

REDFORD UNION SCHOOLS, DISTRICT NO. 1

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Dear Panther Families,

Redford Union Schools is committed to fostering a welcoming environment where every student feels valued and empowered, while staying true to our motto "Tradition-Rich, Future-Focused." Throughout February, we encourage our families to have conversations with their students about being respectful towards others and living out the age-old "golden rule" of treating others as they would like to be treated.

Earlier this month, we recognized National School Counseling Week. Our school counselors and entire Social Emotional Learning (SEL) team play a crucial role in supporting our students academically, socially, and emotionally. On behalf of our District community, I want to thank all these staff members for their dedication and commitment to helping our students succeed.

As you're likely aware, February is also Black History Month, a time to honor the achievements and contributions of Black Americans throughout our Nation's history. We encourage students to engage in meaningful discussions with their teachers, parents and peers, and also attend events and activities that celebrate and recognize this rich heritage.

Additionally, this month is Career & Technical Education (CTE) Month. We are excited to highlight a very recent donation from Pat Milliken Ford, which gifted a District-themed Ford Mustang to support our High School automotive program. We thank them for their generosity and contribution, and for being a tremendous partner to the District.

We are also proud to announce a new future-focused partnership with Lawrence Technological University (LTU) to enhance college & career readiness and provide students with expanded educational pathways. This collaboration is designed to inspire students to explore technology-based careers and prepare them for a successful future in these fields. We are looking forward to launching this program in Fall 2025 and seeing the opportunities this partnership will provide for our High School students.

Thank you for your continued support in growing our capacity as a wonderful place to learn and grow. Redford Union School District is truly Where U Belong!

Your Partner in Education,

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