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Dear Superintendent Whitrock,

This letter serves to reiterate Ripon College's decision to terminate the May 15, 1939 Ingalls Field contract. Numerous collaborative meetings occurred over the past three years that communicated the intent, the timeline, and the conditions under which we would sever the agreement; the district, both schools, and city administrators worked to assure the collective needs of the community were met. As you know, with the opening of our own on-campus stadium, we played our final football game on Ingalls Field on September 16, 2023, the only home game of the season not in Ripon College's Hopp Stadium. All Ripon College financial commitments were met with payments of \$14,110.23 on 6/9/20; \$9,777.00 on 6/22/21; \$21,791.33 on 6/2/22; and \$9,296.00 on 5/23/23. As indicated in the 2020 Ingalls Field Turf Payment Agreement, the College hereby would release its reversionary interest in the Field forthwith to the District.

I remain hopeful that our partnership endures. This letter also serves to concretize the reciprocal agreement that allows the high school to use Ripon College's indoor track and field and our indoor tennis courts in exchange for our continued use of Ripon High School's outdoor track and outdoor tennis courts. This reciprocal relationship necessitates that both the College and the High School maintain their own facilities and the other is not charged for use. This reciprocity necessitates collaboration between the Athletic Directors and coaches. I recommend regular meetings that promote effective communication and assure the reciprocation approximates even use between the track and the tennis courts.

To review use in the past two academic years, Ripon College used the Ripon High School Track on 7 days (4/10, 4/12, 4/13, 4/18, 4/25, 5/5, and 5/10) in 2023 and 6 days (4/9, 4/15, 4/22, 4/24, 4/29, and 5/1) in 2024. Note Ripon College use of the high school track was limited to Spring only. Although the high school did not use our fieldhouse during Spring Break as they have done in the past, they hosted the ECC Track Meet on April 4, 2024 from 3pm-9pm. We do have interest in using the track in the fall as well as expanding our use of the track in the spring; because of the decision to not make modifications to the track to make it NCAA compliant, our use would always be limited to practice.

Ripon College Women's Tennis has used the Ripon High School courts 2-3 times annually for competition matches in Fall 2023 and Fall 2024, and approximately 10 times per year for practice. The men's team does not use the Ripon High School courts. Chris Schumacher, Ripon College Director of Athletics, reports Ripon High School used our indoor courts for 41 hours this past academic year. Specifically, the high school used four

indoor courts on August 14 from 4:30pm-6:30pm and hosted a Tennis Conference Match on September 26 from 4pm-7pm. Additionally, the high school used two courts for 1.5 hour practices on both Monday and Wednesdays from January 29-April 29, 2024 (except on March 27, March 18, February 19, and February 5).

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Victoria Folse', written in a cursive style.

Dr. Victoria N. Folse  
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Ripon College