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MEMO TO: All Buffalo Teachers

FROM: Philip Rumore, President, BTF

RE: Common Core Task Force Report

While the New York Common Core Task Force Final Report addresses many of the absurd anti-teaching and anti-learning edicts, and we thank the members for their hard work and important findings, it is only a report. Too often, we have seen promises made and hope provided only to find that when all is said and done, more was said than done.

The decoupling of student test scores from our evaluations, if it does indeed happen, is only until 2019-2020 and is just the beginning. We must continue the fight against the brutalization of our students by standardized tests that provide no immediate feedback to teachers – what I call institutionalized child abuse.

We cannot and will not stop until <u>all</u> of this insanity ends <u>and is in legislation and regulations</u>. For example, we must continue to work with the opt-out movement until we succeed and return the joy of teaching and learning to our classrooms.

And yes, we are looking at using this report to challenge Receivership.

Stay Tuned.

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