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MEMO TO: All Buffalo Teachers
FROM: Philip Rumore, President, BTF
RE: Proposed 2014-2015 Calendar

Enclosed please find a copy of the 2014-2015 proposed school calendar. It will go to the Board tonight, May 14, 2014. The Board then tables it until its next meeting or later if, as with last year and this year's, it is necessary to get our approval. As with this year's calendar, it includes:

- Three (3) breaks: Tuesday December 23, 2014 (last day of instruction) – Monday, January 5, 2015 (instruction resumes); Friday, February 13, 2015 (last day of instruction) – Monday, February 23, 2015 (instruction resumes); Friday, April 2, 2015 (last day of instruction) – Monday, April 13, 2015 (instruction resumes).
- Friday, May 22, 2015 (The Friday before the Memorial Day holiday) – No School
- The normal "Holidays" will also be observed – Columbus Day, October 13, 2014; Veteran's Day, November 11, 2014; Martin Luther King's Birthday, January 19, 2015; President's day, February 16, 2015 and Memorial Day, May 25, 2014.
- Thanksgiving break, Thursday, November 27 – 28, 2014.
- Election day, Tuesday, November 4, 2014 – No school

This year teachers will report on Tuesday, September 2, 2014 with students reporting on Thursday, September 4, 2014.

The contractual 186 days of teacher attendance will not be exceeded.

To avoid the issues we had this year relating to how Regents and Superintendents Days are counted (i.e. that they are counted as days of student attendance) the district will indicate that they are counted (as part of the written memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the BTF and District.

The MOU will also include language that provides BTF the right to discuss how any unused "snow days" are used.

The reason that we have any right to negotiate the calendar for an additional week of recess and other dates is that, as in the past, while teachers are still providing 186 days of instruction, the school year included 43 weeks instead of 42.

As in the past, teacher pay checks will reflect little if any change.

The Council of Delegates will again vote on the calendar at our June meeting.

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