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Dear Panther Families,

With Labor Day weekend already here, the days of summer break are dwindling and the start of the 2024/2025 school year for our students is almost here. While I certainly enjoy summertime in Michigan, I am eager to welcome everyone back to our buildings on the morning of Tuesday, September 3rd.

Our 2021 capital bond projects will be wrapping up this school year. We are grateful to the community for their support on these projects as they will have (and have already had) a tremendous impact on our School District and the community as a whole. While watching our new spaces and upgraded features come to fruition has been exhilarating, I am eager for the dust to settle, while still assessing our future facility needs, and to share the improvements with you all.

Some new faces (and many familiar faces with different uniform shirts) will be joining our schools throughout the District, including those on hand to protect our students, staff and buildings. SHIELD by Secure Environment Consultants staff members will be on-site in all District buildings, ensuring our students and staff members are safe. As always, if you or your student has any concerns regarding our security, please feel free to contact our administrative office for more information.

In addition to new faces, with the upcoming school year, we will be introducing several new programs and partnerships to benefit our students and the community. The well-being of our students is and will always be a priority across our district. To that end, Redford Union High School and Redford Junior High will be piloting an initiative designed to combat student suicide and lessen the stigma surrounding discussing mental health. Through the Hope Squad program, select students will go through question, persuade and refer (QPR) training to help their fellow peers and alert staff when someone may be considering harming themselves, as we want to ensure that every student feels heard and supported.

I hope you all enjoy the last few warm summer days, and I look forward to seeing all the smiling faces on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Remember, it's always a great day to be a Panther!

Stay Panther Strong,

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