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**Referendum Information Session Scheduled for September 15** 

**Ripon, WI** – The Ripon School Board and District Administration is hosting the first of several public referendum information sessions and building tours on Monday, September 15 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Ripon Middle School library. Join the Board and District Administration to learn about the November 4<sup>th</sup> Facilities Referendum and to see first hand the condition of the Ripon Middle School. Renovations have helped extend the life of the middle school, but the building has been in use for 75 years, 35 years longer than the average expectancy for a school.

Facility experts will be on hand to present the plans to construct an addition and renovate the high school to create a combined middle school/high school; demolish the existing middle school and convert the lot to parking and tennis courts; while adding safety and security upgrades to all schools. The community is also in favor of continuing with the \$500,000 Operating Referendum to update curriculum and technology; perform maintenance repairs; and replace vehicles.

As the referendum process continues, the District will be meeting with city officials, staff, parents, local businesses, Ripon College and several service organizations. The District will also be hosting a public information session and tour of the high school on October 20 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Watch your mailbox for additional Public Information Sessions, or please refer to the District website at <a href="https://www.ripon.k12.wi.us">www.ripon.k12.wi.us</a> and click on the community tab.

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