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Enrollment at elementary schools in the three clusters affected by the Germantown Employment Area Sector Plan is projected to exceed capacity at most schools. Middle school enrollment is projected to remain within capacity at most cluster schools, with the exception of Kingsview Middle School in the Northwest cluster, and Neelsville and Rocky Hill middle schools in the Clarksburg cluster. High school enrollments are projected to remain within capacity at Northwest and Seneca Valley high schools, but exceed capacity at Clarksburg High School. Following is more detailed information on school capacity in the three clusters that serve the Germantown Sector Plan.

Clarksburg Cluster

In the Clarksburg cluster new development is increasing enrollment far more than in the other two clusters. In August 2009 a new elementary school, located in the Milestone community, is scheduled to open. This will relieve some of the pressure at Cedar Grove, Clarksburg, and Little Bennett elementary schools. However, additional elementary schools will be needed in the coming years to accommodate build-out of the Clarksburg Master Plan. The Clarksburg Master Plan includes four additional elementary school sites for this future development. In addition to elementary school enrollment growth, planning has begun for an addition at Clarksburg High School and a new middle school to serve the Clarksburg community. Dates for the opening of these projects will be determined in the future. In the southern portion of the Clarksburg cluster an addition to Fox Chapel Elementary School will relieve over enrollment at that school when it opens in August 2011.

Northwest Cluster

In the Northwest cluster Spark Matsunaga Elementary School faces the greatest overenrollment, followed by Great Seneca Creek Elementary School. In addition, most other cluster elementary schools are over capacity to some degree. Only Germantown Elementary School is projected to remain within capacity. At the present time there are no capital projects proposed to address over-enrollment at these elementary schools. At the middle school level Roberto Clemente Middle School is within capacity, but Kingsview Middle School is projected to being exceeding capacity in 2012. At the high school level, Northwest High School is within capacity, but is projected to begin exceeding capacity in 2014. Again, there are no capacity projects currently planned to address these space deficits.

Seneca Valley Cluster

In the Seneca Valley cluster all elementary schools are projected to be over capacity in the next few years. Planning is beginning next year on an addition to either Lake Seneca Elementary School or Waters Landing Elementary School. At the middle school level Roberto Clemente Middle School (shared with the Northwest cluster) is projected to remain within capacity, as is Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School. At the high school level, Seneca Valley High School is projected to remain within capacity. In the Seneca Valley cluster a future elementary school site, named "Waring Station ES," is located on Waring Station Road, directly across from Roberto Clemente Middle School.

Most of the additional residential development foreseen in the Germantown Employment Area Sector Plan falls within the Seneca Valley cluster. The presence of the Waring Station ES school site in this cluster provides the option of a new elementary school in the future, if needed by buildout of the master plan development.