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**Redford Union High School Expands Career and Technical Education
(CTE) Offerings with Industry Partnerships, New Certifications
and Cutting-Edge Facilities**

REDFORD, MI– October 16, 2026– [Redford Union High School](#) is excited to announce major developments and expansions within its Career and Technical Education (CTE) department. Now in its second full year, the CTE program offers students direct, hands-on pathways to high-skill, high-demand careers through industry-recognized certifications, university partnerships and modernized learning spaces.

Through a new partnership with Wayne County Community College, RUHS has expanded its CTE offerings with a pathway toward early childhood education certification, connecting high school coursework directly to postsecondary education and practical child development experience. Simultaneously, the school's CTE Computer Information Systems (CIS) program equips students with technical skills and industry-recognized certifications in high-demand fields like Cybersecurity, Digital Design and Network Programming.

The school's Automotive Technology program is preparing to transition to Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) standard alignment starting in the second semester. In preparation, Redford Union has partnered with a local Ford dealership to evaluate student progress and facilities. Redford Union has also partnered with Ford Motor Company to bring the Automotive Career Exploration (ACE) program to campus. In this program, students will complete up to 50% of Ford's web-based service training (STST), which transfers into the official Ford Learning Management System and counts toward future college or dealership certifications. Upon earning these credentials, graduating students will step directly out of the classroom and straight into competitive employment in the automotive industry.

In addition, Redford Union has officially launched its Media Broadcast program as a recognized CTE pathway, covering digital design, podcasting and media production. Through a key partnership with Lawrence Technological University (LTU)—which now includes the Howard

Specs broadcasting resources—students can earn a specialized media broadcast certificate that opens immediate doors to post-secondary education and creative industry careers.

Physical upgrades are also actively underway across the campus, as construction is currently in progress on a state-of-the-art STEM lab, expected to open by January. This facility will unite traditional woodshop equipment with an advanced, large-scale 3D printing farm, a humanoid robot program, a CNC router machine, and a laser engraver and printing service program that will be student-led. Furthermore, Redford Union High School is working towards transforming its main CTE hallway into an immersive, museum-style career pathway experience. These interactive visual displays and scannable QR codes will allow students to easily explore career resources and training options during their daily passing time.

"Our CTE program has truly hit its stride in year two," said Mike Taylor, Principal of Redford Union High School. "From real-world certifications with industry leaders like Ford and Lawrence Tech to our upcoming STEM lab and interactive career hallway, we are creating tangible, direct pathways for our students. Our goal is to empower every student with the practical skills, industry credentials and confidence they need to step directly into successful careers or post-secondary education."

Redford Union High School remains committed to providing comprehensive educational opportunities that empower students academically, vocationally and personally. Through innovative curricula, strong community partnerships and modern facilities, Redford Union prepares all students for success in higher education and the modern workforce.

"We are incredibly proud of the remarkable momentum building within our Career and Technical Education program," said Judy Nachman, Interim Superintendent. "Seeing our students gain hands-on experience through cutting-edge facilities and direct industry partnerships is truly inspiring. This expansion reflects our district's deep commitment to ensuring every student graduates not only with a diploma, but with the confidence, certifications and real-world skills to thrive in whatever path they choose."

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About Redford Union School District

Where students belong, Redford Union Schools is a public school district in Metro Detroit committed to providing excellence in a safe and challenging learning environment. The district transforms lives by offering an innovative, collaborative, tradition-rich and future-focused education to the students it serves. For more information, visit www.redfordu.k12.mi.us/.