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MEMO TO: All Buffalo Teachers
FROM: Philip Rumore, President, BTF
RE: Serious Concerns

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We would appreciate your assistance in relation to several issues.

CLASS SIZE

We have reports of many cases of excessive class sizes/class loads. If you have a class size that is at, or in excess of, the following (pg. 15 & 16 of the contract), please email said information to Sierra at sumhauer@btfny.org. Please include teacher's name, grade/subject(s), school and class size/class load.

Elementary	Standard Class Size	Maximum
Kindergarten	25	30
Primary Grades	27	30
Fourth-Sixth Grades	27	32
Mentally Retarded (Educable)	15	15
Secondary Classes		
Honors and Regents English	125	135
Honors and Regents - Others	135	150
Basic English	100	120
Basic - Other	125	135
Vocational Trades	20	24
Industrial Arts	20	24
Home Economics - Food, Clothing	20	22
Home Economics - Others	25	30
Typing	30	35
Drafting	25	30

Music - Theory Classes Only	25	35
Art	25	30
Physical Education	40	
Swimming Classes		35

STATE LAWS/REGULATIONS

Pre-K Class Size (not to exceed 20):

1-18 students	1 Teacher	1 Aide
19, 20 students	1 Teacher	2 Aides

As absurd as it is, there is no State requirement for a teacher aide in Kindergarten or any other grade except for students with disabilities.

REDUCTION OF SUPPORT SERVICES

We have received reports of reduction in support services to students, e.g. Guidance Counselors, Social Workers, Psychologists, ESL teachers, Attendance teachers, Special Education Co-teachers, etc.

If your school has experienced a reduction in support services for students, please email said information to sumhauer@btfny.org. Please include school, grade level, specific service(s) reduced (how e.g. %, days etc.) and contact name. So we do not receive the support service information from every teacher at a school, please have the delegate chair or one other person report this information.

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