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Dear RASD Parents,

The 2015 Wisconsin Act 55 imposes a number of notice requirements on school districts. These requirements include that districts provide parents and guardians with notifications about:

1. **The academic standards adopted by the School Board for that school year.** Please note, for the 2017-18 school year, our district has adopted the Common Core State Standards for Math and English Language Arts, the Wisconsin State Standards and Next Generation Science Standards for Science, and Wisconsin State Standards for all other content areas. Links to the standards are on the district website and also available on the Department of Public Instruction's (DPI) website at the following link: <http://dpi.wi.gov/standards>.
2. **The school accountability report (report card) for your child's school as well as the most recent ranking level assigned to each school within the school district boundaries.** The School Report Cards are also posted on the district's website and will be shared as part the December 18, 2017 Ripon Area School District Board Meeting. The most recent rankings of each of the schools are as follows:
  - a. Ripon High School - Met Expectations with a score of 67.2;
  - b. Lumen Charter High School - Met Expectations with a score of 67.6;
  - c. Ripon Middle School - Exceeded Expectations with a score of 74.4;
  - d. Catalyst Charter Middle School - Significantly Exceeded Expectations with a score of 87.7;
  - e. Murray Park Elementary School - Exceeded Expectations with a score of 76.0;
  - f. Quest Charter Elementary School - Significantly Exceeded Expectations with a score of 93.4;
  - g. Barlow Park Elementary School - Alternate Rating as Satisfactory; and
  - h. Journey Charter Elementary School - Alternate Rating as Satisfactory.

Schools receiving the Alternate Rating as Satisfactory did not have the data necessary to calculate School Report Card scores and instead participate in an Alternate Accountability process. This includes new schools; K-2 schools; schools without tested grades; schools exclusively serving at-risk students; and schools with fewer than 20 full academic year students. Because the report cards depend on multiple data points across multiple years, DPI cannot calculate a traditional report card score for schools in these scenarios.

3. **A list of the educational options available to children who reside in the pupil's resident school district.** For students in the Ripon Area School District, this includes:
  - a. Public Schools - Barlow Park Elementary School, Murray Park Elementary School, Ripon Middle School and Ripon High School;
  - b. Charter Schools – Journey Charter Elementary School, Quest Charter Elementary School, Catalyst Charter Middle School, and Lumen Charter High School;
  - c. Full-time Open Enrollment;
  - d. Youth Options; and
  - e. Course Options.

Sincerely,

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