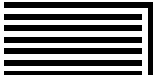


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**BUFFALO TEACHERS TO WORK WITH STATE AND NATIONAL
AFFILIATES ON RECOMMENDATIONS THAT,
IF FOLLOWED, WILL IMPROVE STUDENT GROWTH AND ACHIEVEMENT**

“Ignored for too long, have been the voices of teachers in the schools who know first-hand what needs to be done to improve student growth. We are going to change that here in Buffalo”, stated BTF President Phil Rumore.

On a motion recommended by BTF President Phil Rumore and supported unanimously by the BTF Executive Committee and Council of Delegates (representatives from all schools), the BTF is seeking support for an initiative that will see all Buffalo teachers surveyed, focus groups formed, literature and previous studies reviewed and a final report drafted and approved by Buffalo teachers. The report will be a comprehensive study of what Buffalo teachers in the classrooms say must be done to improve the education of Buffalo students.

The BTF plans to work with the Superintendent and District administrators; however, the report will be approved by, supported by, and be the voices of Buffalo teachers.

“What we will be saying to NYSED, New York State, U.S. Department of Education, the District and others is: This is what we need for our students to succeed – If you fail to provide these supports, you are then responsible for the lack of student growth”, Rumore concluded.

Encl: Letter to State & National Presidents

