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Ripon High School Student Threat

Ripon, WI - On Wednesday, December 4, a Ripon High School student found a message in one of the restrooms at Ripon High School threatening seventeen Ripon High School students. Because the individual who created the list was unknown, Ripon High School and Ripon Middle School went into soft lockdown and police were contacted. In a soft lockdown, students remain in their classrooms and instruction continues. The named students were escorted from classrooms by police and school officials to a secure room.

Once the named students were safe, the soft lockdown was lifted. Then, with school officials, each student individually contacted their parents. Students were either picked up by their parents or if given permission by their parents, escorted by police to their vehicle. Two of the students were off-campus so police and school personnel traveled to each off-campus site to ensure the safety of those students while their parents were contacted.

School will be in session on Thursday, December 5 for all students in the Ripon Area School District. Ripon Area School District will continue to work with City of Ripon Police Department to ensure the safety of the students district-wide. Anyone with information regarding this situation is encouraged to contact the City of Ripon Police Department or Ripon High School officials. The district will continue to communicate with parents via IC Messenger as information becomes available.

Any comments or suggestions, please contact Dr. Mary Whitrock at (920) 748-4600.

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