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President, PHILIP RUMORE

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MEMO TO: All Buffalo Teachers  
  
FROM: Philip Rumore, President, BTF  
  
RE: Puerto Rico Hurricane Relief

After discussions with our friends in the community, including Chito Olivencia, who lost a relative as a result of Hurricane Maria, and Councilmember David Rivera, who also has relatives in Puerto Rico, our assistance will be made through the fund they have set up through M&T Bank. Chito also resides there and knows how we can be of greatest assistance.

It is nearly impossible to distribute items we collect here; therefore, monetary contributions, that will be directed where they are needed most, would be greatly appreciated.

Let's show our local community that we are here for them.

Please make a monetary donation to "Puerto Rico Hurricane Maria Relief".

If possible, please give any donations to the delegates from your building who can bring them to the Thursday, September 28, 2017 Council of Delegates meeting.

You can, of course, mail them to BTF or drop them off.

I know that paychecks have just begun; however, any donation will be greatly appreciated.

We are continuing to work with Houston and Florida. The Council of Delegates will be briefed on those efforts.

In a short time, after no paychecks all summer, teachers raised \$2,800 for the Red Cross Houston Relief Effort. The BTF will bring that to \$6,000 as our first outreach to Houston.

Thank you, as always, for your help for others in time of need.

Yes, you have heard me say it many times but it is true. "You are the very best".