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MEMO TO: All Buffalo Teachers
FROM: Philip Rumore, President, BTF
RE: Pathetic Tactics to Force Students/Parents to Not Opt-Out

Once again, the horror stories abound relating to how principals are shaming students and parents into not opting-out of the State Tests.

- Only students who take the test can go to an ice cream social or similar event.
- Only students who take the test get a ticket for a drawing.
- The class with the highest percentage taking the test get a reward.
- Teachers being told that Opt-Out letters are illegal as is opting-out.
- Opt-out students must sit quietly in the auditorium.

Parents are being called and given threatening and wrong information in an effort to have them rescind their opt-out letters.

These actions are not being taken to assist us in educating our students or to benefit our students but rather to make the individual administrator look good. How pathetic.

Please advise us of similar attempts at your school by emailing sumhauer@btfny.org.

Some principals are saying that "City Hall" is pressuring them to increase participation. If so, who? And, if so, in a way that stigmatizes students and parents?!

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