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**MEMO TO:** All Buffalo Teachers  
**FROM:** Philip Rumore, President, BTF  
**RE:** New Receivership/Priority Schools List

There is much confusion relating to the recently reported Receivership/Priority School lists.

Three (3) “persistently struggling” (persistently mislabeled) schools were removed from the list. The schools removed from the list are:

Buffalo Elementary School of Technology, PS #6  
South Park High School, PS #206  
Burgard High School, PS #301

Seven (7) “Struggling” (mislabeled) schools were removed from the list. The schools removed from that list are:

Early Childhood Center, PS #17  
Harriet Ross Tubman School, PS #31  
Bilingual Center, PS #33  
North Park Middle Academy, PS #66  
Highgate Heights Elementary, PS #80  
Waterfront Elementary School, PS #95  
McKinley High School, PS #305

These ten (10) schools are removed effective June 30, 2016. That means that any actions that are taken and/or that take effect under receivership regulations after that date are null and void.

It also means that any contract changes at the schools that are removed from the lists are no longer in effect, i.e. the current contract is in full effect after June 30, 2016.

The two (2) schools that remain on the “Persistently Struggling” (mislabeled) list are:

Marva J. Daniels Futures Preparatory School, PS #37  
West Hertel Academy, PS #94

The thirteen (13) schools that remain on the mislabeled “Struggling Schools” list are:

D’Youville Porter Campus School, PS #3  
Frank A. Sedita Academy, PS #30  
Dr. Charles R. Drew Science, PS #59  
Hamlin Park School, PS #74  
Herman Badillo Bilingual Academy, PS #76  
Dr. Lydia T. Wright School of Excellence, PS #89  
BUILD Academy, PS # 91  
Harvey Austin School, PS #97  
Bennett High School, PS #200  
The International Preparatory School, PS #198  
Lafayette High School, PS #204  
Riverside Institute of Technology, PS #205  
East High School, PS #307

Five (5) schools were newly designated as priority schools. Despite reports, these schools are not designated as schools under Receivership and the authority of the Superintendent.

The new schools identified as priority (not “persistently struggling” or “struggling”) schools are:

Dr. Antonia Pantoja Community School of Academic Excellence, PS #18  
Arthur O. Eve School of Distinction, PS #61  
Early Childhood Center, PS #82  
Bennett Park Montessori, PS #32  
Alternative School

The new list of schools was based upon the 2015 test results whereas the previous list was based upon the 2012 test results.

As if the mislabeled schools weren’t already absurd – Bennett Park Montessori, PS #32 (I hope the parents go ballistic) and Buffalo Alternative!

Be assured, we will continue to fight these vindictive, punitive, malicious, insane regulations and laws until they no longer exist and resources are forwarded to provide smaller class sizes, and supports for our students and educators.

We will prevail and we must prevail.

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