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MEMO TO: Mr. Donald A. Ogilvie, Superintendent, BPS
Members, Buffalo Board of Education

FROM: Philip Rumore, President, BTF

RE: Ebola Concerns

Teachers have advised us that they, as well as parents who have approached them, would like to have more information regarding the protocol relative to the Ebola virus as it relates to our students and staff.

While much is being done on a national level, there are obviously concerns related to our students and staff in our schools where there are hundreds of students (probably the most vulnerable) many whom come from impacted countries.

We are informed that students are coming in daily without health/vaccination records (e.g. Waterfront school and others).

While we know that the chances of such an outbreak are remote, it would be helpful to provide parents, teachers and staff with information and the protocols that are in effect.

While we don't want to alarm people, it is always helpful to know that proactive actions are already in place. The concerns relating to students apparently being admitted without vaccination/health records, while not directly related to Ebola, cause concerns relating to other communicable diseases.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this important issue.

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cc: Erie County Commissioner of Health
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