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Dear Panther Families,

As the winter holiday season approaches, this time of year is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate, reflect, and look forward to the new beginnings that lie ahead.

I would like to remind everyone that our schools will have a half day on Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, marking the beginning of our holiday break. While a scheduled half day, this is still an important day of learning for our students – coupled with some holiday fun. This time off extends through to Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, when we will eagerly welcome our students back to class in the New Year. We hope this upcoming break provides a chance for our students and staff to rest, rejuvenate, and enjoy time with family and friends.

As our winter sports season is just underway, I would like to take a quick look back at the fall sports season and congratulate all of our student-athletes for the effort, skill, and competitive spirit they demonstrated and for representing Redford Union Schools proudly. I would also like to highlight the remarkable achievements of our football and boys' cross-country teams. Both teams showed outstanding dedication and sportsmanship, bringing home conference championships. Their hard work and commitment are truly inspiring.

With the shift to winter sports, I encourage our community to continue supporting our talented student-athletes. Attending games and cheering on our teams is a wonderful way to show school spirit and community solidarity. You can find the competition schedule for our winter sports on the District's website. Let's rally together to celebrate and support these dedicated young individuals. Equally exciting, as our 2021 Capital Bond project renovations continue, this month also marks our first opportunity for our vocal and instrumental students to perform within our "just like new" Performing Arts Center.

On a bittersweet note, as many of you may already know, Kathleen Robbins, Principal of Hilbert Elementary, will be retiring at the end of this month after more than 36 years of service to Redford Union. Principal Robbins has been a pillar of strength and leadership in our community. Her tireless commitment and dedication to the students and families of our District have been invaluable. On behalf of the entire District, I extend our deepest gratitude and best wishes to her as she embarks on this new chapter of her life. She will be greatly missed, but her impact will continue to resonate within our school walls.

As we close out another calendar year, I want to extend my heartfelt holiday greetings to each of you. May this season bring you joy, peace, and cherished moments with loved ones. We look forward to seeing our students return on January 8<sup>th</sup>, refreshed and ready for the exciting opportunities that 2024 will bring.

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday season.

Stay Panther Strong,

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