

Education Committee Report – October 2024

Denise Gaumer Hutchison, Chair

Our next meeting will be October 24 at 3:30 p.m. We meet via Zoom, and all members are welcome. Just [email Denise](#) to request the link.

School Referendum Issues

The Education Committee met in September via Zoom. Denise provided updates on public education referendum efforts around the state and in Brown County. Green Bay Area Public Schools, Unified School District of DePere and Ashwaubenon School District are all going to referendum in November. Please get out and support public schools by supporting the referendum efforts. Public education referenda are non-partisan measures designed to assist public schools in securing the funds necessary to run the school district or to build additions or new schools, and/or make significant repairs to the district's buildings. There are 120 referendums statewide in November with 147 questions (meaning some districts are placing two questions on the ballot).

Project 2025 and Education

Following the update on referendum support, Lynn Gerlach, LWV member and Green Bay Area Public School District school board trustee (and owner of Tamarack Communication) provided a presentation on *Project 2025* regarding the proposed plans for the Department of Education. The presentation was recorded and will be posted on the LWVGGB website. It was an amazing presentation. Lynn has spent numerous hours reading, rereading and studying the *Project 2025* proposed changes to our federal government. As women, as supporters of public education and other important programs and services of the federal government, we should be very concerned should *Project 2025* have a chance to be put into action. Thanks to Lynn for her time and expertise and for sharing her information.

Upcoming Opportunities

On October 1, 2024, at UWGB's Mauthe Center, Jennifer Berkshire, author of *The Education Wars*, will be speaking at 7:00 p.m. It is an amazing book and well worth your time to read and understand the impact of all the challenges facing our public schools. Attendance is free – just show up.

And, on October 3, Wisconsin Public Education Network will host a virtual “office hours” with Deputy State Superintendent of Schools Tom McCarthy. [You may register here.](#)