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MEMO TO: All Buffalo Teachers
FROM: Philip Rumore, President, BTF
RE: Regents Meeting Update

The long-awaited Board of Regents meetings are over. In short:

APPR

Since the Board of Regents proposed three (3) new amendments to the new proposed APPR process, a new 30-day public comment process must first take place before they can approve the APPR process.

This gives us additional time to work to undo this teacher and student bashing procedure.

The three new amendments are:

- a. An appeal process for teachers rated Ineffective on his/her state-provided growth score (Only 4-8 ELA and Math) and Highly Effective on other measures of the teacher effectiveness sub-component in the current year and Highly Effective or Effective on their state-provided growth score in the previous year.

There is more to this; however, it really does nothing to address the absurdity of using the student scores in the first place.

- b. Revised the regulations that allowed parents to have all of their child's teacher's ratings available. Now, as in the past, a parent can only have access to their child's teacher's meaningless composite score (my characterization).
- c. Allowed waivers of the independent evaluator for rural districts and districts with only one building.

The Regents also voted unanimously to push for changes to the APPR by the New York State Legislature. We'll see what they want changed. Don't hold your breath.

Receivership

The regulations are emergency regulations and cannot be finalized until there has been a 30-day public comment period (The November Board of Regents meeting).

One new provision required the receiver to undertake a needs assessment and provide a rationale before abolishing staff positions and 30 school days' notice to the employee and union before said position can be abolished.

We will keep you updated as we receive more information.

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