

Office of the Superintendent of Schools  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Rockville, Maryland

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MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Joshua P. Starr, Superintendent of Schools

Subject: Update on Enrollment and the Capital Improvements Program

The official Montgomery County Public Schools enrollment will reach nearly 149,000 students this school year. This will represent a one-year increase of almost 2,500 students and an increase of 11,000 students since 2007. Nearly all of the 11,000-student increase since 2007 has occurred at elementary schools, where enrollment has increased by 10,000 students since 2007. Numerous capital projects in the *Approved Fiscal Year (FY) 2013–2018 Capital Improvements Program (CIP)* add substantial amounts of elementary school capacity by 2017. However, even more elementary school capacity will be needed in the future. In addition, in many parts of the county, significant increases in middle and high school enrollments are beginning to occur, and more capacity at several secondary schools will be needed.

Today's update on enrollment and the CIP will provide an overview of demographic trends and the planning issues that result from these trends. This is an amendment year for the *FY 2013–2018 CIP*; therefore, few changes will be recommended when my CIP is released on October 30, 2012. This will be an important year to develop plans and cost estimates for CIP projects that can be added next fall in the *FY 2015–2020 CIP*.

Present at the Board table for today's discussion are Mr. Bruce Crispell, director, Division of Long-range Planning, Department of Facilities Management and Mr. James Song, director, Department of Facilities Management.

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