

**For Immediate Release**

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**Threat Investigation Update**

**Ripon, WI** - The Ripon Area School District provided the following update to RASD families on the evening of Wednesday, December 4.

*Dear Middle and High School Families,*

*Just after 10:15 p.m. this evening, Ripon Area School District staff and the City of Ripon Police Department suspended their investigation of a threat made to seventeen high school students earlier in the day. By reviewing security camera footage of the students who entered and exited the restroom prior to the handwritten list of student names being found, the team has developed a fairly concise list of students. They began questioning these students this evening. This same team will resume their investigation tomorrow while the police department provides additional police presence at the RMS & RHS.*

*This evening at least one RHS student claimed on social media that a bomb threat was made. This is not true. If such a threat were made, information would have been provided to families. Students should be aware that individuals who engage in threatening behavior such as occurred today could face criminal charges up to and including terrorist threat as well as discipline up to and including expulsion.*

*As was shared in the first communication the Ripon Area School District sent to parents today, 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 all 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.”*

The district is appreciative of the work done thus far by school staff and the Ripon Police Department. Their work is continuing to ensure that all students and staff are safe.

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

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