



Superintendent's Message

Much excitement fills the air this year as we focus on continuous quality improvement (CQI) and providing safe, high-quality educational services to our students and families. This Tiger Update highlights the District's 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)
- Provide support services to ensure student success (Summer School 2022 p. 3, Free Breakfast p. 3, Camp BRAVE 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 (Grants p. 2, Technology and Facilities Update p. 3, Enrollment p. 3)

Our work in the district will be focused under each of these priority areas and reported to the Board to assist them in monitoring district progress during the 2022-23 school year. Thank you to everyone for setting the tone for a successful and exciting school year.

Respectfully Yours,



Dr. Mary Whitrock, Superintendent of Schools
Go Tigers!



Human Resources

American Education Week, this year is November 13 - 19. Education Week is our chance to celebrate the achievements of our Ripon schools, students and staff. This year we continue to celebrate Ripon Community's support of public educators, focusing on how we are creating futures for our students, staff and families.



Student Engagement & Learning

Ripon Performance Trending Above State



Third-grade students mentor preschool students through the Murray Park Reading Buddies Program.

The District checks student achievement levels three times a year using iReady, an online assessment tool. The i-Ready Fall Assessment Data by Grade Level chart below shows Ripon student's (including Odyssey Academy of Virtual Learning) achievement from last year to this year and then compares it to student scores across the state for 2022. Ripon is trending above state level performance - this fall.



RHS students use reading and math during an escape room activity in Intro to Business class.



Students play Jenga in Summer School Math class.

Fall Rdg - % of Students At or Above Gr. Level				
Grade (Class)	Ripon 2020*	Ripon 2021*	Ripon 2022	WI 2022
Gr. 3 (2032)	14	26 (+12)	48 (+22)	39
Gr. 4 (2031)	28	53 (+25)	46 (-7)	29
Gr. 5 (2030)	54	49 (-5)	47 (-2)	31
Gr. 6 (2029)	46	41 (-5)	43 (+2)	34
Gr. 7 (2028)	40	38 (-2)	41 (+3)	37
Gr. 8 (2027)	46	44 (-2)	48 (+4)	39

*Same group of students from the fall previous year

Fall Math - % of Students At or Above Gr. Level				
Grade (Class)	Ripon 2020*	Ripon 2021*	Ripon 2022	WI 2022
Gr. 3 (2032)	0	22 (+22)	19 (-3)	15
Gr. 4 (2031)	27	20 (-7)	35 (+15)	27
Gr. 5 (2030)	21	40 (+19)	44 (+4)	32
Gr. 6 (2029)	30	35 (+5)	34 (-1)	34
Gr. 7 (2028)	39	35 (-4)	39 (+4)	30
Gr. 8 (2027)	52	44 (-8)	44 (+0)	31

*Same group of students from the fall previous year

Service & Partnership

REF Celebrates 25 Years

The Ripon Education Foundation's (REF) online #RiponROAR campaign is November 14 - 18. Their 2022 goal is to have 250 donors in celebration of 25 years of supporting Ripon students and staff.



- #RiponROAR 2yr Total: \$85,000
- REF 2022 YTD Total: \$97,114
- REF Total Since 1997: \$862,172

Support the Foundation at:
riponeducationfoundation.org



Finance & Operations

More Than \$1.9M in Grants

- **\$1,411,841** for expenses due to COVID through the federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER)
- **\$195,941** to Barlow Park Charter for the fourth year (\$800,000 over five years)
- **\$142,857** to Odyssey Academy of Virtual Learning for the fifth year (\$900,000 over five years)
- **\$115,000** for the fourth of a five year grant for the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant at Journey Project Elementary
- **\$75,000** for the first of a two-year grant for School-Based Mental Health (\$150,000 over two years)

2022 Friend Of Public Schools

Ripon Guardian Ambulance Service was awarded the District's 2022 Friend of Public Schools. Our partnership has been invaluable in improving student and staff safety. The service's efforts include providing on-site medical responders for home football games, participating in the *Operation Prom Night* event, providing *Stop the Bleed Training* for staff, assisting in obtaining Automated Electronic Defibrillators (AED's) for schools and Ingalls Field, donating time and supplies to fit test RASD nursing staff for N95 masks, and providing medical support for the District's on-site COVID vaccination clinics and testing services during the 2021-2022 school year.

Service & Partnership



Superintendent Mary Whitrock presents EMS Chief Mitch Matuszkeski with award.

EMS Chief Mitchell Matuszkeski shared "I am very proud of the partnership that we were able to form with the schools. I look forward to many years of continued collaboration as together we protect those that will one day grow up to become the leaders of the very communities we are serving currently."

Service & Partnership

2022 Distinguished Alumni Announced

Jill Geer, Class of 1988, is the 2022 Distinguished Alumni. Currently the chief communications & marketing officer for USA Gymnastics, Jill's career has focused on helping U.S. Olympic athletes share their stories with the American public. It has taken her to six Olympic games and 18 countries as the spokesperson for Team USA in track & field and gymnastics. Although her career is international in scope, Jill volunteers at her Indianapolis neighborhood food bank, at local churches and schools and has co-chaired a statewide fundraiser for the American Cancer Society.



2022 Distinguished Alumni Jill Geer, RHS Class of 1988 alumna.

She is a passionate advocate for diversity and inclusion and is a frequent speaker to college and young professionals' groups. Jill regularly returns to Wisconsin and credits her family and Ripon upbringing for instilling a service-oriented approach that has informed her career. Congratulations to Jill.

Student Engagement & Learning



Finance & Operations

Facility & Technology Summer Updates

- Prepped 25 staff computers, more than 500 Chromebooks, 250 cases and 250 extra power cords
- Installed wireless access points
- Increased speeds to 5GB at two district sites
- Added safety cameras
- Installed SMART panels and white board in classrooms
- Improved asphalt, concrete, and electrical service outside
- Replaced water softener and installed a generator
- Responded to over 100 other work orders

Student Engagement & Learning

Free Breakfast For All

All students are able to receive a free breakfast on school days with our food service program. Although the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) ended the free breakfast and lunch program this school year, the Ripon School Board approved to continue to fund breakfast locally.

Service & Partnership

Spring School Board Election Tuesday, April 4, 2022

Those elected to succeed the present incumbents for a 3yr term:

Josh Rieder
David Scott
Tom Stellmacher

Deadline to declare candidacy
5:00 pm on January 3, 2023

Finance & Operations

District Enrollment

2022-2023: 1,710
2021-2022: 1,801

Open Enrolled In

2022-2023: 334
2021-2022: 368

Open Enrolled Out

2022-2023: 115
2021-2022: 117

Student enrollment is down 5% from last year as fewer non-resident students are open enrolled into the district's virtual school. Resident enrollment is slightly lower by 4.5% though total enrollment is up from the 2019-2020 school year.

Location:	Total # of Students:				
	2022	2021	*2020	2019	2018
Barlow Park/Journey/BPC	154	178	164	213	204
Murray Park/Quest	200	163	100	196	176
Ripon Middle/Catalyst	122	110	181	197	248
Ripon High School	475	276	231	270	247
Swimming Lessons	309	425	--	423	286
Student FTE Equivalent for Revenue Purposes	68	72	42	78	70

*Virtual only due to all schools being closed

The 2022 Summer School was a five-week session from mid-June through mid-July, in addition to a two-week STEM camp for high school students in July and Credit Recovery which ran throughout the summer. The district-wide student orientation days on August 30 and 31 counted as summer school minutes and provided for a smooth transition to the 2022-23 school year for all students in grades 4PS-12.



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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
- Commitment
- Innovation
- Excellence
- Collaboration
- Kindness

Ripon Area School District TIGER UPDATE EXCELLENCE THROUGH INNOVATION FALL 2022

Student Engagement & Learning

Camp BRAVE Supports Families on School Recess Days

Camp BRAVE is a full-day program for K-5 students featuring a variety of off-site field trips on most teacher in-service days. Students explore our community and state under the supervision of district support staff and our BRAVE site coordinators. So far this year, students have traveled to the Farm WI Discovery Center in Manitowoc and Mulberry Lane Farm in Hilbert (see photos to the right). Camp BRAVE is free to all students with funding provided by the Nita Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant. This program is in addition to BRAVE morning and evening enrichment programs.



Discovering how fruits and vegetables grow and their nutritional values with Mrs. Cluppert.



Learning how to milk a cow with Mrs. Kennitz.



Making a feathery friend at the farm.



Waiting patiently in line to check out our groceries.



Studying the inside of an egg.

