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MEMO TO: Teachers at Lafayette and East High Schools
FROM: Philip Rumore, President, BTF
RE: Disgusting Letter from Commissioner King

Attached, please find a copy of another disgusting, insulting, wrong and relentless attack by the Commissioner and NYSED.

Even though you have all worked so hard not only putting a program together for your students while the APPR insanity raged on, and you also continued to give your all for your students, you get insults heaped on you by people who would not last an hour in your classes (without you there).

The whole letter is outrageous; however, the sentence "Far too many students have been left educationally abandoned, their futures cast into distress by the poor academic services they have received." is a false and disgusting statement that should be, but obviously is not, below the dignity of a Commissioner of Education.

We are in contact with NYSUT, our State affiliate.

Enclosed, please find a copy of the email and street addresses of the Commissioner and Members of the Board of Regents, whom you should contact.

Let them know how you feel about the tone of the letter and what you have been doing. Please be careful to not let your anger cause you to write something you might want to reconsider.

This attack is not only against teachers and staff, it is against the District. Please try and keep your responses directed at NYSED. That is from where much of this insanity emanates.

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cc: BTF Executive Committee
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Dr. Pamela C. Brown, Superintendent
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[Click Here to See the Letter to Superintendent Brown from Commissioner King](#)

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