

For Immediate Release  
Thursday, November 14, 2024  
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### **Ripon Area School District Coach Arrested**

Ripon, WI – The Ripon Area School District sent the following information to parents on November 14, 2024.

*“On Thursday, November 14, 2024, the City of Ripon Police confirmed to District authorities that Mihai Schnell-Harrison, who had served for one season as the boy’s varsity basketball coach, was arrested on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 and is in custody for sexual misconduct with a minor. Formal review of the charges is being conducted by the Fond du Lac County District Attorney’s Office. The District wants to thank the City of Ripon Police Department for their swift action over the past two days to ensure the safety and well-being of our students and staff.*

*The safety of all students and staff is the District’s top priority. As such, please remind your child(ren) if they experience anything or hear anything that makes them feel uncomfortable, they should tell a parent or a trusted adult who can help report the information to the proper authorities. Parents too are reminded to report anything they see or hear that causes concern to the proper authorities.*

*Given the sensitive nature of this situation, we recognize some students may request social or emotional support from a school professional. If this is the case for your child, please have them reach out to their school counselor, or feel free to do so on their behalf:*

- Dakota Kandler [kandlerd@ripon.k12.wi.us](mailto:kandlerd@ripon.k12.wi.us) (RHS, Last names A-L)
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*The District's commitment to ensuring a safe, supportive, and respectful environment for all students and staff remains unwavering. We are committed to transparency and will continue to update the community within the bounds of privacy laws and the ongoing investigation. The City of Ripon Police Department reminded the District that due to the ongoing investigation, and the sensitive nature of the case involving a minor, information is limited at this time.*

*Thank you for your understanding and support during this difficult time. We encourage parents and guardians to reach out to school administrators if they have questions or concerns."*

Please contact Superintendent, Dr. Mary Whitrock, at [whitrockm@ripon.k12.wi.us](mailto:whitrockm@ripon.k12.wi.us) with any questions.

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