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MEMO TO: All Buffalo Teachers
FROM: Philip Rumore, President, BTF
RE: The Continued Attacks

While the final details of the legislation that was passed appears to be better than what the Governor initially proposed, it's more like saying "Well, at least you and your students will be beaten with a rope instead of a whip."

We are again in for a battle. We negotiated one of the best APPRs; however, that we should have to negotiate items that have nothing to do with educating our students, is demented and an insult.

Many of the APPR "deforms" have been relegated to NYSED. Fortunately, we were successful in replacing our former Regent with Dr. Catherine Collins who is an educator. Three other Regents were also replaced.

Once again, we have huge battles ahead. We will battle until we have an APPR that is fair. Yes, it will be a battle; however, it is one that once again must and will be won.

We and NYSUT contacted the members of the Western New York Delegation asking them to reject the Governor's vindictive initiatives and the proposed budget. "Nays" indicate they voted with us to reject the budget, "Yeas" indicates they voted against us in support of the budget.

Assembly Nays

Cerretto
Corwin
Walter
DiPietro
Kearns
Wozniak

Senate Nays

Panepinto
Kennedy

Assembly Yeas

People Stokes

Ryan

Schimminger

Senate Yeas

Galliavn

Ranzenhofer

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