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**MEMO TO:** All Buffalo Teachers

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

**RE:** Negotiations Update and Receivership

### Negotiations Update

All that we are permitted to relate about Friday's negotiations is that we met and have scheduled two more meetings with PERB, September 28th and October 5th.

We ask that Fridays remain solidarity days on which teachers continue to wear BTF solidarity stickers and/or BTF shirts, etc.

Then on September 28th and October 5th enter school together. From what we are told, City Hall took notice.

Thank you.

### Receivership

We are hearing that some of the teachers at the receivership schools are being pressured by building and City Hall administrators to incorporate items into their School Improvement Plan. For too long we have been blamed for issues over which we have no control. This is one time when instead of others telling us what we and our students need, we can say what is needed.

Don't let anyone tell you that your plan will not be approved unless certain items are in it unless you agree. If there are problems, call BTF.

We would like all plans submitted to the faculty for support.

If the District won't approve what you determine your students' need, we will take your refused recommendations and use them in legal, legislative and other actions.

This is our message to the State and District -- give us what we know our students really need to succeed and they will. Don't provide the programs and support, then, you are responsible for our student's lack of success.

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