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## SECOND PHASE OF DEVELOPMENT FOR SC JOHNSON COMMUNITY SPORTS COMPLEX AT PRITCHARD PARK ANNOUNCED

Racine Unified, Racine County partner on development and construction of athletic facilities to benefit children and families across the community

**Racine** – Racine County and the Racine Unified School District announced today a partnership to further develop the SC Johnson Community Sports Complex at Pritchard Park, providing more athletic fields for county-wide sporting and recreational events and activities.

Following the opening of the SC Johnson Community Aquatic Center last June, this second phase of development and construction will include a state-of-the-art football/multi-use stadium, plaza and concessions. Additionally, the development may include 2-6 baseball/softball fields with concessions, enhanced parking and preservation and beautification of natural spaces.

The funding for this project is a partnership between RUSD and Racine County, with each entity contributing \$3 million, subject to County Board and School Board approvals. RUSD will use funds that must be allocated for community-wide purposes and projects beyond the district schools. The fields will be accessible to all county public and private schools as well as other organizations.

"This is a tremendous opportunity to partner with the county," said RUSD Superintendent Dr. Eric Gallien. "Together, we're going to be able to provide excellent, new athletic facilities for student athletes across the entire community. It's a great example of the power of collective impact."

Racine County completed a study and focus group on what residents want in their communities, and the results showed a need for major improvements to youth sports and recreational facilities.

"This partnership with Racine Unified is a game changer for our community," County Executive Jonathan Delagrave said. "For too long, the Racine area has lacked adequate facilities for youth and high school sports. Together with RUSD, we are

providing our children and families with state-of-the art amenities and continuing to transform Pritchard Park into a destination for all."