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Dear Panther Community,

At Redford Union School District, we emphasize the importance of connection—between students, families, and our school community. Our schools are more than just classrooms, they are places where we can build strong relationships that support academic and personal growth, and we take pride in making the District a place "Where U Belong." Throughout the remainder of the school year, we encourage you to find more meaningful ways to connect with one another.

In March, we have proudly celebrated **National Women's History Month**, honoring the remarkable achievements and contributions of women throughout history. From innovators who have shaped our world to the inspiring women we interact with every day, we take this time to express our deepest gratitude. The District would not be the same without all of the incredible women—our teachers, administrators, support staff, volunteers, mothers, grandmothers, and aunts—who work tirelessly to uphold and reinforce our Tradition-Rich, Future-Focused vision. Thank you for all the work you put into our schools and/or for the time and energy you put into your child/children and family overall. Your dedication, nurturing spirits, and passion create a lasting impact.

March also included **National Reading Month**, a time for us to celebrate the importance of reading and inspire our students to develop strong literacy skills. Creating strong reading habits not only increases vocabulary and memory, but it also has long-lasting health benefits such as increased cognitive function and decreased levels of stress. Let's continue to make reading fun for our students and encourage a lifetime of learning.

Earlier this month, our 8th Grade Advanced Social Studies students competed in a **History Day competition** at the Detroit Historical Society. Fifteen students presented their projects to esteemed social studies educators from around Wayne County. We are proud to announce that four students have advanced to the state finals, which will be taking place at Central Michigan University in April. Congratulations to the 8th Grade Advanced Social Studies class and our finalists for your hard work and determination to showcase your knowledge and creativity.

As we move closer to the end of the school year, you are reminded that any day could be **The Best School Day Ever** a surprise-filled, off-campus adventure designed to spark curiosity, build community connections, and create lifelong memories. Students and staff will embark on an action-packed, hands-on learning experience at carefully selected locations, bringing learning to life in an exciting and engaging way. The exact date for each school's event is a surprise, and the District is fully funding this experience with no fees required. Keep an eye out for more details from your child's school, including permission slips and special instructions.

Thank you for your continued support in making our District a wonderful place to learn and grow. Redford Union School District is truly Where U Belong.

Yours in Education,

Jasen Witt Superintendent