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

- The Board approved the early start calendar we proposed (See [Calendar Approved 05/13/15](#)). It includes the three (3) one (1) week breaks (See [www.btfny.org/News & Alerts/04/20/15](#) Memo).
- Our boycott of The Buffalo News has spread to Hamburg and West Seneca. Thank you to the hundreds of teachers who stopped their subscriptions for the month of May. Be prepared for further actions (including boycotting its advertisers).

Reminder, to cancel call (716) 842-1111.

Advise them as to why you are cancelling. In particular, you should mention the editorial board whose vicious, one sided, anti-BTF rhetoric is a disgrace.

- You may have heard (since you're not getting The Buffalo News) that the Board majority will increase the number of Physical Education teachers by 11; however, in order to increase the number to about 36 they want me to agree to an MOU extending the school day.

That's not going to happen.

Let me see – they can add eleven (11) without a longer day but need a longer day if they add more.

Not a minute will be added to our day unless it is part of a contract settlement that you ratify. There will be no MOU's.

- The Board majority has pushed for and hired a new outside attorney/chief negotiator from the New York City/Long Island area. I wonder why? His name is Terrance O'Neil. A conversation with a president from Long Island confirmed our belief as to why the new Board majority wanted him.

I will not repeat the language used. Suffice to say it was not pleasant.

However, as long as we remain with our solidarity unbroken, we will be fine.

- The action committee will be meeting to layout our timetable for picketing Board members houses.

Stay Tuned.

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