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**MEMO TO:** All Buffalo Teachers  
**FROM:** Philip Rumore, President, BTF  
**RE:** Proposed School Calendar

Attached, please find copies of two proposed school calendars for 2016-2017. [Calendar A](#) is in conformance with our contract, we do not have to approve it.

You will note in [Calendar A](#):

- Teachers report September 6th.
- September 6th and 7th are Superintendent Conference Days.
- Students report September 8th.
- There is a four (4) day February (17th - 20th) break and a four (4) day May (26th-29th) break.
- The winter break is from December 26th – January 2nd.
- There is no February break.

Please note that we do not agree with the foot note relating to Superintendents' and Regents days. We believe they should be counted as days of student attendance which the District now has at 182 Elementary and 171 High School. We believe that number should be 186 Elementary and 186 High School.

We will be checking on this.

The District also proposed a second calendar ([Calendar B](#)) that would have students in school for the same number of days, have teachers working the same number of days but exceed the contractual 42 weeks (43 weeks) as was done this year.

[Calendar B](#) would:

- Have teachers report Thursday, September 1st.
- Have September 1st and 2nd as Superintendent's Conference Days.
- Have students report September 6th (Labor day would be a holiday).
- Have a February break from February 20th - 24th.
- Move the current February 20th non-school day to Monday, April 17th (the day after Easter)

This would coincide with the BOCES calendar and have teachers receive their first partial check a week earlier.

We would, as we have in the past, negotiate having May 26th then April 17th be used to replace snow days if necessary.

We make no recommendation one way or the other. This is provided for your consideration. Please review the options. We ask the Delegate chair to have a vote of the faculty to see which calendar they prefer.

We will have a vote of the Council of Delegates on Thursday, April 21st to determine which calendar the members prefer.

If the decision is the alternate calendar and the District agrees, we will develop an agreement, as we have in the past, which sets no past practice.

As always, the decision is yours. We have no recommendation

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