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**RUMORE BLASTS COMMISSIONER'S
DECISION TO CLOSE PINNACLE CHARTER SCHOOL**

BTF President Phil Rumore today blasted Commissioner King's decision to close Pinnacle Charter School two weeks prior to the opening of school.

"This is one more example of the vindictive actions of Commissioner King and the Board of Regents.

Yes, the parents and charter school supporters fought to save their school as they would be expected to do; however, the decision by Commissioner King and the Board of Regents to close the school two weeks prior to the first day of school is yet but one more example of vindictiveness regardless of how it will affect the students, parents and staff at the school.

Even if the Commissioner and Regents were to modify their stand, what kind of turmoil have they already caused?

Where is the Commissioner's plan for the relocation of these students -- put them into Buffalo schools where there is no room?

Yes, we have many concerns with charter schools; however, this is not about charter schools vs the Buffalo Public Schools, it is about what's best for those students and parents right now.

We make no judgments on the quality of instruction at Pinnacle. All we know is that, once again, Commissioner King and the Board of Regents are taking vindictive and outrageous actions", Rumore concluded.
