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MEMO TO: All Buffalo Teachers
FROM: Philip Rumore, President, BTF
RE: Fighting Back

What follows at the end is a statement that was issued to the media.

We will not be bullied by the Governor, Commissioner, District or anyone. We will be battling on all levels including court actions. An Executive Committee meeting will be scheduled for next week as soon as we have completed consultations with our attorneys.

As always with an important issue such as this, you will be voting on any future actions we take. In addition, we **were** advised by NYSUT that there are many districts (possibly hundreds) that have MOUs similar to or patterned after ours. NYSUT will clarify the incorrect statement that was made.

Stay tuned.

As always thank you for your solidarity and support. We will prevail.

Phil Rumore

BTF President Philip Rumore today announced that he will recommend that Buffalo teachers rescind their approval of the APPR.

"Buffalo teachers only entered into an agreement on an unproven and untested teacher evaluation process because the Superintendent, as did hundreds of superintendents, agreed that the results would not be used against teachers. The Superintendent and Department of Education have stated that they will not live up to the signed agreement; therefore, I will recommend to teachers, at our next Executive Committee and Council of Delegates meetings, that we rescind our approval of the APPR."