

Additional Information

Public informational meeting, listed below, will be held to present details on the November 5, 2024 referendum. Newsletters and brochures will also be distributed to the community.

Informational Meeting to be Held in the Argyle School District's High School Cafetorium:

November 4 (Monday) 6:00 P.M.

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November 5, 2024



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ARGYLE

**November 5,
2024**

**Operational
Referendum**

**Information
Brochure**

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2024 Referendum

The School District of Argyle is placing an operational referendum on the ballot for Tuesday, November 5, 2024. The referendum questions asks voter permission to exceed the revenue limit. The revenue limit is a State law which limits the amount of revenue the School District receives to pay operating expenses.

The School District's last operational referendum approved by voters was held in April 2022, which gave the District permission to exceed the revenue limit by \$490,000 for four years and then expires ("non-recurring"). The District is in the third year of the 2022 Referendum.

The 2024 Referendum is asking permission for an additional \$310,000 beginning this budget year, and to continue the \$490,000 when the 2022 Referendum expires. The **\$310,000 represents the amount of increase** that would impact the tax levy beginning this budget year and remain in tax bills ongoing ("recurring"). \$490,000 has been included in tax bills since December 2022 and drops off with the 2026 tax bills. The 2024 Referendum would **continue the \$490,000** beginning with 2026 tax bills, and **will not result in a tax increase**. The combination of \$310,000 and \$490,000 provides the District with \$800,000 of revenue to pay operating expenses and maintain the current level of operations.

Estimated Tax Impact

The District's total tax levy for the 2024-2025 budget year, including the 2024 Referendum, compared to taxes levied for the 2023-2024 budget year, is an increase of \$0.83 per \$1,000, based on property values shown on Dec 2023 tax bills.

\$310,000 Begins with Dec 2024 Tax Bills and Remains in Tax Bills On-going

Examples: Est. Tax Increase Using \$0.83 Tax Rate

Fair Market Property Value*	X	Est. Tax Rate Per \$1,000	=	Est. Tax Increase	Est. Monthly Taxes
\$100,000		\$0.83		\$ 83.00	\$ 6.92
\$150,000		\$0.83		\$124.50	\$10.37
\$200,000		\$0.83		\$166.00	\$13.83
\$250,000		\$0.83		\$207.50	\$17.29

*Based on Values Shown on Dec 2023 Tax Bills

\$490,000 Begins with Dec 2026 Tax Bills when 2022 Referendum Expires – Remains in Tax Bills On-going. **No Tax Increase or Decrease**

2024 Referendum Maintains Current Operations

The 2024 Referendum Provides Tax Levy Revenue for:

- Inflationary Impact on District's Operating Costs
- Salaries and Benefits:
 - Staff Retention
 - Staff Recruitment
 - Health Insurance
- Sustain and Maintain Curriculum, Student Activities, Programs and Services
- Technology Equipment
- Transportation Costs, Utilities, Insurance, Maintenance Vehicles
- Replace Loss of State and Federal Grant Funding
- Preserving District's Solid Financial Position

District Options if 2024 Referendum Does Not Pass

School Board's Options Include:

- Hold Another Referendum in April 2025
- Prioritize Operating Budget Reductions: Staffing / Benefits / Programs / Services
- Challenges District's Ability to Retain or Attract Staff
- Apply General Fund Balance: Challenges District's Sound Financial Position
- Combination of All of Above

No Final Decisions Have Been Made.

Sample Ballot Language

Below is the Sample Ballot language, along with a color-coded graph beginning with the 2022 Referendum approval of \$490,000 (gray bar), combined with the 2024 Referendum amounts (orange and blue bars) beginning with the current 2024-2025 school year.

*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?*

