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MEMO TO: All Buffalo Teachers

FROM: Philip Rumore, President, BTF

RE: PAC Update, Solidarity & Activist Summit

PAC Update

Burgard High School teachers lead the way and challenge all teachers to join them in supporting school board and state elections in 2016.

In just one week, 37 of the 66 (56%) teachers at Burgard High School have already signed up to support our Political Action drive by contributing to VOTE/COPE.

As per the correspondence that was sent to all schools, while we can't match the billionaires dollar for dollar, we can't just let them go unchallenged.

Join with your colleagues at Burgard, by signing up for VOTE/COPE through the payroll deduction forms that were sent to all schools or by check. All contributions are important. Some teachers are contributing \$5.00 to \$10.00 per pay check while others are contributing \$1.00 to \$5.00 a pay check. Yes, you can write a personal check.

If you need more forms and information, please call the BTF.

Envelopes have been provided to Delegate Chairs for transmittal to BTF.

Burgard teachers have shown the way and are challenging everyone to join them to defeat the big money millionaires.

Let's do it.

Solidarity

Thank you for the positive response to our solidarity lanyards. Teachers across the District are wearing them in a display of the BTF solidarity. We have sent blue BTF solidarity stickers that can be placed on one side to be displayed in an expression of solidarity.

The writing on the band relating to "Union Proud and Strong - They Will Not Defeat Us" is from another solidarity sticker that will be distributed as we fight against the anti-union decision in Friedrich's case that was argued before the U.S. Supreme Court and which we expect will go against unions.

It will allow public employees to benefit from union negotiated benefits, protections, representation, etc. without paying dues – i.e. to be free loaders off the backs of others. We cannot and will not let this happen.

Activist Summit

The following schools have already assembled three (3) or more teachers to represent their school at the BTF/NYSUT Activist Summit.

School 3	School 79
School 6	School 89
School 30	School 93
School 33	School 97
School 37	School 131
School 42	School 156
School 43	School 192
School 45	School 197
School 54	School 205
School 61	School 206
School 64	School 301
School 65	School 304
School 69	School 305
School 76	

You should have already received information on this. Registration has been extended until Friday, January 22, 2016. Let's have a team from every school as we, in solidarity, prepare for the battles ahead.

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