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REDFORD UNION SCHOOLS, DISTRICT NO. 1

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Dear Panther Families,

Our schools are buzzing with energy and community spirit as the autumn weather settles across our district, as we have officially kicked off our House system for the school year with students across all grades participating in House Sorting Days. The excitement was palpable as students were sorted into their respective Houses, laying the foundation for a school year filled with shared community, character building and healthy school spirit.

Along with these celebrations, October marks National Principals Month, providing a wonderful opportunity for our entire community to express gratitude to our dedicated building principals and administrators who work tirelessly to maintain safe, supportive and academically rich environments for every child. Simultaneously, our secondary schools are celebrating Michigan College Month by engaging students in college exploration, career pathway planning, financial aid guidance and post-secondary preparations to help set them up for long-term success beyond graduation.

Building a culture of kindness and inclusion remains a top priority across Redford Union, especially during National Bullying Prevention Month. This October, our district is proud to take the statewide "Be a Buddy, Not a Bully" pledge, encouraging positive relationships, empathy and respect in our classrooms and hallways. Working hand-in-hand with this effort is our district's Hope Squad, a peer-to-peer suicide prevention initiative designed to reduce stigma, promote connectedness and ensure that every student knows where to turn for support. Because suicide prevention and crisis awareness are central to the Hope Squad's mission, our student team members are actively helping us create a safe, compassionate environment where no student feels alone. We invite you to continue these meaningful conversations at home by talking with your child about what it means to stand up for others, look out for their peers and choose kindness every day.

As we look ahead to the coming weeks, we also want to share an important update regarding an upcoming local measure on the November ballot. Voters in our community will be asked to consider a Non-Homestead Millage Restoration proposal. Due to state-mandated rollback rules, our operating rate on non-homestead properties—which includes businesses, secondary homes and rental units—has been reduced. It is important to note that primary home taxes are not impacted by this proposal. The district is seeking this restoration to return to our standard operating level, as these unrestricted revenues directly support our general day-to-day school

operations and teacher salaries. If approved, this restoration would remain aligned with our existing non-homestead millage timeline through August 3, 2030.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership, trust and active engagement in making Redford Union School District a supportive place for every student to learn and thrive. If you have any questions regarding school activities or the upcoming ballot measure, please feel free to contact your child's school office.

Sincerely,

Judy Nachman
Interim Superintendent