



June 15, 2010

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Montgomery County Planning Board

**VIA:** Richard Debose, Chief, Research & Technology Center

**FROM:** Pamela Dunn, Planner Coordinator, Research & Technology Center

**SUBJECT:** Amendment to the FY2011 School Test Results

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**Amendment:**

In your packet compiled last Friday, the FY2011 School Test results were enclosed. This morning the Montgomery County Public Schools' Division of Long Range Planning, provided an update to the capacity figure for the Richard Montgomery cluster.

Following adoption of the Capital Improvement Program for MCPS, the Montgomery County Council passed an amendment to the CIP, a Richard Montgomery ES Solution PDF. This amendment designates capital funds for the purpose of constructing eight additional elementary classrooms in the Richard Montgomery cluster.

This action changes the elementary level utilization rate for the cluster from 126.5 percent to 116.5 percent. Thus, the Richard Montgomery cluster will not enter a moratorium on residential development on July 1, 2010 but will instead require a School Facility Payment at both the elementary and middle school level. The School Facility Payment is levied on each residential unit at each school level where enrollment is greater than 105percent of program capacity.

All other enrollment and capacity figures remain unchanged from the memo dated June 4, 2010. Thus, to recap, enrollment does exceed 105 percent of program capacity in seven school clusters at the elementary school level: Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Richard Montgomery, Northwest, Northwood, Paint Branch, Quince Orchard and Rockville. Enrollment exceeds 105 percent of capacity at the middle school level in the Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Richard Montgomery, Northwest, and Whitman cluster. And, enrollment exceeds 105 percent of capacity at the high school level in the Wootton cluster. Residential subdivisions in the previously listed clusters will be required to make a school facility payment at each school level found to be inadequate.

Planning staff recommends that Planning Board accept the results of the school test as calculated by Montgomery County Public Schools staff, for FY2011. These amended findings are attached on pages 3 and 4.

Once accepted by the Planning Board, this table (along with the resolution adopted by the Council in November 2009) will constitute Montgomery County's growth policy for FY2011 as relates to school capacity.

## Growth Policy FY 2011 School Test: Cluster Utilizations in 2015–2016

Reflects County Council Adopted FY 2011–2016 Capital Improvements Program (CIP)

### Elementary School Test: Percent Utilization >105% School Facility Payment and >120% Moratorium

Cluster Area	Projected August 2015 Enrollment	100% MCPS Program Capacity With CC Adopted FY11–16 CIP	Cluster Percent Utilization in 2015	Growth Policy Test Result Capacity is:	Cluster is?
<b>Bethesda-Chevy Chase</b>	<b>3,606</b>	<b>3,321</b>	<b>108.6%</b>	<b>Inadequate</b>	<b>School Payment</b>
Montgomery Blair	4,061	4,368	93.0%	Adequate	Open
James Hubert Blake	2,516	2,508	100.3%	Adequate	Open
Winston Churchill	2,636	2,728	96.6%	Adequate	Open
Clarksburg	3,772	3,919	96.2%	Adequate	Open
Damascus	1,920	2,075	92.5%	Adequate	Open
Albert Einstein	2,625	2,723	96.4%	Adequate	Open
Gaithersburg	3,879	3,898	99.5%	Adequate	Open
Walter Johnson	3,728	3,706	100.6%	Adequate	Open
John F. Kennedy	2,650	2,858	92.7%	Adequate	Open
Col. Zadok Magruder	2,577	2,635	97.8%	Adequate	Open
<b>Richard Montgomery</b>	<b>2,697</b>	<b>2,132</b>	<b>126.5%</b>	<b>Inadequate</b>	<b>School Payment</b>
<b>Northwest</b>	<b>4,297</b>	<b>3,609</b>	<b>119.1%</b>	<b>Inadequate</b>	<b>School Payment</b>
<b>Northwood</b>	<b>3,067</b>	<b>2,581</b>	<b>118.8%</b>	<b>Inadequate</b>	<b>School Payment</b>
<b>Paint Branch</b>	<b>2,441</b>	<b>2,313</b>	<b>105.5%</b>	<b>Inadequate</b>	<b>School Payment</b>
Poolsville	522	755	69.1%	Adequate	Open
<b>Quince Orchard</b>	<b>2,992</b>	<b>2,679</b>	<b>111.7%</b>	<b>Inadequate</b>	<b>School Payment</b>
<b>Rockville</b>	<b>2,531</b>	<b>2,216</b>	<b>114.2%</b>	<b>Inadequate</b>	<b>School Payment</b>
Seneca Valley	2,262	2,173	104.1%	Adequate	Open
Sherwood	2,050	2,408	85.1%	Adequate	Open
Springbrook	3,027	3,188	94.9%	Adequate	Open
Watkins Mill	2,629	2,769	94.9%	Adequate	Open
Wheaton	2,863	2,792	102.5%	Adequate	Open
Walt Whitman	2,464	2,367	104.1%	Adequate	Open
Thomas S. Wootton	2,922	3,118	93.7%	Adequate	Open

### Middle School Test: Percent Utilization >105% School Facility Payment and >120% Moratorium

Cluster Area	Projected August 2015 Enrollment	100% MCPS Program Capacity With CC Adopted FY11–16 CIP	Cluster Percent Utilization in 2015	Growth Policy Test Result Capacity is:	Cluster is?
<b>Bethesda-Chevy Chase</b>	<b>1,192</b>	<b>1,037</b>	<b>114.9%</b>	<b>Inadequate</b>	<b>School Payment</b>
Montgomery Blair	2,111	2,266	93.2%	Adequate	Open
James Hubert Blake	1,189	1,329	89.5%	Adequate	Open
Winston Churchill	1,433	1,609	89.1%	Adequate	Open
Clarksburg	1,547	2,113	73.2%	Adequate	Open
Damascus	865	954	90.7%	Adequate	Open
Albert Einstein	1,317	1,460	90.2%	Adequate	Open
Gaithersburg	1,638	1,751	93.5%	Adequate	Open
Walter Johnson	1,760	1,852	95.0%	Adequate	Open
John F. Kennedy	1,201	1,356	88.6%	Adequate	Open
Col. Zadok Magruder	1,155	1,616	71.5%	Adequate	Open
<b>Richard Montgomery</b>	<b>1,154</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>117.0%</b>	<b>Inadequate</b>	<b>School Payment</b>
<b>Northwest</b>	<b>2,079</b>	<b>1,968</b>	<b>105.6%</b>	<b>Inadequate</b>	<b>School Payment</b>
Northwood	1,152	1,362	84.6%	Adequate	Open
Paint Branch	1,248	1,271	98.2%	Adequate	Open
Poolsville	238	480	49.6%	Adequate	Open
Quince Orchard	1,389	1,648	84.3%	Adequate	Open
Rockville	980	981	99.9%	Adequate	Open
Seneca Valley	1,201	1,464	82.0%	Adequate	Open
Sherwood	1,127	1,476	76.4%	Adequate	Open
Springbrook	1,162	1,230	94.5%	Adequate	Open
Watkins Mill	1,232	1,251	98.5%	Adequate	Open
Wheaton	1,549	1,646	94.1%	Adequate	Open
<b>Walt Whitman</b>	<b>1,347</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>107.8%</b>	<b>Inadequate</b>	<b>School Payment</b>
Thomas S. Wootton	1,516	1,606	94.4%	Adequate	Open

### High School Test: Percent Utilization >105% School Facility Payment and >120% Moratorium

Cluster Area	Projected August 2015 Enrollment	100% MCPS Program Capacity With CC Adopted FY11–16 CIP	Cluster Percent Utilization in 2015	Growth Policy Test Result Capacity is:	Cluster is?
Bethesda-Chevy Chase	1,723	1,656	104.0%	Adequate	Open
Montgomery Blair	2,515	2,839	88.6%	Adequate	Open
James Hubert Blake	1,787	1,724	103.7%	Adequate	Open
Winston Churchill	1,907	1,928	98.9%	Adequate	Open
Clarksburg	1,979	1,971	100.4%	Adequate	Open
Damascus	1,310	1,532	85.5%	Adequate	Open
Albert Einstein	1,593	1,570	101.5%	Adequate	Open
Gaithersburg	1,948	2,284	85.3%	Adequate	Open
Walter Johnson	2,173	2,230	97.4%	Adequate	Open
John F. Kennedy	1,557	1,847	84.3%	Adequate	Open
Col. Zadok Magruder	1,678	1,919	87.4%	Adequate	Open
Richard Montgomery	1,846	1,957	94.3%	Adequate	Open
Northwest	2,200	2,151	102.3%	Adequate	Open
Northwood	1,439	1,481	97.2%	Adequate	Open
Paint Branch	1,801	1,899	94.8%	Adequate	Open
Poolsville	1,087	1,107	98.2%	Adequate	Open
Quince Orchard	1,767	1,741	101.5%	Adequate	Open
Rockville	1,334	1,539	86.7%	Adequate	Open
Seneca Valley	1,334	1,491	89.5%	Adequate	Open
Sherwood	1,789	2,004	89.3%	Adequate	Open
Springbrook	1,600	2,090	76.6%	Adequate	Open
Watkins Mill	1,615	1,885	85.7%	Adequate	Open
Wheaton	1,284	1,416	90.7%	Adequate	Open
Walt Whitman	1,830	1,873	97.7%	Adequate	Open
<b>Thomas S. Wootton</b>	<b>2,235</b>	<b>2,073</b>	<b>107.8%</b>	<b>Inadequate</b>	<b>School Payment</b>

## Summary of School Test for FY 2011

Based on County Council Adopted FY 2011–2016 Capital Improvements Program (CIP)

Effective July 1, 2010

School Test Level	Description	Cluster Outcomes by Level		
		Elementary Inadequate	Middle Inadequate	High Inadequate
<u>Clusters over 105% utilization</u>  School facility payment required in inadequate clusters to proceed.	5-year test Effective July 1, 2010  Test year 2015-16	B-CC (108.6%) Richard Montgomery (116.5%) Northwest (119.1%) Northwood (118.8%) Paint Branch (105.5%) Quince Orchard (111.7%) Rockville (114.2%)	B-CC (114.9%) Richard Montgomery (117.0%) Northwest (105.6%) Whitman (107.8%)	Wootton (107.8%)
<u>Clusters over 120% utilization</u>  Moratorium required in clusters that are inadequate.	5-year test Effective July 1, 2010  Test year 2015-16			

\* Richard Montgomery cluster elementary utilization includes eight classrooms approved by the County Council in the FY2011–2016 CIP. The location of these classrooms will be determined in a future CIP. These classrooms are sufficient to avoid placement of the cluster in moratorium at the elementary school level.

