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MEMO TO: All Buffalo Teachers
FROM: Philip Rumore, President, BTF
RE: Opt-Out "Horror" Stories

We are hearing of some outrageous and child-punishing stories relating to what some administrators are inflicting on -- yes, inflicting on students who are "opting-out" of the New York State assessments, i.e. having the students take another test, administrators approaching the students with the test asking them if they are sure they don't want to take the test, and promising rewards to students who took the test, etc.

If this or any similar actions are taking place at your school, please forward the information to sumhauer@btfny.org. Please indicate your school and the administrator's name. **(Your name will not be used or released.)**

I can't believe some of what we are hearing. Be assured, we will be taking appropriate actions to protect our students whose parents have chosen to not have their children subjected to these meaningless, secret, un-validated, anti-learning, etc. tests.

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