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### **TEACHERS HAND OUT ORANGE BOOKMARKS THAT LIST HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS IN SCHOOL ROOMS ACROSS CITY AS THE BTF HELPS CITY SCHOOL CHILDREN GET READY FOR A SAFE HALLOWEEN**

Representatives of the Buffalo Teachers Federation (BTF) have handed out orange bookmarks in classrooms across the city this week in an effort to make sure that school children have a happy and safe Halloween as they travel through city neighborhoods trick or treating.

“Halloween is always a special time for our children, but only if we all do our part to make it a safe one. That’s why the members of the Buffalo Teachers Federation – your children’s teachers – have chosen to continue our annual tradition of printing a holiday bookmark with several safety tips to remind us all what we need to do to make Halloween a safe one. This is an easy way for schoolchildren, their parents and guardians to remember some very simple – but extremely important – things this Halloween, such as checking the candy the children receive thoroughly before they open and eat it”, Rumore said.

The BTF has printed bookmarks that feature a drawing of a jack-o-lantern and handed them out in the City of Buffalo Public Schools. (See copy below)

The bookmark lists several “Halloween Safety Tips” to remind children and their parents and help them to avoid any potential problems when the children head out the door for trick or treating on the evening of October 31<sup>st</sup>. Included in those tips are: Go with someone you know; Tell an adult where you are going; Have an adult check all treats; Eat only treats that are wrapped; Peel and slice all fruits; Wear light or bright colors and Walk on the sidewalk.

