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**MEMO TO:** All Buffalo Teachers

**FROM:** Philip Rumore, President, BTF

**RE:** Mayoral Control – A Violation of Law

The BTF and NYSUT have been working with State Legislators to prevent the passage of the Mayoral Control Legislation.

As you may have read for the last several weeks, the legislation will not be passed. We have had meetings and conversations with most of our local representatives to ensure the legislation doesn't pass.

We understand Assemblywoman Peoples-Stokes' desire to end the Board of Education's dysfunction brought about by just a few Board members. We agree with her that something needs to be done. We just do not agree with this method.

In an abundance of caution, we asked the NYSUT attorneys to determine the legality of said legislation.

In short, the legal opinion states:

“Were it to be enacted, the bill would be subject to legal challenge under the provisions in the New York Constitution regarding home rule and under the Municipal Home Rule Law.”

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