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**Ripon Board of Education Purchases Two Additional Properties to Improve Combined Facility Site**

**Ripon, WI** – Construction is complete on the combined middle and high school building for the Ripon Area School District with the exception of a few final projects including demolition and site work at the old middle school location. The Ripon Board of Education continues to take additional steps to improve the grounds around the combined facility. Beginning in the spring of 2015, five houses on E. Sullivan have been purchased and demolished to improve the site for the combined 6-12 school project. Recently, the Board purchased two additional houses.

The newest properties are located at 710 St. Wenceslaus and 443 E. Sullivan. The Board finalized the purchase of the properties for \$70,000 and \$130,000 respectively. According to Superintendent Whitrock, “The house on Wenceslaus will be razed in late spring to add more parking to the old middle school lot. The property will increase the overall parking by 32 stalls to total 121 stalls vs. the original design of 89 stalls. The house on E. Sullivan will be razed in mid August and the ground leveled out to increase the green space around the 6-12 facility.” The space will provide a safe outdoor playground area for middle school students to occupy over lunch recess and serve as an additional practice field. The soccer field to the south of the school was eliminated to accommodate the new south parking lot.

The Board encourages the community to stay informed and check the District website for additional information. Please contact Superintendent, Dr. Mary Whitrock, at whitrockm@ripon.k12.wi.us with any questions.

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