

# News from Stafford County

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## Building Stafford's Future by Investing in Our Schools



### Additional School Funding Initiatives

Additional County funding during this school year is enabling the training of more teachers and students in CPR. A new state law, "Gwyneth's Law," makes CPR training a graduation requirement for the Class of 2016.

Additional funding from the County has also enabled the school district to support students in the Public Day School Program. This program provides local educational services in the least restrictive, most cost-effective environment for students who cannot succeed in a traditional school environment.

### AT YOUR SERVICE

Members of the Stafford Board of Supervisors and county staff welcome your suggestions and concerns. Together, we can make Stafford County even better! Here's how to reach them.

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Stafford County's Board of Supervisors has invested in numerous building and renovation projects to provide the best possible educational facilities for our children. In order to complete these projects, school and county staff and elected officials work closely together to make sure every dollar is spent wisely.

**From 2005 to 2024, the Stafford Board of Supervisors will have invested over \$400 million in our schools.**

"The Board of Supervisors recognizes the importance of providing a world class education to the children of Stafford County. That's one of the reasons we allocate to the school system nearly twice as much money as is required by the state. In addition, the County also spends almost \$30 million a year servicing the debt from school construction projects," said County Board Chairman Gary Snellings.



### Just Finished Investments

#### Grafton Village Elementary School Renovation, 2014

The renovations to Grafton include better student and teacher safety provisions; high tech learning resources; a new, larger library/media center; some larger classrooms; a new ADA-approved playground that accommodates special needs students, plus numerous infrastructure upgrades to improve the school's learning environment.

#### Fiber Optic Network, All Schools, 2014

A state-of-the-art fiber optic network now connects all Stafford County Public Schools. This network allows "expert teacher" live video conferencing among County school classrooms and even worldwide. The system links parents, teachers and students with a centralized student information system, provide student grades, assignments and attendance information. It also improves school safety.

#### Stafford High School & Brooke Point High School Turf Fields, 2014

The impact of inclement weather upon student practices and games is diminished; thanks to the installation of new turf fields at Stafford and Brooke Point that can better withstand rain. The new turf fields are not only more efficient; they also enable the schools to raise more money since fewer games are cancelled.



### Recently Completed Investments

- Stafford Elementary School Renovation, 2013
- North Stafford High School—Track Replacement, 2013
- Brooke Point High School—Tennis Court Replacement, 2013
- Falmouth Elementary School Renovation, 2012
- Gari Melchers Complex—Head Start Upgrades, 2010
- Main Entrance Security Upgrades—Various Sites, 2007-2011
- Drew Middle School—Heather Empfield Day School Addition, 2009



### Projects in the Pipeline

Years of planning and work go into most school projects. School and county staff, administrators and elected officials, as well as construction professionals, community leaders and parents, work together to achieve these successful projects. Projects currently under construction or planned include:

- Stafford High School Rebuild, 2015
- Brooke Point High School Addition, 2016
- Colonial Forge High School Addition, 2016
- Mountain View High School Addition, 2017
- Moncure Elementary School Rebuild, 2018
- Ferry Farm Elementary School Rebuild, 2020

