

**March 16th, 2015 RESOLUTION OF
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE RIPON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
RIPON, WISCONSIN**

WHEREAS, the Ripon Area School District has been fiscally responsible and responsive to state level changes in law;

WHEREAS, the Ripon Area School District based on the previous state budget anticipated flat funding for the 2015-17 biennial budget which would have resulted in a deficit of \$350,000 for the 2015- 2016 school year and a deficit of \$800,000 for 2016 – 2017;

WHEREAS, Governor Walker has proposed a \$150 decrease per student in public school funding for 2015-16 which results in a \$260,000 reduction to the revenue the District receives from the State;

WHEREAS, in addition to the year one decrease of \$150 per pupil, Governor Walker's budget plan also includes no revenue limit per pupil increase;

WHEREAS, when factored together the overall results in reductions in Ripon is compounded upwards toward \$700,000 for the 2015-16 school year and \$1.4 million for the 2016-17 school year;


WHEREAS, even though the Governor proposes to add about \$142 million (about \$165 per pupil) to the per-pupil categorical aid in the second year of the biennium, the net result is a cut of approximately \$135 per pupil (\$228,000 for the Ripon Area School District) over the biennium;

WHEREAS, the Ripon Area School District has been required under State law to reduce spending by \$4.5 million since 2008;


WHEREAS, following ACT 10 the Ripon Area School District made changes through healthcare resulting in savings of \$275,000 over 4 years totaling \$1.1 million and retirement WRS contributions savings of \$400,000 over 4 years totaling \$1.6 million;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ripon Area School District Board of Education calls upon Senator Luther Olson and Representative Joan Ballweg to work with their legislative colleagues to revise the Governor's budget to restore school funding in 2015- 2017 to include no decrease in year one anticipated revenue while also providing for cost-to-continue increases in both years and address the funding formula to ensure fiscally responsible districts are not penalized through the state aid formula when they reduce their spending.

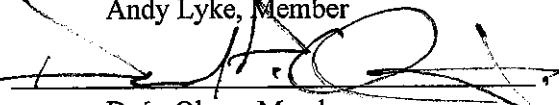
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being all of the members of the Board of Education for the Ripon Area School District, have executed this resolution this 16th day of March, 2015.



David Scott, President



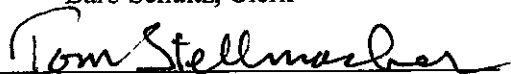
Andy Lyke, Member



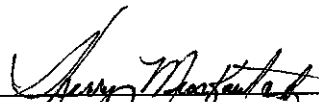
Dave Olson, Member



Barb Schultz, Clerk



Tom Stellmacher, Vice-President



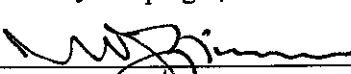
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