

Education Committee Report – May 2024

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The Education Committee met on April 18, 2024, via Google Meets. We discussed the recent election results specific to school board candidates and referenda results. Greater Green Bay area referenda results were good: Luxemburg Casco, Algoma, Unified School District of De Pere, Seymour, and Freedom all passed. There will be more referenda efforts in August and November. This will continue to happen until the Wisconsin State Legislature takes the time to redo funding for public schools. Watch for more information on this in the near future.

The impact of DEI actions regarding higher education was discussed, as was the impact of school board elections. The Education Committee is considering a lecture/presentation series about public education issues and the impact of privatization efforts through vouchers. Committee members were encouraged to visit [WisconsinNetwork.org/voucher transparency](https://WisconsinNetwork.org/voucher-transparency) for more information about vouchers and their impact on taxpayers and the school districts.

Regarding upcoming committee meetings: The digital communication situation has now been fixed, but the Education Committee has requested we look into the option of doing our meeting in a hybrid format so each member can choose whether to attend in person or virtually. Watch for more details but, as of right now, the May meeting will be scheduled as a virtual meeting.