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MEMO TO: All Buffalo Teachers
FROM: Philip Rumore, President, BTF
RE: Negotiations Update

Today, both teams met separately with the PERB appointed Fact-finder who is attempting to mediate our negotiations.

While there are still major differences between the BTF and District, significant progress was made.

As you know, nothing is settled until all aspects of a contract are agreed to; however, we have explored concepts that could bridge the gap.

The Fact-finder has determined that, due to the nature of our negotiations, neither the BTF nor the District are to provide details of the parameters of the discussions.

Our only statement is to be that progress has been made and both sides will compare financial analyses before the end of May.

While he is booked solid, he will attempt to arrange a negotiating session in early June. If a stalemate develops, we will go directly to fact-finding and the Fact-finder will issue a report containing his recommendations.

While today was a positive step forward, we still have issues to cover; however, the District does seem more willing to work to settle the contract. We will see.

The outcome of our negotiations will, as always, be determined by our continued and undiminished solidarity.

Stay Tuned.

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