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## **BTF CALLS FOR HALT OF GRADES 3-8 STANDARDIZED TESTING DURING PANDEMIC**

The Buffalo Teachers Federation's Council of Delegates (building representatives from all schools), unanimously adopted a resolution that would have the BTF work with parents and other organizations to oppose the Federal Government's requirement to test students in grades 3-8. ([Click Here](#))

The resolution cites the harmful effects of the tests on grades 3-8 students during normal times, such as causing some to cry, putting their heads on their desks, refusing to go to school, while providing an unreliable measure of student growth.

The resolution also points out that the results of the tests are not used to evaluate school districts or personnel.

"During a pandemic, mandating students in grades 3-8 to complete standardized tests that during non-pandemic times causes them great stress is, during the pandemic, unconscionable and must not be allowed.

Can you imagine how students who, under non-pandemic circumstances, are extremely stressed by the tests, as well as many more now who are enduring the pandemic and know they are behind in their studies, will feel?

Obviously, those making this decision don't.

This can not be allowed to stand", stated Philip Rumore, President of the Buffalo Teachers Federation.