

## **REDFORD UNION SCHOOLS, DISTRICT NO. 1**

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Dear Panther Families,

Happy New Year. As we step into 2025, we are excited to continue embracing our District's motto, "Tradition-Rich, Future-Focused." This guiding principle reminds us of the strong foundation built together within our portion of the Redford Township Community, while striving toward a brighter and innovative future for our students. On behalf of the District, I am looking forward to setting new goals, experiencing the vast activities our schools have to offer and seeing our students continue to thrive in and out of the classroom.

January is School Board Recognition Month in Michigan. Accordingly, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to the Redford Union Board of Education for the amount of time they dedicate to serving our students and community. Their unwavering commitment, thoughtful decision-making, and dedication to our students, families, staff, and community help ensure the provision of a thriving educational environment. Please join us in thanking these outstanding individuals for their leadership, service, and support of our schools.

With the turn of the calendar, comes the introduction of an incredible new program at Hilbert Elementary and Beech Elementary, as they launch their participation in the Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) program, a unique volunteer initiative that encourages dads and other father figures to get more involved in their child(ren)'s school life. This program provides an opportunity for these volunteers to support teachers, serve as role models, and bring positive energy to each building's school community. Beech Elementary will host its launch party on January 28th, and Hilbert Elementary will follow on January 29th. Stay tuned for more details about these events.

Finally, as the first semester of this school year comes to a close, please be aware of the following important calendar updates. Thursday, January 30th will be a District-wide half day for all students, followed by no school for students on Friday, January 31st. School will resume on Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. Together, we can make 2025 a year of growth, achievement, and community. It's always a great day to be a Panther!

Sincerely,

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