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Ripon Area School District Breaks Ground on Combined Middle and High School!

Ripon, WI – The School District officially started construction on the 6th -12th grade facility on Wednesday, April 8, 2015. The beginning of construction was recognized with an official groundbreaking ceremony. Mayor Gary Will, Superintendent Mary Whitrock, board members, school principals, teachers, parents and students came together to celebrate the improvement of Ripon Area School District facilities with golden shovels in hand.

Work will begin with the high school parking lot and the surrounding site work to prepare for the additions to the high school. Additions and renovations to the existing high school building include STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) spaces; an agriculture room; a community room; a MS/HS music suite; new high school gymnasium; upgrades to the existing auditorium and pool; and additional parking. The construction will result in a combined middle and high school facility with separate entrances, commons, administrative offices, and classrooms for each school. The high school will move into the new additions in spring of 2016, while the middle school will move into renovated areas of the existing building in August of 2016. Additionally, maintenance will be completed at the district's elementary schools over the summer of 2015.

"I am so happy that the updated facilities will enhance the learning environment for our students, and continue our reputation as school district of choice in our area of Wisconsin," commented School Board Member Tom Stellmacher. "It's exciting to be part of this building project that will improve education in the Ripon area for years to come."

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