

# DON'T CLOSE WOOTTON HIGH SCHOOL

Our community needs your voice — before it's too late

## ⚠️ THE BOARD OF EDUCATION VOTES MARCH 26 — ACT NOW

On February 5, MCPS Superintendent Dr. Taylor recommended **permanently closing Wootton High School** and relocating students to a new Crown High School in Gaithersburg. Under this plan, Cold Spring ES leaves the Wootton cluster, and multiple elementary schools face disruptive split articulations at the middle school level beginning in SY 2027–28. **This is not final — the Board of Education can still choose a different path, but only if they hear from you.**

### WHY THIS MATTERS

- 1 School closure.** Wootton HS — a cornerstone of our community — would permanently close its doors.
- 2 Community split.** Cold Spring ES removed from the Wootton cluster; families separated from longtime neighbors and friends.
- 3 Middle school disruption.** Solo split articulations at Frost, Hoover, and Cabin John MS — kids separated from classmates.
- 4 Specialty programs at risk.** Uncertainty around Autism programs, shared band programs, and alignment with Frost MS.
- 5 Safety concerns.** The current Wootton campus would become a vacant MCPS holding school — raising serious security questions.
- 6 Transportation nightmare.** Busing our kids out to Gaithersburg while busing students from across the county into the old Wootton building — plus hundreds of teen drivers and parent drop-offs on local roads.

### KEY DATES

- Feb 23, 4:00 PM** **ATTEND RALLY** at 15 W Gude Dr, Rockville — followed by BOE Public Hearing at 5 PM
- Mar 3, 10:00 AM** BOE Work Session
- Mar 9, 5:00 PM** Capital Improvement Plan Public Hearing
- Mar 10, 5:00 PM** Capital Improvement Plan Public Hearing
- Mar 12, 10:00 AM** BOE Work Session
- ★ **Mar 26** **FINAL BOE VOTE on Crown/Damascus Boundary Study**

### WHAT YOU CAN DO

- ✓ **Attend the Feb 23 Rally at 4 PM** and attend the BOE Public Hearing at 5 PM
- ✓ **Email the Board of Education** directly at [boe@mcpsmd.org](mailto:boe@mcpsmd.org)
- ✓ **Talk to your neighbors** — many families don't know this is happening
- ✓ **Visit our website** for updates, action steps, and ways to get involved

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