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Ripon School Board Approves One Grade 3-5 Murray Park Elementary School

Ripon, WI - At their January 20, 2025 regular meeting the Ripon School Board approved the Quest Elementary Charter School Governance Council's request to not renew the charter agreement which sunsets at the end of the 2024-2025 school year. The Board also approved Murray Park as the one intermediate school for Grades 3-5 beginning with the 2025-2026 school year. Staffing for the unified school will largely stay the same based on student needs and class sizes.

Quest Elementary School began in 2010 as a Project Based Learning Charter School. Since that time, Murray Park and Quest have grown to have very similar instructional models and the same curriculum. As the two schools become one again, best practices in the science of reading, inquiry, and project based learning will be implemented across grade levels with teams continuing to collaborate and maximize resources. All current services such as Special Education, Intervention, English Language Learners (ELL), and Gifted and Talented (GT) will continue as in the past. The Quest Garden and greenhouse will be used by all students and staff. Parents will be able to continue to be involved with the school through a parent school organization.

Murray Park Quest Principal Jessi Johnson commented "As we move forward to move from two schools back to one, we are embracing an incredible opportunity to strengthen our school community, share resources, and build a stronger foundation for our students. Together, we will create a learning environment that reflects the best of both schools, fostering collaboration, innovation, and a shared commitment to excellence."

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