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## **BTF RESPONDS TO NYS DESIGNATION OF SEVEN BUFFALO PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

BTF President, Phil Rumore, today issued the following statement in reference to seven (7) Buffalo Schools being designated by NYS as "in need of improvement":

"We view this as an opportunity to work with the teachers, parents and District to use the additional funding available to improve student achievement at these schools", Rumore stated.

Funding targeted to these schools will be available from the Federal government Title I funds. "Race to the Top" funds will also be available should New York State receive one of the grants.

"Just as we worked together to use New York State Contract for Excellence funding to have ten (10) schools removed from the State's Schools in need of Improvement list, we will work together with all concerned at these schools", Rumore concluded.