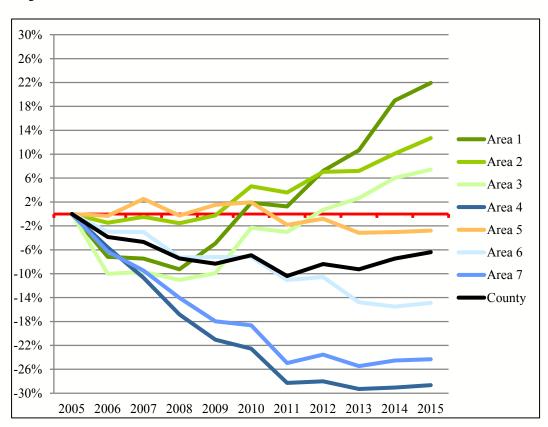
- Recommending adjustments to school and program boundaries to balance enrollment and building capacity.
- Monitoring demographic trends and residential developments to anticipate school enrollment for staffing and facility planning.
- Coordinating with offices & schools to identify needed adjustments to boundaries, grade structure, and programs.
- Updating school building capacity calculations (State Rated Capacity).

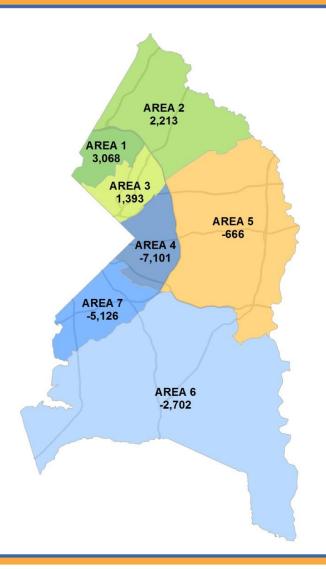
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#### **Enrollment Trends**

# **Enrollment changes from 2005 to 2015** by Census Area

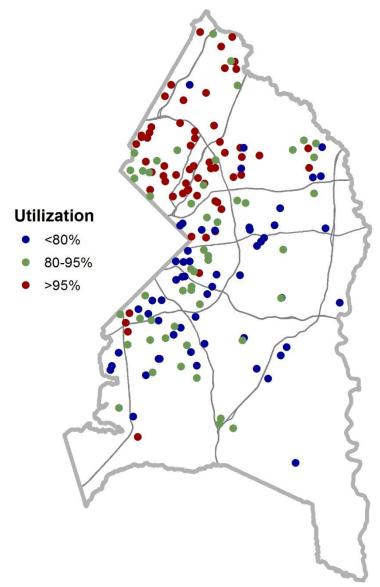




Census Areas refer to the Public Use Microdata Areas (PUMA) of the U.S. Census Bureau



- State Rated Capacity (SRC) the State's formula for determining the capacity of a school building.
- Utilization a school's enrollment divided by its SRC.
- Target utilization is 80% 95%.
- Target school sizes are:
  - Elementary: 411 834
  - Middle: 600 1,200
  - High: 950 2,734





When school utilization is outside the target range, the district can implement a wide range of improvement strategies:

- Adding programs (e.g. Duval HS Aerospace program)
- Co-locating schools (e.g. Largo HS and International High @Largo)
- Converting a neighborhood school to a dedicated specialty school (e.g. Overlook ES to Overlook Spanish Immersion)
- Converting a school to a different educational level (e.g. Kenmoor ES to Kenmoor Early Childhood)
- Balancing enrollment with boundary changes (e.g. Yorktown & Rockledge)
- Right-sizing school buildings during modernization (e.g. Oxon Hill HS)
- Consolidating adjacent schools (e.g. Thomas Claggett ES into District Heights ES and John Bayne ES)



#### Strategies (continued):

- Limiting student transfers
- Relocating programs (e.g. ESOL services moved to neighborhood school)
- Reclaiming former school sites (e.g. Bowie High Belair Annex)
- Additions to existing schools (e.g. planned expansion of William Wirt MS)

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- Constructing new schools (e.g. Edward Felegy ES)
- Using non-traditional spaces (e.g. off-site preschool)
- Running multiple sessions at one school (AM/PM shifts)



In order to reach our strategic goals we must begin to use capital and operating funds more efficiently. The studies below were recommended by staff after considering the results of the MPSP.

#### **Skyline Elementary**

- Smallest neighborhood school with an SRC of 228.
- Half of students come from outside the neighborhood.
- Limited inclusion opportunities for students receiving special education services.
- The neighborhood population can be accommodated within adjacent schools.

#### **Forestville High**

- At 55%, utilization is substantially below the target range.
- Enrollment in the military program has not been sufficient to offset the decline in neighborhood population driven by demographic changes.
- Area high schools cannot obtain state capital funding without addressing utilization.
- The neighborhood population can be accommodated within adjacent schools.



#### **Buck Lodge Middle School**

- Utilizes 8 temporaries and cannot accommodate more.
- Substantial growth is projected to continue.
- There are limited near-term options for relieving enrollment pressure.
- Construction of a new middle school is in the CIP.

#### Accokeek Academy

- Does not function as a true K-8 (different elementary and middle school boundaries).
- Facility was built to the maximum state funded capacity.
- Enrollment exceeds capacity of the new facility.
- Some adjacent schools are underutilized.

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#### **School Feeder Patterns**

- Whole school feeders are preferred but may be constrained by space or geography.
- Based on our average school size, most elementary schools should feed one middle school and most middle schools should feed one to two high schools.
  - 92 of 116 neighborhood elementary schools feed into one middle school
  - 21 of 29 middle schools/K-8 feed into one to two high schools
- Problematic feeder patterns that should be addressed this fall include:
  - G. James Gholson Middle feeds 5 high schools
  - Several minor fixes which impact 20 or fewer students each



# **Grade Organization**

- Several years ago, PGCPS embarked on an academic initiative to move sixth grade into middle schools.
- There are many academic advantages to this, including:
  - Expanded electives, content specialization, and advanced math.
  - Positive performance differences for students that change school less frequently (3 years in middle school versus 2).
  - · Greater stability of peer cohorts.
- 55% of PGCPS sixth graders are served in a middle school setting.



# **Grade Organization**

# Schedule for moving 6<sup>th</sup> grade to middle

This schedule is a revised version of that published in the FY2015 Education Facilities Master Plan.

Movements that are not dependent on adding capacity will take place over the next several years.

Changes dependent on new middle school seats will occur once construction of those seats is complete.

# Propose to move 6th grade in SY2016-2017 Ardmore ES Cora L Rice ES Flintstone ES Francis Scott Key ES Glassmanor ES Highland Park ES Kingsford ES Longfields ES Oxon Hill ES Rose Valley ES Valley View ES William Beanes ES

Dependent on adding
middle school capacity
Adelphi ES
Beacon Heights ES
Berwyn Heights ES
Bladensburg ES
Carole Highlands ES
Cherokee Lane ES
Columbia Park ES
Cool Spring ES
Cooper Lane ES
Dodge Park ES
Gladys Noon Spellman ES
Glenridge ES
Judge Sylvania Woods ES
Langley-Park McCormick ES
Magnolia ES
Mt Rainier ES
Paint Branch ES
Port Towns ES
Ridgecrest ES
Rogers Heights ES
Rosa L Parks ES
University Park ES
Woodridge ES



# **Discussion Groups**

- Pick up discussion group packet.
- Form groups of 10 or fewer people.
- Review background data.
- Discuss guiding questions within your group.
- Respond to guiding questions:
  - Use the paper form OR the web form at: www1.pgcps.org/discussions
  - Group and individual responses may be submitted.
  - · Web form will remain available after meetings.



# **Next Steps**

- Feedback from the discussion groups will be shared online.
- Additional community input will be gathered via:
  - Web: www1.pgcps.org/discussions
  - Email: pasb.boundaries@pgcps.org
  - Telephone: 301-952-6300
- Information and updates will be available at:

www1.pgcps.org/discussions

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# **Timeline**

DATE	ACTIVITY
December 14	Community discussion @ Accokeek Academy
December 15	Community discussion @ Northwestern High School
December 16	Community discussion @ Andrew Jackson Academy
Dec / Jan	Community input gathered to aid development of CEO plan
January 21*	CEO introduces plan to Board of Education (First Reader)
Jan / Feb	Public comment period
February	Public Hearings (dates and locations TBD)
February 25*	CEO presents final plan to Board of Education (Second Reader)
March 4*	Postal mail notification of approved changes

<sup>\*</sup>Tentative dates