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REDFORD UNION SCHOOLS, DISTRICT NO. 1

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Dear Panther Families,

This past Thursday, the 2024/2025 school year officially came to a close. Throughout this year, we had some incredible highlights, including the launch of the Fresh Den, welcoming new therapy dogs throughout our classrooms, the passage of a multi-million dollar bond proposal with no tax increase to our homeowners, and the Best School Day Ever! at each of our schools. My biggest highlight was watching all of our students succeed and grow in classrooms with teachers who support and care for our Panthers. I want to thank all of the students, families, staff, and community members who made this year so successful. You truly make the District a place **Where U Belong**, and we couldn't do it without you.

As noted above, this school year we launched the **Best School Day Ever**. Each school selected a day when they would surprise their students with an off-campus, hands-on learning experience different from anything else. Our students participated in a variety of educational activities, including scavenger hunts, museum tours, learning how maple syrup is made, and learning the importance of animals to the ecosystem. In addition, students played outdoor games, bounced in inflatable houses, and spent time building camaraderie with one another and their building staff. This event was a huge success, and we hope to bring the Best School Day Ever back again soon.

We also said goodbye to the Redford Union Schools **Class of 2025**. Throughout May, our seniors shared many milestones, including announcing their future education and career paths, crowning of the 2025 prom king and queen, and walking the stage to receive their diplomas. We are proud of all that our students have accomplished throughout their time with the District, and we are Panther Proud to watch them move on to the next steps in their lives as alumni.

Just because school is out doesn't mean the learning stops! We are thrilled to offer summer learning programs for our students. Our students from Kindergarten through 8th Grade will be participating in the **Summer Discovery** program, powered by United Way for Southeastern Michigan and funded by the Ballmer Group. The District also continues its' partnership with the YMCA as the "hosts" of our afternoon enrichment and recreation program. Summer Discovery programming will be taking place from Monday, June 30 through Friday, August 8.

Finally, even when school is not in session, we want to remind families that our support continues. The Fresh Den will remain open and available to provide food to those in need. To inquire about

the **Fresh Den** or request items, please reach out to Jackie Warren at warrenj@redfordu.k12.mi.us. Additionally, our District offers the **Meet Up and Eat Up** program at various locations in the District, where breakfast and lunch are served to families at no cost – https://redfordu-cdn.fxbrt.com/downloads/central_office/2025_redfordmeetuptoeatupflyer.pdf.

I am Panther Proud of another successful year within the Redford Union School District. Wishing you a happy, restful summer. *It's always a great day to be a Panther!*

Your Educational Partner,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jasen Witt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jasen Witt
Superintendent