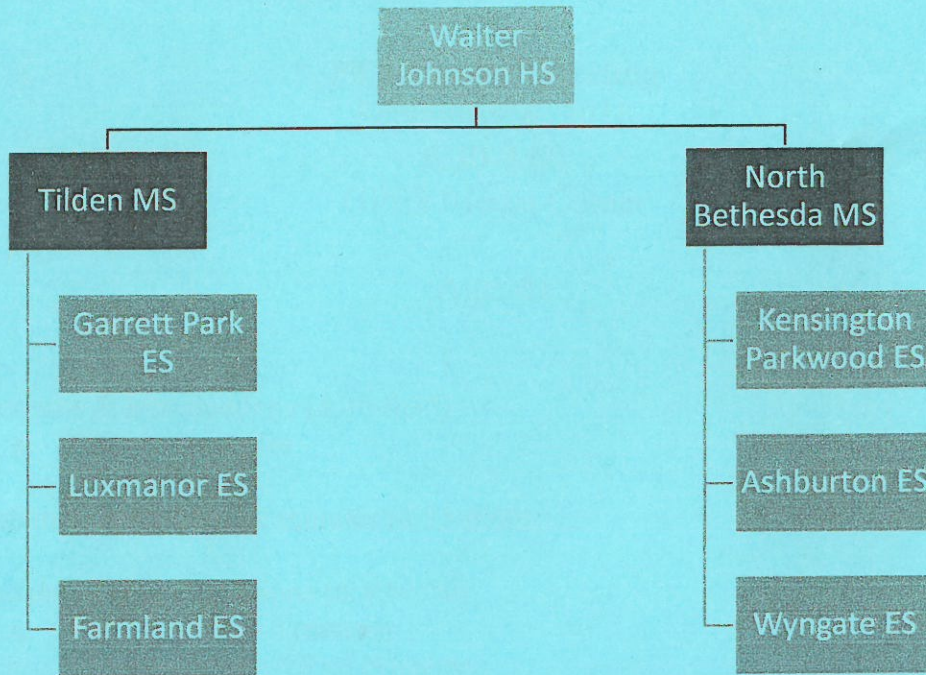


The WJ Cluster



Cluster reps look at bigger picture—particularly Board of Education & County Council issues like capital improvements (revitalization/expansion or modernization = new buildings, additions) and operating budget (class size, counselor allocation).

Major issue last year was WJ Roundtable re: overcrowding in our cluster's schools. Superintendent's recommendation coming October 13. Cluster will try for a position—GPES will want to support or provide our own.

Other issue currently—school calendar. Governor's mandate post-Labor Day to June 15. Board of Education was looking at starting two weeks before Labor Day. Community feedback welcome at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/calendar/proposed-calendar-2017-18.aspx>

Upcoming dates to provide support:

Tuesday, September 13: Next Step Reps (NSRs) to testify before the County Council about the Subdivision Staging Policy (SSP). County Council building, 100 Maryland Ave, Rockville, at 7:30pm in the County Council Hearing Room.

Thursday, October 27: MCCPTA to go through MCPS Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) recommendations. Tilden is biggest priority for GPES, then WJ.

Thursday November 3 OR Thursday November 10: WJ Cluster Testimony before the Board of Education.

Parents are great...students are better!