

Education Committee Report – November 2024

Denise Gaumer Hutchison, Chair

The Education Committee didn't meet in October, as everyone was invited to attend the presentation on October 21 with the AAUW Green Bay Area Branch. It was a great event, allowing us to start conversations about the Public Education Cultural Wars. A lot of monitoring needs to be done to support our public schools, but, before that, it is critical to support the passage of referendum measures in over 120 school districts statewide. Tuesday, November 5, is going to be an enlightening date for public education. We will be meeting in November. Details to follow soon – after the election.

More about the LWVGGB and AAUW Presentation

LWVGGB and the AAUW Green Bay Area Branch met together on October 21, 2024, for a presentation entitled: *School Boards – Battleground for Education Culture Wars*. Dotty Juengst and I put the presentation idea together, and I had the opportunity to be the guest speaker. My PowerPoint slides are available upon request. Just email me at:

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Here is a brief overview of the presentation along with a link to a wonderful AAUW webinar about what is happening nationally regarding the culture wars and those creating them. In Wisconsin, we have seen school boards and candidates for school boards talk about policies that lead to book banning, curriculum censorship, and unsafe schools for students of all sexual orientations and gender identities. Denise Gaumer Hutchison will present up-to-date information on these culture wars in our area. You may want to view the AAUW [webinar on Culture Wars and School Boards here](#).

It is going to be critical for the LWVGGB and AAUW to keep their eyes on this situation and assist school districts where we can in order to show the important value of the great public schools throughout Wisconsin.