

Argyle School District October 2024 Newsletter

Quote of the Month: *“May you always have enough happiness to keep you sweet; enough trials to keep you strong; enough success to keep you eager; enough faith to give you courage; and enough determination to make each day a good day.” Chinese Proverb*

This is the monthly newsletter of the Argyle School District and this will become a monthly publication beginning with this month. Our intent is to provide information so that all stakeholders of the district are fully informed. We hope you all have a terrific October!

Moving Forward with a 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 Estimated 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 \$0.97 per \$1,000 of property value (\$97 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

Public informational meetings will be held at 6:00 P.M. in the Argyle School District Library on ***October 9, October 17, and November 4.***

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

Building Sale

The Argyle School District is accepting bids for the sale of the current storage building located at 404 East Milwaukee Street in the Village of Argyle, Wisconsin. The property is being sold as is and will not include any equipment or supplies that may currently be located there.

All bids must be provided to the Argyle School District no later than 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday October 9, 2024. Bids should be sent or turned into to the Argyle School District office located at
14665 State Hwy. 78
Argyle, WI 53504

The School District of Argyle maintains the right to accept or deny any and all bids. If you have any questions please contact Dr. Randy Refsland, District Administrator at 608-543-3318 ext. 304.

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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, help us keep our kids safe.

Homecoming

The annual Homecoming festivities are the week of October 6-12. The game begins at 2:00 on Saturday the 12th vs. Potosi-Cassville. Dress up days, Lip Sync battles, Volleyball games, the parade and dance will also occur. Please watch for specific information from the schools and various grade levels.

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.

Key Dates

Sun. October 6-Sat. 12	Homecoming Week
Wednesday October 9	Board Meeting @ 6:00 (includes a referendum information session)
Saturday October 12	Homecoming Football @ Argyle 2:00
Tuesday October 15	Blood Drive 12:00-5:00
Thursday October 17	Early Release Day/Parent-Teacher Conferences Referendum Information Session @ 6:00
Friday October 18	Professional Development Day
Wednesday October 23	Annual Meeting @ 6:00
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

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2024 Annual Meeting

The School District will hold its 2024 Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting on Wednesday October 23 at 6:00 in the High School Library. The Annual Meeting is established by Wisconsin Statute and must be held prior to November 1 of each year. This year's meeting will have two budgets to pass, one, if the referendum passes and the second if it does not.

District Administrator Position

My position as District Administrator was moved from a 100% position to a 67% position for this school year. This was done to reduce the cost of the position and still allow the work to get done. I have been doing this for quite a long time so the District and I strongly believe that there will be no drop in the work getting accomplished.

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