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MEMO TO: All Buffalo Teachers
FROM: Philip Rumore, President, BTF
RE: 2018-2019 School Calendar

Attached below, please find two (2) proposed school calendars for the 2018-2019 school year.

Option "A" is an alternative calendar requiring our approval, as did previous calendars submitted for your approval, as it includes forty-three consecutive (43) weeks from the start to the end of the school year instead of forty-two (42) weeks. It, however includes the mid-winter, February break as does the BOCES calendar.

Option "B" is the calendar that does not require our approval as it conforms to our contract. It does not include the mid-winter, February break.

The decision as to whether the BTF enters an MOU allowing Option "A" will be made by the Council of Delegates at its April 19 meeting.

Please review the calendars and advise your Delegates of your position on the calendars. This can be done at a meeting, via correspondence with them in writing or verbally. It's up to each school.

The reason that the starting and ending dates change involves the scheduling of the June Regents Examinations. If they are scheduled later, the school year ends later and vice versa.

Below is an overview of each calendar.

[Option A – Requires BTF Approval](#)

- Teachers begin on Tuesday, September 4th for PD and have September 5th as the day ("duty free") to set up classrooms. Students begin on September 6th.
- Teachers work until June 27th due to the late administration of Regents exams. Last day of classes for elementary students is June 26th. Last day of classes for high school students is after Regents exams are completed.
- Provides the February break that most suburban schools/BOCES will have.
- Total of 188 teacher days, as per contract.
- Teachers would get their first check (half check) on September 14th.
- Last check (full) would be on June 27th or 28th.
- This option would need a variance from the BTF because it violates the 42 consecutive weeks provision of our CBA. It has 43.

[Option B – Does Not Require BTF Approval](#)

- Teachers begin on Monday, September 10th for PD and have September 11th as the day ("duty free") to set up classrooms. Students begin on September 12th.
- Teachers work until June 27th due to the late administration of Regents exams. Last day of classes for elementary students is June 26th. Last day of classes for high school students is after Regents exams are completed.
- Does NOT provide the February break that most suburban schools/BOCES will have.
- Total of 188 teacher days, as per contract.
- Teachers would get their first check (half check) on September 21st.
- Last check (full) would be on July 5th.
- This option complies with our contract and has 42 consecutive weeks.

The only one that needs our approval is option "A". As with our previous MOU's, this will not set a practice but will only be for the 2018-2019 school year.

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