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Dear Panther Families,

I hope this letter finds you well as we dive back into the second half of the school year on the heels of a well-deserved Mid-Winter Break. I want to take a moment to update you on some exciting initiatives and progress within our District.

First and foremost, I am thrilled to highlight our District's completion of our Care Solace trainings. We are now able to welcome Redford Union students, families, and staff to utilize this free and simple mental health care coordination service. Care Solace alleviates the burden that goes with scheduling, researching, and finding providers that match insurance. To utilize this service, visit caresolace.com/redfordusd.

I'd also like to take a moment to highlight the remarkable efforts of Redford Union Junior High and High School in celebrating Black History Month. This year, these schools organized a series of events and activities to honor and commemorate the contributions of Black Americans to our Nation's history and culture. From an engaging Spirit Week showcasing different aspects of Black history and culture, to an inspiring essay competition allowing students to reflect on the significance of this month, our students and staff have truly embraced the spirit of celebration and learning. I commend the dedication and enthusiasm of everyone involved in making these initiatives a success.

As the 2023/2024 school year continues, I am pleased to provide an update on the ongoing bond construction at our schools. The concrete floors have been poured in our new High School gymnasium and Early College Program space, the roof of the new addition is now in place, and the exterior brickwork is currently underway. With each passing day, we are witnessing advancements that will enhance the educational environment for our students. I look forward to the completion of this project that will benefit our entire school community.

Looking ahead to March, we have exciting events to anticipate. National Reading Month, a time to celebrate and encourage strong reading habits among students of all ages, is celebrated throughout March. I urge you all to take some time in the coming month to sit down with your student(s) and discuss the importance of literacy and reading.

March is not only National Reading Month but also Women's History Month. Since 1981, March has been an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the contributions and achievements of women throughout history. This month serves as a reminder of the important roles women have played in shaping societies, cultures, and industries worldwide. From groundbreaking advancements in science, technology, and the arts to tireless advocacy for social justice and equal rights, women have been at the forefront of change. Our students will spend substantial time learning about notable women in history throughout the month, and I would encourage you to engage in further conversation on this topic with your child/children at home.

Lastly, I want to take a moment to express my pride in the accomplishments and academic strides our students have made thus far. Their continued dedication to learning and personal growth is truly commendable, and I am excited to see what the final months of the school year will bring for our educational community. Together, we will continue to foster a supportive and enriching environment that

is tradition-rich and future-focused so that every student can thrive. Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in our shared mission to provide the best possible education for our students. It's always a great day to be a Panther!

Stay Panther Strong,

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

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