6 – Bloomsbury Building: Catonsville Junior High, Middle Schools and Beyond 1954-Present

6-1 In 1954, the high school moved from the Bloomsbury school to the new Catonsville Senior High School at Bloomsbury Avenue and Rolling Road. The Bloomsbury school then became the Catonsville Junior High School and housed grades 7 through 9.

6-2 The 9th grade girls’ chorus of 1977-1978 posed for a photograph at the Catonsville Junior High School.

6-3 In 1962, a new cafeteria was constructed to replace the old “casino” building.

6-4 The Bloomsbury building was Catonsville High School from 1925 through 1954. It then became Catonsville Junior High School (grades 7 to 9) until 1982. As part of the conversion to a junior high school, several additions were made to the building including: new music rooms, cafeteria, shower and locker rooms, a towel laundry, offices and an enlarged auditorium and gymnasium. From 1982 through January 1987, Bloomsbury served as Catonsville's middle school housing students in grades 6 to 8. In February of 1987, Westchester Elementary School on Edmondson Avenue was converted into Catonsville Middle School and the building on Bloomsbury became an alternative studies center. In the early 1990’s, the Bloomsbury building was no longer used as a school and the building was scheduled to be demolished. The Catonsville community successfully saved the building and convinced Baltimore County to convert Bloomsbury into a community center and recreation facility in 1999. Due to overcrowding and an aging infrastructure at the Catonsville Elementary building on Frederick Road, the Bloomsbury building was renovated and an addition added. In 2016, the Bloomsbury building became the new Catonsville Elementary School.