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MEMO TO: All Buffalo Teachers

FROM: Philip Rumore, President, BTF

RE: Snow/Cold Days Clarification

We have not agreed to the calendar we have sent you, as we are still seeking clarification on further issues, i.e.

- we think that the two days that students and teachers reported (January 28th and 29th) for Regents in the high schools (9-12) should count as days of student attendance regardless of whether all students reported.
- we are still working to have the days when teachers reported (January 28th and 29th) in both PreK-8 and 9-12 be considered Superintendent's days. As per my January 28th memo, Superintendent's days are sometimes restricted in how they are used, e.g. for in-school/district meeting, parent conferences, etc.; however, superintendents have often been given discretion on their use.

Be assured, we will continue to work to ensure that every possible avenue is exhausted so that parents and staff plans for breaks do not have to be disrupted.

One might imagine that since New York City and most of the state have had similar snow/cold issues, much more latitude will be given.

Stay tuned.

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