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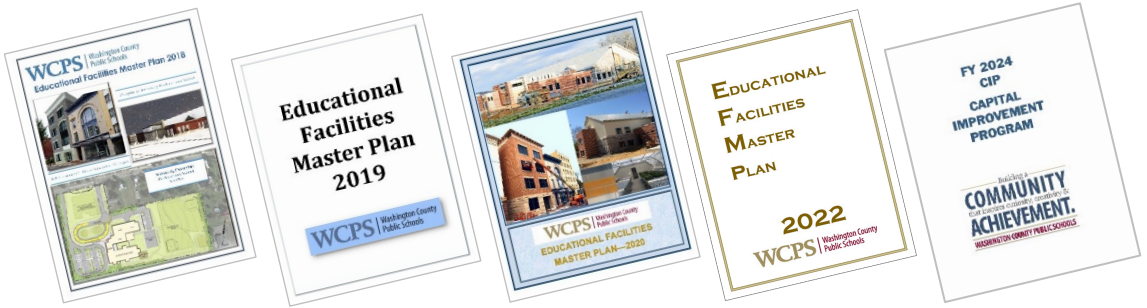
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HISTORY



- **EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES MASTER PLANS (EFMPS)**
  - 2018, 2019, 2021, and 2022
  - “School 1” or Replacement Elementary
  - Hickory Elementary & Fountain Rock Elementary specifically identified as candidates for closure

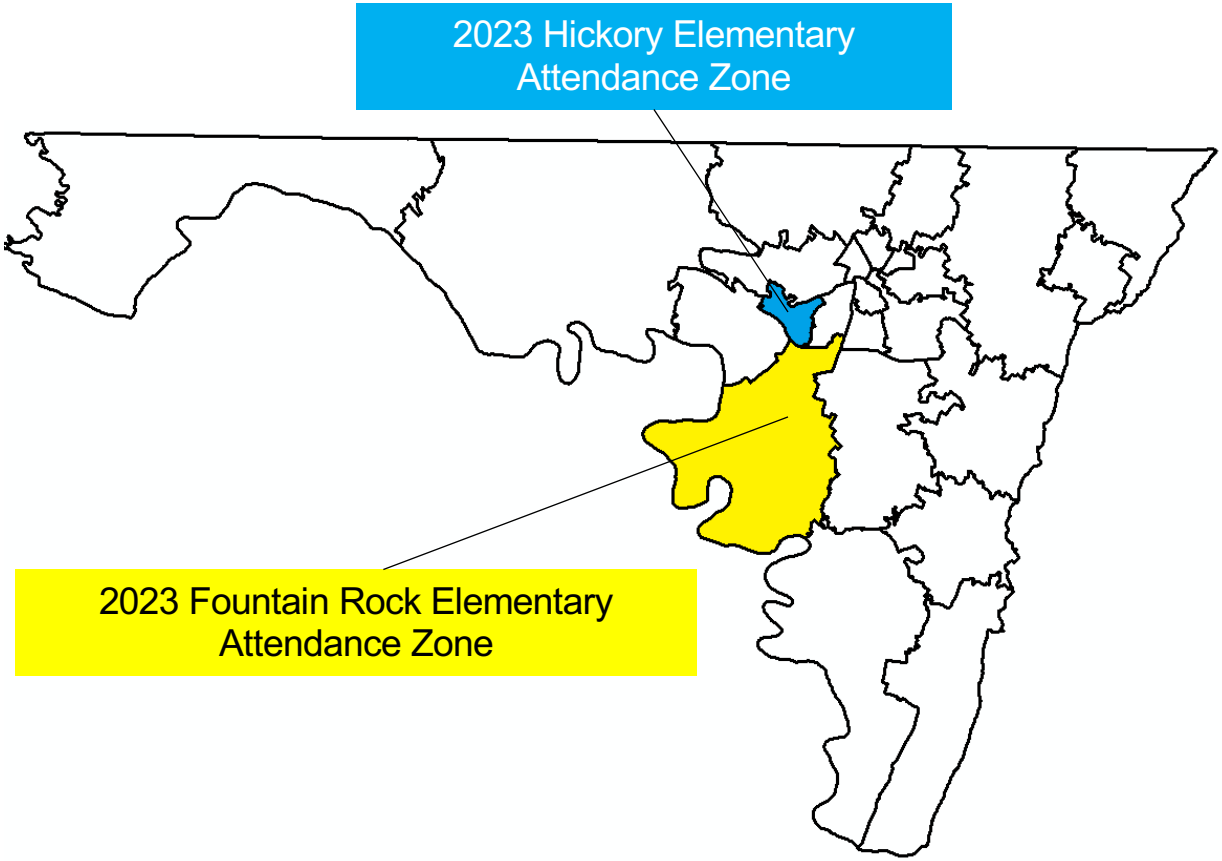
- **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANS**
  - FY20, FY21, FY23, and FY24
  - In Washington County Board of County Commissioners DRAFT FY24 Plan

- **BUILT-TO-LEARN ACT**
  - One (1) time Capital Funds
  - $19+ million dollars

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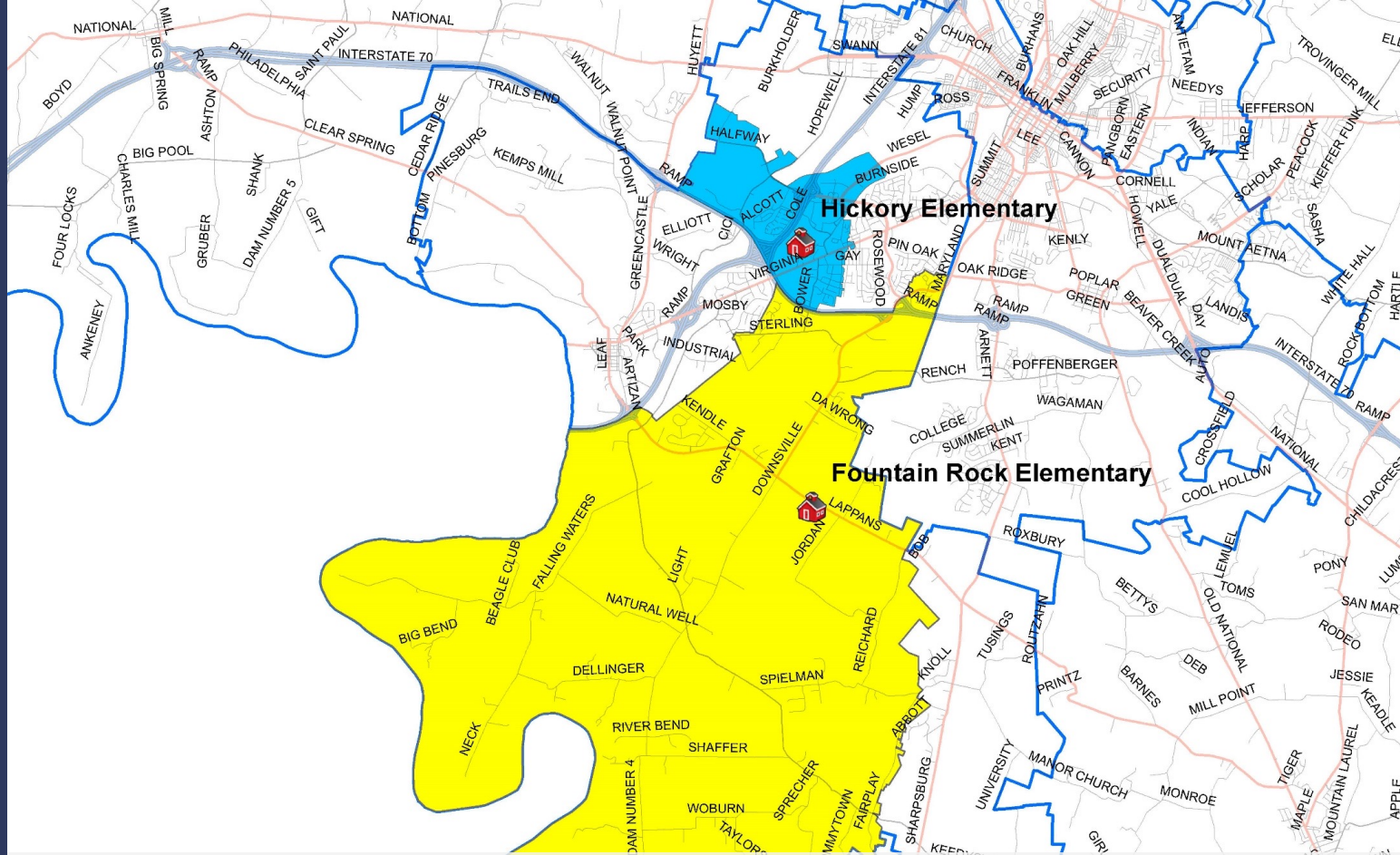
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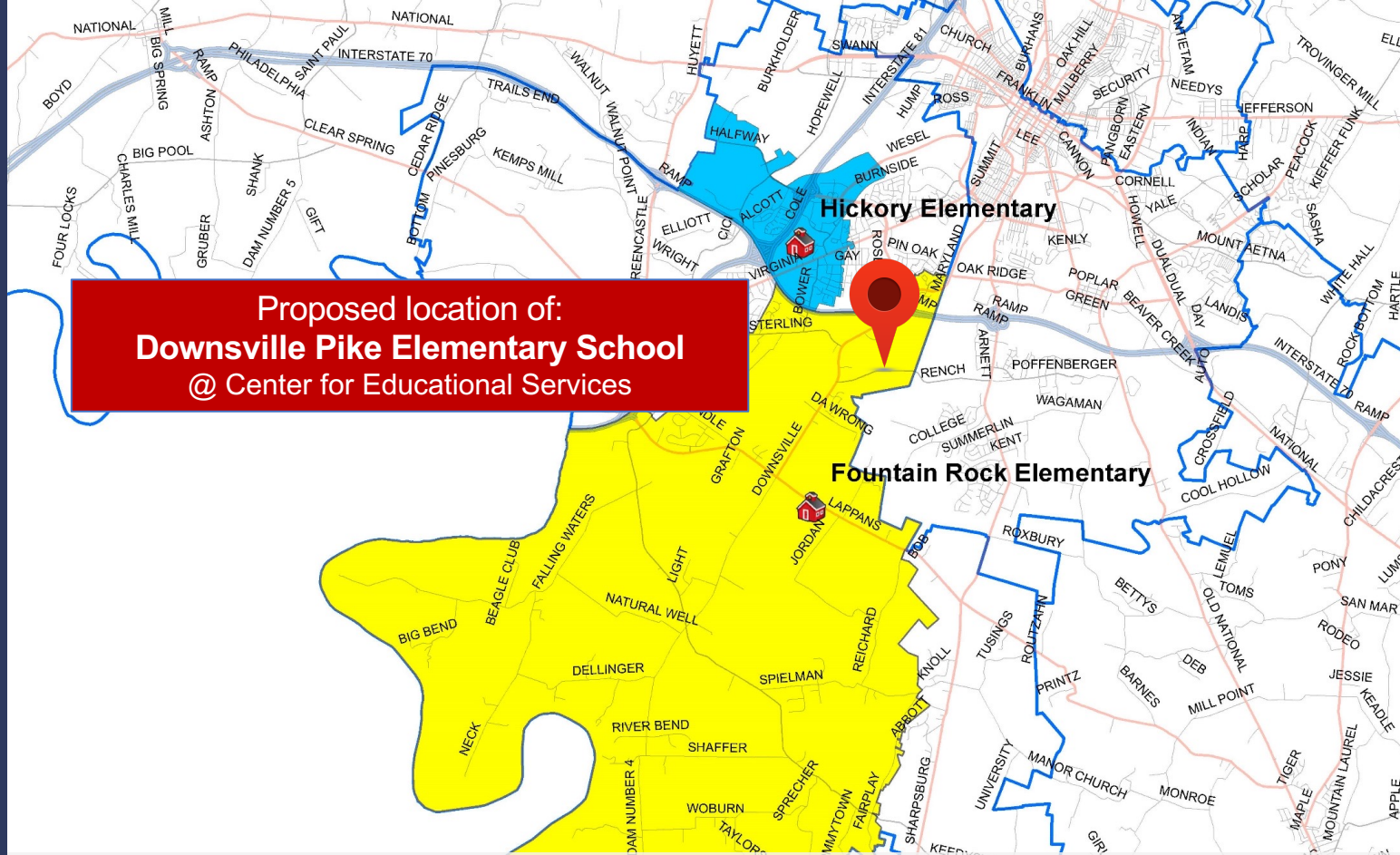
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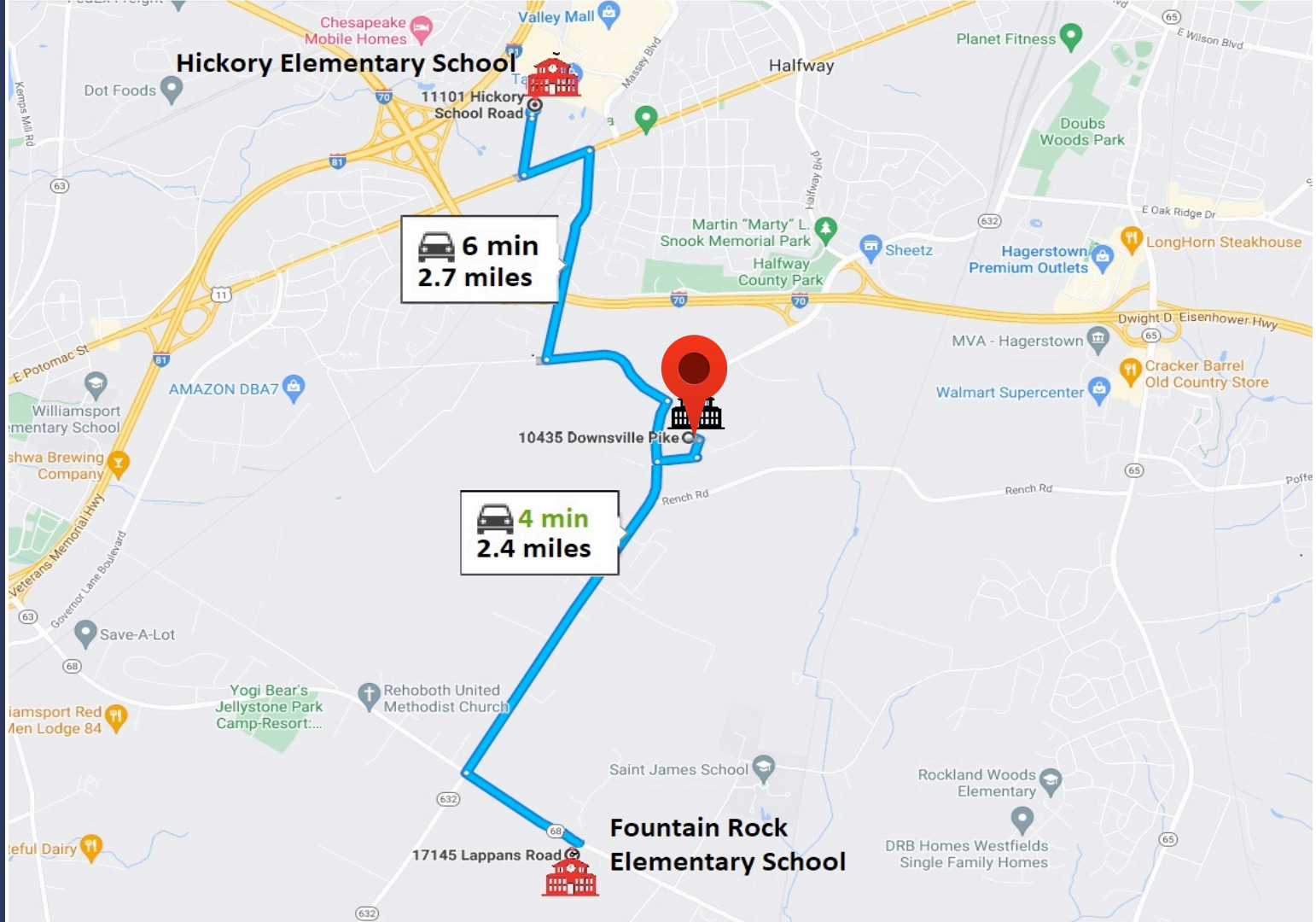
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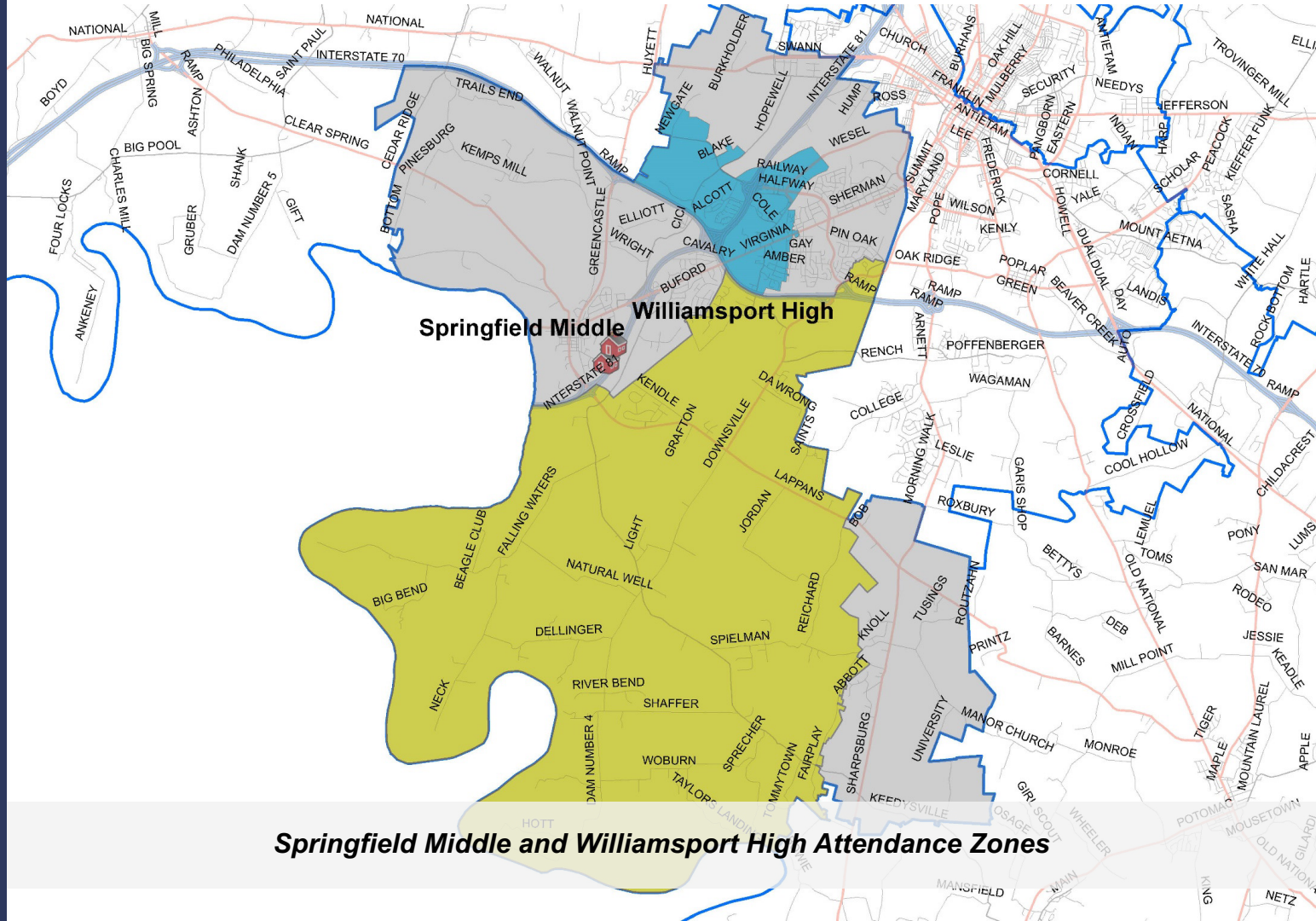
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DRIVING DISTANCE from FOUNTAIN ROCK & HICKORY to DOWNSVILLE PIKE ES



HISTORY

SPRINGFIELD MIDDLE & WILLIAMSPORT HIGH ATTENDANCE ZONES



Springfield Middle and Williamsport High Attendance Zones

COMAR TITLE
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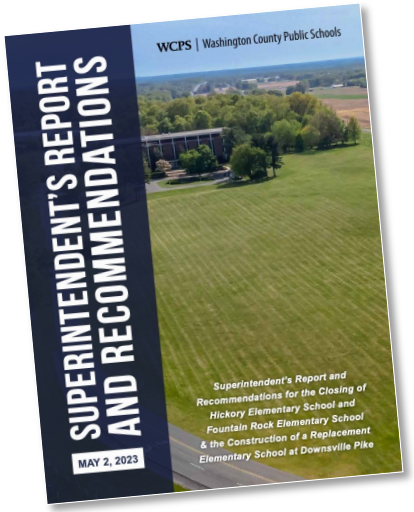
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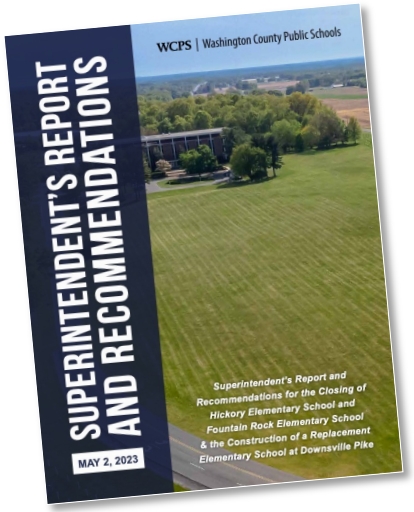
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EDUCATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS

- **SELF-CONTAINED CLASSROOMS**
  - Newest Technology
  - Collaboration Spaces
  - More Consistent Class Sizes
- **DEDICATED INSTRUCTIONAL SPACES**
  - Science, Art, Music, Small Groups, Special Education
- **IMPROVED SAFETY AND SECURITY**
  - Facility
  - Site
- **LARGER AND IMPROVED CORE SPACES FOR STUDENTS/COMMUNITY**
  - Gym, Cafeteria, Media Center

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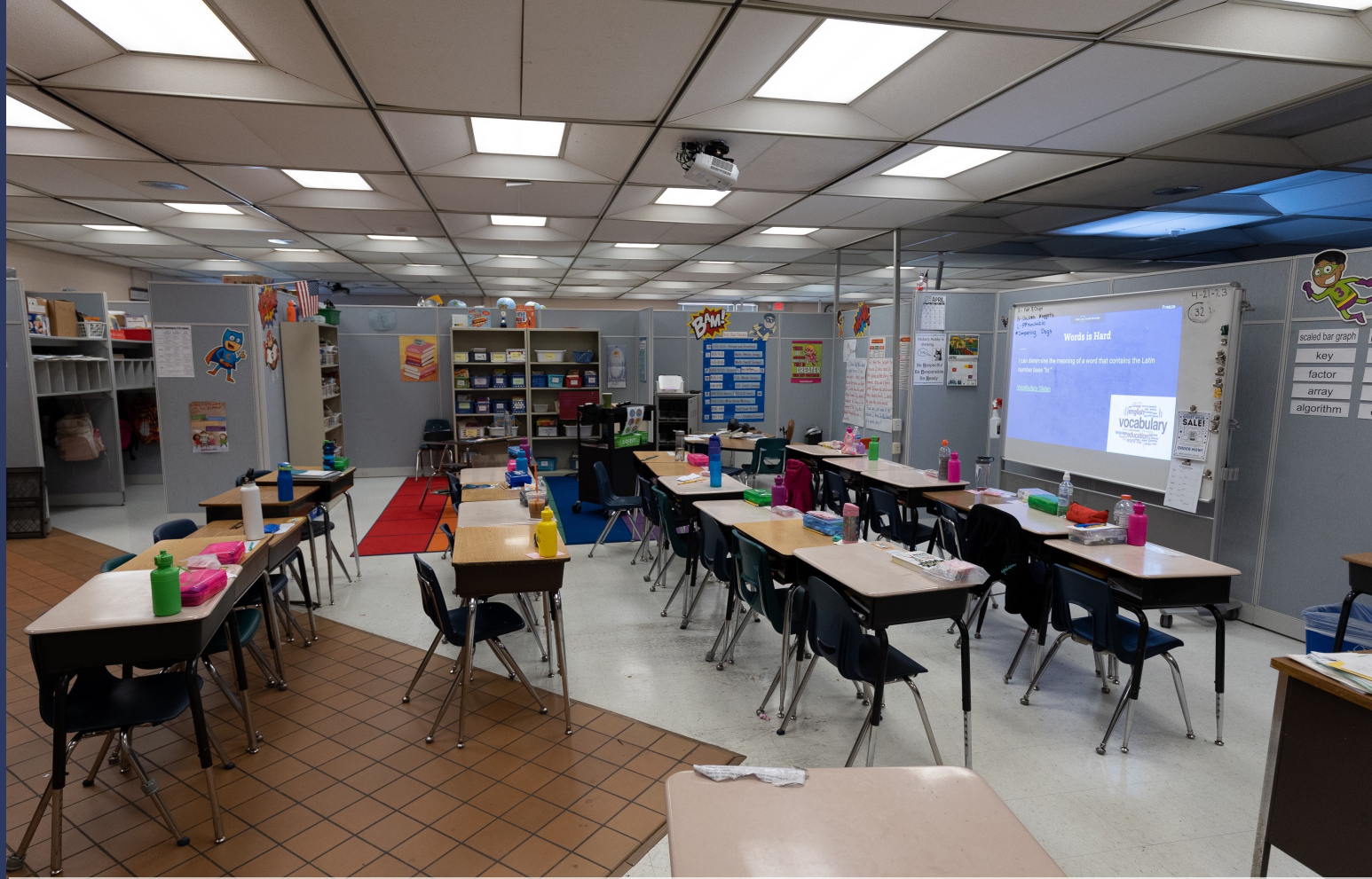
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NEWEST: SHARPSBURG ELEMENTARY – MEDIA CENTER

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CURRENT: HICKORY ELEMENTARY – COLLABORATION SPACE

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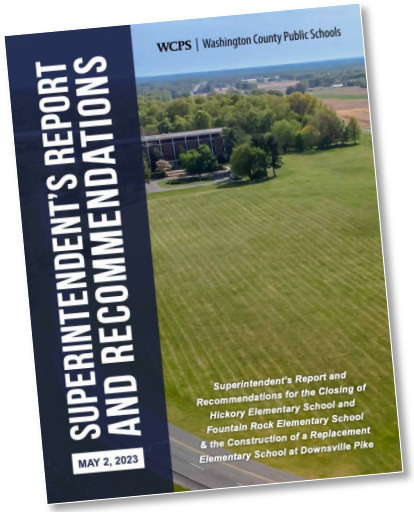
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CONSTRUCTION & OPERATIONAL SAVINGS

CONSTRUCTING DOWNSVILLE PIKE ELEMENTARY IN LIEU OF TWO (2) REPLACEMENT SCHOOLS:

- Eliminates two (2) aging elementary facilities
- Saves more than $22 million in state and local funds
    - $15.7 million in local funds
- Saves approximately $580,000 annually in operational costs

COMAR FACTOR 6
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CONSTRUCTING DOWNSVILLE PIKE ELEMENTARY IN LIEU OF TWO (2) REPLACEMENT SCHOOLS:

PROJECT	NUMBER OF STUDENTS	ROUNDS	STATE COST	LOCAL COST	TOTAL COST	Sq. Footage of building(s)	Acreage to Maintain
Downsville Pike Elementary	628	4	$28,426,000	$16,868,000	$45,294,000	78,539	0*
Replacement Hickory Elementary & Fountain Rock Elementary	628	4	$34,726,000	$32,606,001	$67,332,000	95,944	26.85
DIFFERENCE IN COST			**$(6,300,000)**	**$(15,738,000)**	**$(22,038,000)**	**(17,405)**	**(26.85)**

** Washington County Public Schools is currently maintaining the entire property at 10435 Downsville Pike.*

COMAR FACTOR 6
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OPERATIONAL SAVINGS

CONSTRUCTING DOWNSVILLE PIKE ELEMENTARY IN LIEU OF TWO (2) REPLACEMENT SCHOOLS:

ANNUAL SAVINGS	COST
Staffing	$(504,000)
Utilities	$(16,000)
Maintenance & Operations	$(36,000)
Transportation	(-)
Food Services	$(24,000)
Total Annual Cost Savings	**$(580,000)**
TEN YEAR OPERATIONAL COST SAVINGS	**$(5,800,000)**

PROCESS TO DATE



Downsville Pike Site approved by State Clearinghouse and Interagency Commission on School Construction (IAC)





Meetings with WCPS Staff

- Hickory Elementary
- Fountain Rock Elementary



Community Meeting Information Session

- Springfield Middle

PROCESS MOVING FORWARD



Public Hearing at Williamsport High School



Board of Education Vote



Proposed Closing
(if approved)

This slide was revised on May 18, 2023, to reflect updates to the closure process.

CONTACT INFORMATION



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