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

We did it!!

Against all odds -- the vicious Buffalo News, the big money business community, outside charter school interests -- together, we elected a school board majority that rather than impose their will and seek to undermine teachers, will instead seek to work with teachers in the interests of our students. What a breath of fresh air that will be. They take office on July 1, 2016.

Teachers manned phone banks, made lit-drops, went door to door, called friends and neighbors. Thank you to all those who worked so hard.

We weren't alone. Mike Deely and the regional staff (including our own Deana, Dennis and Nick) worked tirelessly, as did our Treasurer and Presidential Assistant, Becky Pordum. We also worked closely with BEST and their President, Joanne Sweat.

Also working with us was the AFL/CIO, Working Families Party, Citizens Action and other organizations.

We have much to be proud of; however, as teachers, I am sure that you share what I believe provides the greatest source of pride for us -- the candidacy of Austin Harig.

As teachers we experience great joy and satisfaction at our students' growth and success.

Here we have one of our students who, against all odds, articulately and courageously took on Carl Paladino!

As far as I am concerned, Austin won. As of today: Austin -1436 (48.1%) -- Paladino - 1543 (51.7%) -- Other - 8 (.2%) for a total of 2987 votes.

Thank you, Austin.

We congratulate all of our endorsed candidates and look forward to working with them.

As always, thank you for your continued solidarity and support. You are the best.