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Dear Panther Families,

I hope you all are enjoying another beautiful Michigan summer and spending time with family and friends. While it may seem as though summer just started, I want to take a moment to look ahead to the 2024/2025 school year.

Come September 3rd, we will be welcoming back our Panther students for another year of development, learning, and success. I'm eager to see what our students will accomplish this coming school year and look forward to the many memories that will be built in our classrooms, performing arts center, student spaces, and athletic facilities. To that end, we will be unveiling our completed, fully-equipped field turf stadium and gymnasium at the Secondary Campus – which is the culmination of this community's support of our 2021 Bond initiative. I cannot wait to join the school community in watching our Panther sports teams dominate the new field and court.

In the later part of June, some of our junior high and high school students headed back to class a bit early for either credit recovery or additional classes to ensure they are set up for success when the new school year arrives. I'd like to take a moment and applaud the students who are taking this extra step to keep on top of their education. Your dedication and perseverance are inspiring, and I look forward to seeing it continue come this fall.

Earlier this month, some of our elementary students went back to school for our all-day summer school program – operated in partnership with YMCA Detroit. This program offers educational activities in the morning led by our District staff, and YMCA-led indoor and outdoor activities throughout the afternoon, providing our families a chance to take advantage of free, all-day childcare as needed during a good portion of the summer.

In addition to the summer school programs at the elementary and secondary level(s), our District is also offering free breakfasts and lunches for those students who need it this summer. Food is available for all students at three different locations on weekdays (Monday – Thursday) throughout the summer. For details on locations and food menus, please [click here](#).

Redford Union's registration for District resident families at all grade levels and for Kindergarten is still open! Families can find more information and complete the registration process [linked here](#) on the District's website. We are also excited to offer district of choice enrollment for grades 1-9. Families in Wayne, Washtenaw, Macomb, Monroe and Oakland counties are welcome to register. This initiative provides families with more flexibility and options to choose the best educational path for their children. Detailed information about this program is also available on our website, [linked here](#). The deadline for district of choice registration is August 8<sup>th</sup> for Kindergarten and August 15<sup>th</sup> for grades 1-9. If you have family or friends in those communities who are interested in enrolling their children in Redford Union Schools, please share this information with them.

Although our students earned a well-deserved break from the classroom, I want to emphasize the importance of continued learning during the summer months. Whether through our summer programs, reading at home, or engaging in educational activities wherever the summer might take you, maintaining academic skills over the break will set your child/children up for success in the upcoming school year.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. Together, we will continue to create a nurturing and dynamic educational environment where every student can thrive. Remember, it is always a great day to be a Panther!

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Stay Panther Strong,

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