CITIZENS' BUDGET REPORT CARD
FOR STAFFORD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

PREPARED BY THE CITIZENS' BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CBAC)

Stafford County Public Schools Operating Budget **School Year 2025-26**

SUBJECT	GRADE	FEEDBACK
Transparency & Communications		Budget information is available, but public trust is low. Residents want clearer explanations and independent auditing.
Citizen-Informed Decisions		Citizens input is collected, but it is not always clear how feedback influences final budget decisions.
Instruction & Student Services		Funding continues to support classroom instruction and student learning, though long-term sustainability remains a concern.
Advocacy for Sustainable School Funding		Residents expect proactive, innovative advocacy with state and local government to address funding gaps.
Teacher Pay & Stability		Teacher pay and staffing stability remain below regional expectations, contributing to ongoing retention challenges.

CITIZENS' GRADING SCALE

A = Exceeds Expectations	Consistently exceeds citizen expectations with strong results.
B = Meets Expectations	Meets citizen expectations with clear evidence of progress.
C = Approaching Expectations	Sometimes meets citizen expectations; improvement needed.
D= Rarely Meets Expectations	Does not consistently meet citizen expectations; significant gaps remain.
F= Below Expectations	Little progress is evident, and basic citizen expectations are not met.