

BTF TO BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE:

“YOU HAVE TURNED YOUR BACK ON BUFFALO STUDENTS”

Upon learning that the State University College at Buffalo would not be renewing its lease with Buffalo Public Schools for the Campus West School on its campus, apparently because they want the space, BTF President Philip Rumore, denounced the college’s decision.

“Buffalo State, you have turned your back on Buffalo’s students. You should be ashamed”, stated Rumore.

The BTF has written letters (attached) on three occasions (11-20-09, 2-17-10 & 3-19-10) indicating that we and the teachers at Campus West want to make use of the college’s professors and students to develop a program at Campus West that would make it one of the finest schools in the State and a model for the nation. What is your response? “Get off our campus, we need the space.”

One would think that a college where a great many students are education majors, there could be no more important component than to have a school composed of city students, right on the campus where your students can really experience what it is like in a classroom. In addition, college students do not need a car or transportation to get to the site as it’s on campus. While I don’t believe its true, you should know that many have said you really don’t want city students on your campus. If this isn’t true, one would think that in light of the benefits to your students and ours, you would have done all in your power to extend the lease.

We urge you to reconsider this ill-advised decision and work with all concerned to make Campus West one of the best schools in New York State.

Our students, your students and our community deserve nothing less”, Rumore concluded.

A copy of this is being sent to the Western New York State Senators and Assemblymen, the NYS Commissioner of Education and Board of Regents with a letter seeking a reversal of this action.
