



Tradition-Rich, Future-Focused!

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Dear Panther Families,

The new school year is officially in full swing and I am so thrilled to see so many smiling faces back in our hallways. I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our students, families, teachers and staff for the seamless transition back to school. Although it is still early, I'm confident this year will bring great accomplishments for our District.

On Friday, Sept. 6, we officially hosted our first football game at the new Bob Atkins Field. Following 3 full years of construction, it was exciting to see our new stadium and outdoor plaza filled by our Panther community. Thank you to everyone who attended and enjoyed our community grand opening. I look forward to attending many more Panther events at the field and hope to see you there rooting on our student-athletes.

September marks National Hispanic Heritage Month, a time to pay respect and celebrate the many contributions and influence of Hispanic Americans to our history, culture and achievements. I encourage us all to learn something new about the Hispanic culture and celebrate the diverse heritages within our Nation and District.

As we head into the fall season, I'd like to flag a few important dates coming up in October. October 2<sup>nd</sup> is Count Day, when public schools across Michigan tally up the number of students in attendance to determine state funding for their district. It is important that our students are present so our District can receive all possible funding for our future projects and initiatives. Also in October, is our first Homecoming on Bob Atkins Field. Homecoming is an amazing time for our District to welcome back our proud alumni and staff to celebrate our tradition-rich history. I look forward to celebrating with you all during the football game on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

As we continue the school year, I encourage you all to turn to our [District Calendar](#) for key dates and events to add to your calendars. We also share important District communications and updates on our [Facebook page](#).

I look forward to seeing what our students, staff and community accomplish together this school year. I want to thank you for your continued dedication and commitment to making Redford Union an incredible place to be. Remember, it's always a great day to be a Panther!

Sincerely,

Jasen Witt  
Superintendent