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## Wanda Blackwell Announces Candidacy for Stafford School Board

Wanda Blackwell, a retired Army Veteran and public servant, has announced her candidacy for the Stafford County School Board. She will be campaigning for the Garrisonville District seat on the board, a seat now held by Pamela Yeung who is not running for reelection. Instead, Yeung is running for the Stafford County Board of Supervisors.

“As a retired veteran, I understand the meaning of service,” Blackwell said. “Whether serving my country or serving the students of Stafford County, I am committed to dedicated work that positively impacts our children’s future. I believe that all children deserve an equal quality education, so they have the chance to succeed and flourish.”

Blackwell has been serving the public for 36 years in one form or another. She volunteered to serve our country in 1984, and after she retired from the U.S. Army in 2006, she and her family moved to Stafford, Virginia. Her daughter attended Stafford County Public Schools, and Wanda became a Virginia Court Appointed Special Advocate. She has also been a library storyteller, a Brownie Troop-leader and a church dance instructor. For the past few years now, she has served as a life-skills facilitator with the Rappahannock Regional Jail. As a former member of Stafford NAACP’s Executive Board, Wanda mentored the Stafford NAACP Youth Council and stressed the importance of community service, voting and education. You can learn more about the Army Veteran at [www.wandablackwell4garrisonville.com](http://www.wandablackwell4garrisonville.com).

“The military has equipped me with a detailed understanding of the seven steps to problem solving that I intend to employ as a member of the school board,” Blackwell said. “Likewise, I intend to use my experience as a compassionate mother and grandmother to address the concerns of the parents in the community head-on.”

Wanda will officially launch her campaign at 2 pm on Sunday, July 18, at Vinny’s Italian Grill, 397 Garrisonville Rd. in Stafford. Garrisonville District voters are invited to attend and meet the candidate, who will say a few words and answer a few questions. Those who are not vaccinated against COVID-19 are asked to wear a mask and social distance. See the Facebook Event announcement at <https://www.facebook.com/events/2861249804139440/>.

Members of the media and press are invited to attend this event. But it would be appreciated if you let the campaign know ahead of time if you do indeed plan to attend.

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