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Ripon Area School District Conducts Scheduled Canine Sniff

Ripon - On Thursday, April 29, 2021, Ripon High School (RHS) and Ripon Middle School/Catalyst Charter School (RMS/Catalyst) requested the assistance of the Ripon Police Department (RPD) for a routine canine sniff of lockers and motor vehicles. At approximately 8:20 A.M. a canine sniff was conducted at RHS and RMS/Catalyst. This was a scheduled sniff and a cooperative effort between the high school, middle school, and area law enforcement.

During the sniff, the building was in a "Hold" with all doors closed and locked. Administration instituted the hold with a brief announcement over the P.A. system. Teachers continued teaching and the class period continued as it normally would except for restrictions to hallway traffic, pass use, visitors, etc.

Under this sort of scenario, all bells are ignored until an announcement is made that the hold is over. In addition to the hallways and lockers, the parking lots were searched as well. We ended the hold with a P.A. announcement before the class period ended. Six teams of officers and police dogs participated in the sniff along with the RMS administration, RHS administration, and Officer Michels. There were six total hits, three in the parking lot and three on lockers. As a result of the hits, RPD and school administration are looking into one substance found in a vehicle.

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