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President PHILIP RUMORE

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MEMO TO: All Buffalo Teachers

FROM: Philip Rumore, President, BTF

RE: Updates

- We are hearing that the Board's \$350/hr. (\$120,000, at least, so far) attorney/chief non-negotiator is no longer employed by the Board!

He did nothing but obstruct negotiations, set them back, backtracked on proposals and bring about a BTF Improper Practice Charge with PERB for bargaining in bad faith. We expect a decision from PERB within the next few weeks.

- The Board passed next year's calendar. It is the one with the three breaks. It is on the District website.

- Our legal challenge to Receivership is scheduled for June 7th in Albany.

- Besides walking with Verizon, the BTF donated \$3,000 to their strike fund. You will hear more about this as we are looking for ways to punish the company, e.g. all calling in for service, not paying by computer but with paper.

- Once again, thank you for all that you did in the School Board Election.

It is a great victory for our students, parents and educators (especially we teachers).

It has already begun to bring about positive change.

We have sent congratulatory letters to our endorsed candidates that include information on BTF initiatives, areas of concern and, of course, negotiations.

A copy of the letter is linked below and also on the BTF website.

[Congratulations, BTF Position and Negotiations Update Memo to Newly Elected Members](#)