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MEMO TO: All Buffalo Teachers
FROM: Philip Rumore, President, BTF
RE: Retiree Healthcare

There was apparently a news story that referred to eliminating our retiree healthcare.

Any such elimination would require a change in our contract. Such a change would have to come as a result of a vote of all teachers, based upon a recommendation for approval from the BTF Negotiating Team, Executive Committee, and Council of Delegates that was then approved by the full BTF membership.

No such recommendation would come from me, and I am confident would also not come from the Negotiating Team, Executive Committee and Council of Delegates.

In addition, the New York State Constitution guarantees such benefits. As for declaring bankruptcy, the Board cannot do so as it is not a municipality.

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