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### BTF TO BOARD...

### WHY ARE YOU AFRAID TO HAVE A STATE-APPOINTED CONCILIATOR ASSIGNED TO OUR NEGOTIATIONS? IT IS YOU, NOT BTF THAT IS HOLDING UP NEGOTIATIONS.

In a strongly worded response to the Board and its new Long Island-based chief negotiator (enclosed) the BTF accused the Board of objecting to a state-appointed conciliator out of fear and being an obstacle to the resumption of negotiations.

In his letter, BTF President, Phil Rumore states:

“.....it is not the BTF that is delaying negotiations – it is you and the District/Board who are, by objecting to have a conciliator from PERB in attendance at our sessions. Why are you afraid of having a conciliator at our negotiations?”

“If you and the Board had said, while we do not think we need a conciliator let’s give it a try, instead of opposing said appointment with PERB, we would have already resumed negotiations”, Rumore’s letter continues,

“To be clear, the BTF is not refusing to negotiate. We are awaiting notification from PERB relating to our request for a conciliator.”

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[Please Click Here to See Letter to Terry O'Neil, Esq from Phil Rumore](#)

