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MEMO TO: All Buffalo Teachers
FROM: Philip Rumore, President, BTF
RE: Action on Kindergarten Class Size

Thank you to the Buffalo teachers who submitted the class size information we forwarded to the Superintendent and Board (See www.btfny.org/news&alerts) and to the Superintendent for taking the "initial steps" toward addressing this fundamental detriment to our students' success.

As you may have read (Buffalo News Articles [Buffalo School Board approves proposal to cut kindergarten class sizes](#) and [Ogilvie looks to ease burden in oversized kindergarten classes](#) and [Kindergarten Resolution 2014-2015](#) from the Superintendent), the Superintendent recommended and the Board approved some measure of relief for our over-sized Kindergarten classes. Let's make that just the beginning of corrective actions on those issues we all know need to be addressed such as smaller class sizes for all classes/subjects, increased student support services, disruptive student behavior, parent support, etc.

In my last memo to the Superintendent and Board, I stated what we all know "We will never substantially improve our high school graduation rate and student success in high school unless we ensure that our students graduate from elementary school prepared for high school". I proposed that we work together "to ensure that we provide all of our students with the services they need to move from PreK-6 prepared for the next grade and prepared for high school" - - that includes small class sizes for all grades/subjects.

Thank you again for your assistance.

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