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**BUFFALO TEACHERS FEDERATION PRESIDENT  
DISPARAGES RACE TO THE TOP GRANT**

In addition to the point-by-point criticism of the Federal and New York State guidelines for Districts to apply for billions of dollars of *Race to the Top* funding (see the BTF website, [www.btfny.org](http://www.btfny.org), under News/Alerts), BTF President Philip Rumore issued the following condemnation of the Program:

“When the Federal Government sets goals and requirements in order for poor/high need school districts to receive billions of dollars in *Race to the Top* funding to improve their students’ education and **doesn’t even list the most validated and important factor – small class sizes**, it shows they don’t care about what will really help teachers teach and students learn.

Everything changes but nothing is changed. Our children deserve better. They have waited too long already.”

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