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# SECURITY UPGRADE

## Lawmakers applaud Obama for consulting

State legislators welcome chance to discuss Syria

By Donovan Slack  
 Post-Crescent Washington bureau

WASHINGTON — Members of Wisconsin's congressional delegation from both parties breathed something of a collective sigh of relief when President Barack Obama announced Saturday that he decided to allow Congress to weigh in before authorizing military intervention in Syria.

Several Badger State reps, including Democratic Sen. Tammy Baldwin and Republican Sen. Ron Johnson, had urged him to take such action this past week. Republican Reps. Reid

Ribble of Sherwood, Sean Duffy of Weston, Jim Sensenbrenner of Menomonee Falls and Tom Petri of Fond du Lac joined Democratic Rep. Mark Pocan of Madison in signing letters to Obama asking for a vote.



Petri



Ribble

"I'm glad the president made the right decision to consult Congress before taking military action in Syria," Petri said after the president's announcement. "I will be carefully reviewing what the president puts forward to Congress next week."

"My first reaction was I was extraordinarily pleased that the president made this decision," Ribble said.

Obama made the somewhat surprising announcement that he had decided a military strike is warranted because of the Syrian regime's use of chemical weapons against its own people, but he wanted Congress to give him its support before ordering any strike.

"While I believe I have the authority to carry out this military action without specific congres-

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### VIDEO

Watch Sen. Ron Johnson and Rep. Reid Ribble discuss Syria during Newsmakers interviews last week on [postcrescent.com](http://postcrescent.com).

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Obama to ask Congress to OK strike on Syria / B3

## Fox Cities districts bolster expenditures following last year's deadly shooting at Sandy Hook school in Connecticut

By Jen Zettel | Post-Crescent Media

The Appleton Area School District had a long-range plan in place last year to beef up security at entrances to its school buildings. But that timetable changed after the horrific shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., in December. "It was our plan to control entrances at all build-

ings over a period of years," said Don Hietpas, chief financial officer for the school district. "I would say (Sandy Hook) pressed the timeline."

Hietpas said a handful of Appleton's schools had buzzer-controlled entrances before the shooting rampage that killed 20 children and six adults. The district originally planned to expand the security measures by a few buildings each year.

Appleton is among a number of Fox Cities districts to put a renewed emphasis on security measures as the 2013-14 school year gets under way.

Some schools began classes last week, but the majority will welcome students back on Tuesday.

School leaders say they're doing everything in their power to keep students and staff members safe.

Appleton's school district has spent \$143,500 on upgrades — an increase of nearly \$129,000 over previous years. Hietpas said the money paid for buzzer entrance controls at buildings throughout the district and video cameras near building entrances.

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### SCHOOL SECURITY UPGRADES

From 2012-13 year to present

- » Appleton: \$143,500 for buzzer-controlled entrances and video cameras.
- » Chilton: \$28,417 for additional cameras, entry locks and panic buttons.
- » Hortonville: \$979,230 set aside from recent referendum for buzzer-controlled entrances, updated cameras and new door locks.
- » Kaukauna: \$77,000 on cameras and buzzer-controlled entrances.
- » Kimberly: \$54,000 on updated cameras.
- » Little Chute: \$54,000 on updated cameras, additional cameras, more keyless entry points and buzzer-controlled entrances.
- » Menasha: \$10,700 on fob entry system, \$100,000 in camera upgrades, \$5,000 for new entry signage, \$44,000 for re-keying district buildings.
- » Neenah: \$100,000 on security cameras, final \$15,000 spent on total \$60,000 card entry system.
- » New London: \$20,000 for fob entry system — half paid with grant funds, \$14,000 for radios with direct communication with New London Police — all costs covered by donations to the police department.
- » St. Francis Xavier Catholic Schools: Updated security cameras and buzzer-controlled entrances.

Source: Fox Cities school districts

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