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MEMO TO: All Buffalo Teachers
FROM: Philip Rumore, President, BTF
RE: New York State Budget Alert – A Possible Disaster for Schools

The New York State Legislature is scheduled to approve a budget by April 1st, 2017 (an appropriate date).

As you know from our previous emails, the New York State Senate budget bill will devastate our schools.

Please contact the legislators below – especially our New York State Republican Senators.

Talking Points:

- The Buffalo Public Schools are owed over a billion dollars in Foundation Aid – aid allocated for poor school districts.
- The Governor's and Senate's budget would do away with the current Foundation Aid formula thus hurting our students.
- New York State is the second (2nd) worst in the USA in the funding disparity between rich and poor districts.
- New York State is the sixth (6th) worst in the USA in funding disparity between high % of students of color districts and low % of students of color districts.
- Lifting the Charter School tuition cap will cost the Buffalo Public Schools an additional \$14 million dollars while the Buffalo Charter Schools have amassed over \$80 million in unrestricted net assets.
- The Buffalo Public Schools send Charter Schools \$70 million more than it would cost if those students returned to the Buffalo Public Schools.
- While Charter Schools have few, if any, ELL (ENL) students and students with special needs, they also expel "undesirable" students and send them back to the Buffalo Public Schools.

For other issues, see [BTF Presentation to the New York State Legislative Delegation](#)

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