



Superintendent's Message

This fall, we celebrate Ripon staying face-to-face for instruction amidst the pandemic as well as seeing Ripon's mill rate drop from 8.95 to 8.27. This Tiger Update highlights the District's continuous quality improvement efforts in each of the Board's four strategic areas:

Student Engagement & Learning

- *Solid education in a healthy/safe environment* (Initial Student Data p. 1, COVID Update p. 4)
- *Provide support services to ensure student success* (Summer School 2021 p. 3, Free Meals p. 4)

Service and Partnership

- *Increase partnerships and satisfaction through CQI* (REF #RiponRoar p. 2, Distinguished Alumni p. 2, Friend of Public Schools p. 2, Spring Board Election p. 3)

Human Resources

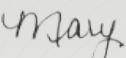
- *Increase opportunities to build high quality staff* (Education Week p. 1)

Finance and Operations

Refine systems to find efficiencies (Technology and Facilities Update, p. 3, Enrollment p. 3, Grants p. 2)

Thank you for helping us have a solid start to the school year amidst the pandemic.

Respectfully Yours,



Dr. Mary Whitrock, Superintendent of Schools
Go Tigers!

Human Resources

American Education Week,

November 15-19, celebrates our nation's public schools from the bus driver and classroom teacher to the food service worker and administrative staff, plus countless others. Please take a moment during American Education Week to thank an educator.



Student Engagement & Learning

Fall Student Achievement Data

As part of our continuous improvement work, the District checks student achievement levels three times a year using iReady, an online assessment tool. The fall data is used to set learning goals for the year and then a mid-year and end-of-year goal summary is presented to the school board. The i-Ready Fall Assessment Data by Grade Level chart shows our Ripon students' (including Odyssey Virtual) achievement from last year to this year and then compares it to student scores across the state for 2021 and across the country pre-COVID. Ripon is trending above WI performance this fall.

Fall Rdg - % of Students At or Above Gr. Level

Grade (Class)	Ripon 2020*	Ripon 2021	WI 2021	US 2018
Gr. 3 (2031)	28	53 (+25)	38	46
Gr. 4 (2030)	54	49 (-5)	29	30
Gr. 5 (2029)	46	41 (-5)	28	32
Gr. 6 (2028)	40	38 (-2)	31	31
Gr. 7 (2027)	46	44 (-2)	34	37
Gr. 8 (2026)	54	52 (-2)	37	41

*Same group of students from the fall last year

Fall Math - % of Students At or Above Gr. Level

Grade (Class)	Ripon 2020*	Ripon 2021	WI 2021	US 2018
Gr. 3 (2031)	27	20 (-7)	15	20
Gr. 4 (2030)	21	40 (+11)	24	33
Gr. 5 (2029)	30	35 (+5)	29	37
Gr. 6 (2028)	39	35 (-4)	31	33
Gr. 7 (2027)	52	44 (-8)	28	30
Gr. 8 (2026)	40	38 (-2)	28	30

*Same group of students from the fall last year



Service & Partnership



2021	GOAL
	343 Donors

The Ripon Education Foundation's 2021 #RiponRoar goal is 343 donors, one donor for each staff member and each Ripon High School senior.

2020	GOAL
	226 Donors
	309 Actual Donors
\$47,971	

Donate at riponeducationfoundation.org

Finance & Operations

RASD Awarded Over \$1,400,000 in Grants

- **\$889,014** for COVID related expenses through the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER)
- **\$190,476** to Odyssey Academy of Virtual Learning for fourth year (\$900,000 over five years)
- **\$174,863** to Barlow Park Charter School for its third year (\$800,000 over 5 years)
- **\$115,000** for the third of a five year grant for the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant at Barlow Park Elementary
- **\$75,000** for the first of a two-year grant for School-Based Mental Health (\$150,000 over two years)

Service & Partnership

2021 Friend Of Public Schools

Candie Baker the 2021 recipient of the **Friend of Public Schools award**. She has provided ongoing support for both students and staff through her work with youth, leadership with Catalyst Charter School; monetary donations to enhance instruction; and commitment as a Ripon business owner. Candie's vision and leadership helped bring project based learning to the middle school level in Ripon. The Webster Foundation, formed by Candie's parents, has contributed to the development of Ripon's fine arts program; and supported area



students with 1.3 million dollars in scholarships, matching funds and grants. Candie believes knowledge is power and when our schools are doing a great job, it brings not only families to the area to buy groceries but smart talented individuals to work in her store. She shared that the stronger the schools are, the stronger our community is.

Service & Partnership

Jim Floros Named Distinguished Alumni

Jim Floros, Class of 1979, is the RASD 2021 Distinguished Alumni.

Through his work with Project Concern, Jim helped build community-based health clinics around the world. While at the Burn Institute, he assisted burn survivors to cope with the devastation of their injuries and prevent burn injuries and fires. In 2008 he was awarded the prestigious National Burn Prevention Award for his dedicated efforts. In 2013 Jim joined the San Diego Food Bank (SDFB). Jim's finest achievement may be his work during the COVID 19 Crisis by mobilizing to expand

from feeding 350,000 to 600,000 people a month. He raised tens of millions of dollars, purchased millions of dollars of food, created innovative program strategies to meet increased needs and is credited with not only leading the SDFB through the pandemic, but the San Diego community as well. He received numerous awards but was always adamant that they reflected on his great staff and volunteers.



Student Engagement & Learning



2021 Summer School Highlights

The 2021 Summer School session was five weeks from June 14–July 16, in addition to Credit Recovery through August 6 and a two-week STEM camp for high school students from July 19–30. The Orientation Days on August 30 and 31 were able to be counted as summer school days and provided a soft start to the 2021–22 school year for all students in grades 4PS–12. A total summer school full-time equivalent is calculated by total student participation minutes for revenue purposes. The table below shows the history over the past four years.

Location:	Total # of Students:			
	2021	*2020	2019	2018
Barlow Park/Journey/BPC	178	164	213	204
Murray Park/Quest	163	100	196	176
Ripon Middle/Catalyst	110	181	197	248
Ripon High School	276	231	270	247
Swimming Lessons	425	--	423	286
Student FTE Equivalent for Revenue Purposes	72	42	78	70

*Virtual only due to all schools being closed

Student Engagement & Learning

Student enrollment is down 8.6% from last year as fewer non-resident students are open enrolled into the district's virtual school. Resident enrollment is declining slightly, but has remained mostly flat over the past three years.

1,952	1,785	513	368	111	117
District Enrollment 2020-2021	District Enrollment 2021-2022	Open Enrolled In 2020-2021	Open Enrolled In 2021-2022	Open Enrolled Out 2020-2021	Open Enrolled Out 2021-2022

Finance & Operations

Summer Technology Highlights

- Purchased 400 Chromebooks for Grades 6, 9, and 10;
- Replaced 200 Chromebooks, purchased 33 Smart Panels, replaced 58 interactive devices, purchased 300 cases and 300 extra power cords, replaced 20 staff devices at elementary schools;
- Upgraded District Firewall to 10GB model to allow for upgraded bandwidth.

Summer Facilities Highlights

- Added cameras and repaired asphalt at Ingalls Field and Murray Park Elementary;
- Installed 33 SMART panels and 10 new white boards in schools;
- Installed cabinets, countertops and generator at Administration Building;
- Reconfigured electrical and communication distribution by middle school north field to remove 6 electrical poles and eliminate the hill;
- Cleanup of July 27 storm damage; and
- Completed 125 additional work orders.

Service & Partnership Spring School Board

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

Those elected to succeed the present incumbents:

Betsy Heffernan
Gary Rodman
Nate Zimdars

Three Year Term:
April 25, 2022 - April 27, 2025

Deadline to declare candidacy
5:00 pm on January 4, 2022



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MISSION STATEMENT

Empowering learners, engaging community, enriching the world.

VISION STATEMENT

One of Wisconsin's finest school districts, fostering excellence for all through innovation.

ORGANIZATION VALUES

Integrity	Excellence
Commitment	Collaboration
Innovation	Kindness



TIGER UPDATE EXCELLENCE THROUGH INNOVATION FALL 2021



Service & Partnership



Free Breakfast and Lunch Continues

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) extended the free breakfast and lunch program yet again. The District's new food service company, Aramark, will provide two free meals per day, five days a week for anyone 18 years of age and younger.

COVID Update



Student Engagement & Learning

RASD has completed nearly 1,800 antigen and PCR COVID tests for our staff and student body and their families from the last week of August through the end of October with a positivity rate of .09 or 9%.

The Ripon District COVID-19 Dashboard shows the past 14 days of data, and continues to be updated on Tuesday each week. Please continue to:

- Receive the vaccination;
- Wear masks and practice social distance;
- Avoid social gatherings if possible;
- Refrain from hugs, handshakes, etc with those outside your immediate household;
- Stay home and keep your child(ren) home if sick; and
- Wash hands frequently and use hand sanitizer.

Visit the Vaccination page on the Fond du Lac County Health Department Website for vaccination information. Call the Health Department at 920-929-3085 to schedule an appointment. The District appreciates the efforts of everyone seeking out testing to provide an awareness of where the virus is within RASD to the greatest extent possible. Everyone's diligence has helped keep our schools open for face-to-face learning and flattens Ripon's local curve.



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