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Introducing Beech Elementary's PBIS Council of Kids

At Redford Union Schools, fostering a supportive and inclusive environment isn't just a goal; it's a commitment embraced by every member of the District's community. One of the ways that mission is upheld is through Beech Elementary's PBIS Council of Kids, a student-led group that plays a pivotal role in shaping the school's Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) framework for the school year.

PBIS is an evidence-based three-tiered framework designed to improve students' behavior by providing proactive strategies for defining, teaching, and supporting appropriate student behaviors to create positive school environments. It's a comprehensive approach that aligns perfectly with Redford Union's values.

Originated by Beech Elementary's School Social Worker, Jason Maples, and led by PBIS Leader, Taylor Rais, the PBIS Council of Kids meets every two weeks to discuss ways to enhance student engagement and promote a positive school culture. What makes this council unique is that it's entirely student-driven, allowing the young leaders to bring their perspectives and ideas to the table. This student-led approach not only empowers students but also ensures that their voices are heard and valued in the decision-making process.

The PBIS Council of Kids has been hard at work brainstorming and implementing initiatives to further strengthen the learning environment and culture at Beech. From organizing fun events like Hat Days to collaborating with the kindergarten class to establish a recycling program, these students are making a tangible difference in the Redford Union school community.

Part of the mission of the PBIS Council of Kids is its commitment to inclusivity and diversity. To ensure a broad range of perspectives are represented, the council changes its members regularly. By the end of the school year, four different students from each classroom will have had the opportunity to participate, ensuring that a diverse group of voices contribute to the planning process.

Redford Union Schools believes that students are not just the future but also integral members of the District's community today. Through initiatives like the PBIS Council of Kids, students are empowered to become leaders, problem-solvers, and advocates for positive change.

