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MEMO TO: All Buffalo Teachers

FROM: Philip Rumore, President, BTF

RE: Lack of Services for Students with Disabilities/Substitute Teacher Shortages

We continue to receive concerns from teachers relating to the lack of and/or inappropriate special education services being provided to your students.

We have contacted the District relating to some of our concerns but, to date, we have not received a response.

Would you please email any information relating to the lack of and/or inappropriate special education services that are being provided to students at your school, e.g. placement in a 8:1:1 instead of a 6:1:1, teachers inappropriately being instructed to change students' IEPs, service on IEP's not being provided, etc.

Please email your concerns to sumhauer@btfny.org. Include your name and contact phone number (your name will not be used or information that can identify you unless you agree), the school and the approximate dates of the lack of special education services occurrence as well as any other information of which you believe we should be aware.

If necessary, we will again file an Article 78 with NYSED.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

In addition, we continue to hear of substitute teacher shortages. Please call BTF as soon as possible (in the AM if possible) when there is a substitute teacher shortage at your school. We will try to correct the situation that day. See form with information we will be seeking when you call.

We will also be compiling a record of the shortages so the District is aware that there is a problem and to be used in a grievance, if necessary. Thank you again for your assistance.

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SUBSTITUTE SHORTAGE INFORMATION

School

Date

Time Reported

No substitutes for the following position(s):

Teacher Name	Position	How Were Classes Covered? By Whom?	Regular Assignment of Covering Teacher?

Teacher Reporting

Contact # for Teacher Reporting

Person Taking Info