



**Montgomery County
Board of Elections**

September 14, 2023

Staff Proposal: Polling Places Plan for 2024 election cycle

The Election Law states that each local board of elections will submit a polling place plan to the State Board of Elections for approval at least 6 months before each statewide primary election.

Furthermore, the law (following the changes introduced by House Bill 410) stipulates that the local board's polling places plan proposal should include the total number of separate buildings used as polling places that is equal to the total number of separate buildings used as polling places in 2018 general election.

In 2022, following release of the decennial census, the Montgomery County Board of Elections reviewed all precincts in the county. The review and subsequent Board's actions created 260 precincts in Montgomery County, and election day voting was organized at 231 polling places established in separate buildings. The election day voting in the 2018 General Elections was organized at 234 polling places established in separate buildings.

For 2022 elections, the Board approved relocation or consolidation of a number of polling places due to ongoing reconstruction of the precincts' polling place home buildings. For 2024, Staff proposes:

- Return of the polling place for Precinct 05-05 to Burnt Mills Elementary School (it was consolidated with 05-02 at Springbrook High School for 2022 elections).
- Return of the polling place for Precinct 05-16 to Stonegate Elementary School (it was consolidated with 13-61 at James Hubert Blake High School for 2022 elections).
- Return of the polling place for Precinct 06-04 to DuFief Elementary School (it was consolidated with 06-08 at Nancy Dacek North Potomac Community Recreation Center).
- Return of the polling place for Precinct 13-45 to Parkland Middle School (it was relocated to Brookhaven Elementary School for 2022 elections).
- Return of the polling place for Precinct 09-07 to South Lake Elementary School (it was relocated to Gaithersburg Library for 2022 elections).

If Board approves the above changes, the Montgomery County Polling Place Plan for the 2024 election cycle will de-consolidate three polling places that were consolidated in 2022, reintroduce home buildings for two polling places, while remaining polling places will mirror polling places used in 2022. Furthermore, the polling places plan will be in compliance with the legal requirement to maintain the total number of separate buildings used as polling places in the 2018 general election.

Staff may present additional proposal at Board's October 16, 2023, meeting.