

Argyle School District November 2024 Newsletter

Quote of the Month: *“The most difficult thing is the decision to act; the rest is merely tenacity.”*
Amelia Earhart

PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE ON NOVEMBER 5!

This is the monthly newsletter of the Argyle School District and our intent is to provide information so that all stakeholders of the district are fully informed. We hope you all have a wonderful November!

Moving Forward with the November 5, 2024 Operational Referendum

On August 14, 2024, the Argyle School Board adopted resolutions to hold an operational referendum on November 5, 2024. The School District is asking voter permission to exceed the revenue limit on an ongoing basis in two ways: 1. By \$310,000 beginning with the current school year (2024-2025); and 2. By extending the \$490,000 approved by the 2022 Referendum, which will expire in two years (2025-2026). The combined amounts provide the District with a total of \$800,000 of tax revenue to pay District operating expenses.

In 2022, District voters approved a \$490,000 operational referendum to be in effect for four years. The District is currently in the third year and the \$490,000 expires in one more school year (2025-2026). For the past two school years, the District’s operating budget has experienced inflationary pressures, while, at the same time, losing federal funding. Therefore, the District is asking voter permission to exceed the revenue limit beginning with the current school year by an additional \$310,000, and to extend the 2022 Referendum authority on an ongoing basis.

Exceeding the revenue limit allows the District to levy taxes to pay for District operating expenses to maintain the current level of operations.

The 2024 Referendum will Provide Tax Levy Revenue to:

- ☐ Pay District operating expenses (i.e. curriculum costs, student activities and programs, technology, equipment, salaries, benefits, utilities, transportation, insurance, maintenance, etc.)
- ☐ Sustain and maintain the current level of District programs and services
- ☐ Retain and recruit high quality staff
- ☐ Offset rising Consumer Price Index costs

The Revenue Limit

The revenue limit is a State law imposed on all Wisconsin school districts beginning in 1993. It limits the amount of revenues a school district receives from property taxes and state aid to pay the School District’s operating budget expenses. The revenue limit law is subject to legislative changes with each State biennial budget. The revenue limit is calculated each year using the School District’s September resident enrollment count. The decision to use referendum authority, is made each year by Administration and the School Board, based on annual September resident enrollment and current State laws.

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Below is the question that will appear on the November 5, 2024 ballot to vote “Yes” or “No”:

Shall the School District of Argyle, Lafayette and Green Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$310,000 for the 2024-2025 school year (and to remain at that amount for the 2025-2026 school year), and by an additional \$490,000 for the 2026-2027 school year (for a total of \$800,000 and to remain at that amount thereafter) for recurring purposes, consisting of sustaining district operating expenses to maintain the current level of operations?

2024 Referendum Tax Rate Impact

The 2024 Referendum tax impact begins with the December 2024 tax bill.

☐ The estimated tax rate impact for the \$310,000 is \$0.83 per \$1,000 of property value (\$83 for every \$100,000 of property value)

Taxes increase once and remains in tax bills ongoing

☐ Taxes do not increase by extending the \$490,000 in two years since this amount was included in tax bills beginning with the December 2022 tax bill and will remain in tax bills going forward.

Additional Referendum Information

The last of three scheduled Public Informational meetings will be held at 6:00 P.M. in the Argyle School District Library on ***Monday November 4. The election is the next day.***

Information is available from the District Administrator, Randy Refsland, phone: 608-543-3318 ext. 304 or email: rarefsland@argyle.k12.wi.us

Board of Canvassers

The Board of Canvassers whose job is to certify the referendum election will meet on Thursday November 7 at 8:30 a.m. in the Argyle School District conference room which is in the library.

2025 School Board Election

The 2025 School Board election will be for the seats now occupied by Kevin Slater and Nicole Meinert. Candidacy paperwork can be filed beginning December 1 and is due by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday January 7, 2025. If an incumbent chooses not to run again, the deadline to file non-candidacy papers is Monday December 27, 2024 by 5:00 p.m.

If a primary is needed (more than 4 candidates) it will be held on February 18 and the general election is on April 1. All elected members must take the Oath of Office by April 28 which is also the official day that their 3-year term begins.

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POLLING PLACES

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ARGYLE

FALL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 5, 2024

Each School District elector is directed to vote at the regular polling place for the election being held in the municipality or precinct of his/her residence. The municipalities lying wholly or partially within the School District and the polling place for each are as follows:

GREEN COUNTY

Town of Adams: Adams Town Hall 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM

N5705 Biggs Road, Argyle, WI 53504

Town of Jordan: Jordan Town Hall 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM

W8495 Highway 81, Argyle, WI 53504

Town of York: York Town Hall 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM

N8105 Postville Road, Blanchardville, WI 53516

LAFAYETTE COUNTY

Village of Argyle: Argyle Community Bldg, Library 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM

401 E. Milwaukee Street, Argyle, WI 53504

Town of Argyle: EMS Center 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM

106 N. Broad Street, Argyle, WI 53504

Town of Fayette: Fayette Town Hall 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM

11065 2nd Street, Darlington, WI 53530

Town of Lamont: Lamont Town Garage 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM

14495 County Road D, Darlington, WI 53530

Town of Wiota: Wiota Town Hall 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM

9830 Park Street, South Wayne, WI 53587

Kevin Slater, School District Clerk of Argyle School District

All polling places are accessible to elderly and disabled voters.

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Parking Lot

Just a reminder that before and after school please refrain from driving into the bus lane when the buses are there. It creates a safety issue, please help us keep our kids safe.

Food and After School Care Accounts

Please keep your food accounts up to date, you can check online and you can make e-payments. Students whose breakfast/lunch accounts are in the negative will be provided with a basic meal but are not able to get extra food. ***Students who are on Free and Reduced meals will still be provided the normal breakfast or lunch but will NOT be able to receive extra food until accounts are brought up to date. Extra food is not covered by the free and reduced program.***

The After School Program also needs to be maintained and up to date. You may also use e-payment for this. Please remember that if your account is past due we may not allow your student to attend until the account is current.

Winter Athletics

Winter athletics have begun already with Middle School Boys' Basketball. High school sports will begin in early November with Girl's and Boys' Basketball and Wrestling. First games and matches begin starting November 19 for GBB and then the rest of the seasons begin to roll on.

Middle School Music Contests

The Six Rivers Conference Middle School Choirs event is on November 11 at Monticello and the conference grade 8 band event is on November 14 also in Monticello.

State Report Cards

The State of Wisconsin issues School District Report Cards each year. Each district has been given a preview of their own report card and they will be released by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction to the public on November 19. Until that time, they are embargoed from public release. In the December Newsletter we will share the results.

Key Dates

Thursday October 31	End 1st Quarter
Friday November 1	Professional Development/Work Day
Monday November 4	Begin 2nd Quarter
	Referendum Information Session @ 6:00
Tuesday November 5	Election Day
Thursday November 7	Board of Canvassers meeting @ 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday November 13	Board Meeting @ 6:00

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Wednesday November 27	Early Release (12:30)
Thursday-Friday Nov.28-29	Thanksgiving Break
Friday December 6	Professional Development Day
Saturday December 7	Community Craft Fair
Wednesday December 11	Board Meeting @ 6:00
Friday December 20	Early Release (12:30)
Monday December 23	Winter Break begins through January 1
Thursday January 2	School resumes
Wednesday January 8	Board Meeting @ 6:00
Thursday January 16	2nd Quarter Ends
Friday January 17	Professional Development Day
Monday January 20	Begin 3rd Quarter

Please feel free to contact me at 608-543-3318 ext. 304 or via email at rarefsland@argyle.k12.wi.us .