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Dear Panther Families,

As we settle into the rhythm of the new school year, we want to extend a warm welcome to all our returning families and those who are joining the Redford Union School District community for the first time. September is always an exciting time of transition, growth and renewed energy across all of our classrooms. Our teachers and staff have been hard at work creating engaging, supportive learning environments where every student can feel valued and ready to succeed. We are deeply grateful for your continued partnership as we work together to make this school year a success.

As we look ahead to the fall, we would like to remind everyone of an important date on our calendar. This year, Michigan's Fall Student Count Day takes place on Wednesday, October 7. Count Day is crucial for our school district because attendance on this specific day directly impacts state funding for our schools, supporting essential educational programs, classroom technology, student services and facility resources. We ask for your support in ensuring your child is present and on time for Count Day, as well as maintaining consistent, daily attendance throughout the year to keep your child on the path to academic success.

To help maintain an engaged, distraction-free environment in our classrooms, we also want to send out a brief reminder regarding our district electronic device and cell phone policy. All cell phones and personal electronic devices must remain turned off and securely stored during instructional hours, unless explicitly authorized by school personnel for specific learning activities. Uninterrupted instruction allows our students to stay fully focused on their lessons and build meaningful connections with teachers and peers. We kindly ask parents to discuss this policy with their children at home and to contact the main office directly if you need to reach your child during the school day for an urgent matter.

September also marks the beginning of several important cultural and wellness recognitions across our district. Starting September 15th, Redford Union Schools will begin honoring Hispanic Heritage Month, which runs through October 15th. Throughout the month, our schools will celebrate the rich histories, cultures and contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans through special classroom activities, literature, and educational discussions.

Furthermore, September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. The mental health and emotional well-being of our students remain top priorities as our Hope Squad's mission is deeply

rooted in supporting our district's students with the mission of suicide prevention. We encourage open communication at home and in school, and we want to remind our families that in addition to the Hope Squad, our school counselors, social workers and administrative team are always available to support any student in need of guidance or care. Additionally, this October, as part of National Bullying Prevention Month, we are joining the "Be a Buddy, Not a Bully" pledge, alongside other school districts across the state. We will provide additional information on the pledge in the coming weeks.

We also want to share an important update regarding an upcoming local ballot measure. For the November 26 election, voters will be asked to consider a Non-Homestead Millage Restoration proposal. Due to state-mandated rollback rules, our operating rate on non-homestead properties (businesses, secondary homes and rental units—primary home taxes are not impacted) has been reduced. The district is seeking a millage restoration to return to our standard operating level. These unrestricted revenues directly support our general day-to-day district operations and teacher salaries. If approved, this restoration would remain aligned with our existing non-homestead millage timeline through August 3, 2030.

Thank you once again for your dedication to our school community and for partnering with us in your child's education. We look forward to an inspiring, productive month ahead. Please keep an eye on your email and our official district communications for upcoming event dates, school news and updates.

Sincerely,

Judy Nachman
Interim Superintendent