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MEMO TO: All Buffalo Teachers

FROM: Philip Rumore, President, BTF

RE: Upcoming NYSUT Officers Election

As per my February 5, 2014 email memo to you, the current NYSUT officers are being challenged in an election that will be held at the NYSUT Representative Assembly April 4th to 6th.

The BTF will be sending delegates to that meeting.

One February 13, 2014, the BTF Council of Delegates voted unanimously to support REVIVE NYSUT, the challengers' slate ([Attachment A](#)).

The reasons for said support for the REVIVE NYSUT slate are as follows:

- The weak and non assertive leadership that has resulted in an APPR/SLO process that is demoralizing teachers and other educators across New York State.
- Leadership that, unlike Buffalo months ago, has apparently been afraid to call for Commissioner King's removal until just recently.

Indeed, the leadership's motion at the last NYSUT Board of Directors meeting only called for a vote of no confidence. Fortunately, on behalf of BTF, as your Director, I amended the motion to call for Commissioner King's removal.

- At the NYSUT State Delegation meeting at the national NEA Representative Assembly, President Iannuzzi, speaking for his officers argued against a BTF motion passed unanimously by the BTF Executive Committee and Council of Delegates. The motion called for both national organizations to work together to undo the horrendous APPR, publicize the damage of standardized testing and also seek the removal of Secretary of Education Arne Duncan. Our motion for support failed as a result. ([Attachment B](#))
- As per the resolution passed unanimously by the BTF Council of Delegates ([Attachment A](#)), the BTF, Rochester Teachers Association, Syracuse Teachers Association, Yonkers Federation of Teachers and Niagara Falls Teachers Association have issued a joint statement in support of Revive NYSUT ([Attachment C](#)).
- In addition, to many smaller locals, REVIVE NYSUT is supported by:
 - United Federation of Teachers (NYC) - 90,000 retired and 110,000 active members,
 - United University Professions (UUP) - 35,000 members,
 - Professional Staff Congress (PSC) - New York City Colleges, 24,000 members.

In general, each NYSUT delegates cast a vote based upon the membership of their local, e.g. if divided equally for Local "X" with 3000 members and 10 delegates, each delegate would cast 300 votes. It is a little more complicated than this. In short, the larger the local the more votes allocated.

As per my February 5, 2014 memo to all teachers, for more information about REVIVE NYSUT visit their website, REVIVENYSUT.org.

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