RIPON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

It is the policy of the Ripon Area School District to provide our employees or students with a level of privacy and confidentiality with any information concerning any of our employees or students.

In the course of your work, you may have access to confidential information (oral, written or computer generated, not otherwise available to the public at large) about employees or students, their families and/or personal business. School business information includes computer programs, software and supporting documentation, technological improvement plans, strategic plans, financial information and employee information (including but not limited to co-workers and their families).

THEREFORE, I AGREE that:

My right to enter or make use of confidential information is restricted to my need to know the data or information to perform my job responsibilities. I will keep my computer access password(s) confidential. If another method of accessing a computer system is used, I will restrict its use to myself. I will not discuss any confidential information in any public areas, hallways, gathering spaces, etc.

I will hold all confidential information of which I have knowledge in the truest confidence, as required by law. I agree to utilize confidential information obtained by me only for the benefit of the employee or student or in performance of my job responsibilities.

Unauthorized disclosure, copying and/or misuse of confidential information is a serious breach of duty and will result in disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment with Ripon Area School District.

I HAVE READ THIS CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT AND SCHOOL BOARD POLICY 8350 PRINTED ON THE BACK OF THIS PAGE AND AGREE TO THE TERMS LISTED.

Employee Signature _____

Employee Name (print) _____ Date _____

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State and federal law requires that student education records be maintained as confidential. See Policy **8330**. State law further exempts certain information and records from public disclosure. See Policy **8310**. As such, the Board of Education is obligated to take appropriate steps to maintain certain information and records as confidential. Individuals who have access to student education records may not remove them from Board property without express permission from their building principal or supervisor. An individual authorized to remove student education records from school property is responsible for the safety and security of the records and for returning them to the district intact. Confidential information and records may not be disclosed except as authorized by Board policy and administrative guidelines. Individuals who have access to confidential information and records while employed by the Board are reminded that their legal obligation to maintain such confidences extends beyond their term of employment in the District and they are prohibited from releasing, disclosing or otherwise disseminating confidential information or records subsequent to leaving the Board's employ. The Board directs the Superintendent to prepare guidelines concerning Board employees' duties to maintain certain information and records as confidential.

When the District receives in trust from a public agency information identified to be confidential or exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Law, Common Law, Privilege Case Law, or Federal Law, the District will maintain the confidentiality of said information to prohibit its unauthorized disclosure.

The following portions of this policy apply **only** to identified confidential information received from a public agency.

In order to prohibit the unauthorized disclosure of information identified as confidential by the sending public agency, the Board may seek to obtain court protection by:

A. denying requests for release of such information absent subpoena or court order;

B. pursuing motions to quash or protective orders to prohibit unauthorized disclosure.

When possible, the Board will attempt to notify the sending public agency of the request for release of such information prior to complying with the request.

19.36(1), Wis. Stats.