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BTF ACCUSES SUPERINTENDENT AND SCHOOL BOARD OF COVER-UP AT MCKINLEY HIGH SCHOOL

“In response to our February 4, 2019 Press Release ([click here](#)), apparently the Superintendent, School Board and Principal are attempting to cover-up the downward spiraling graduation rate and dangerous teaching and learning conditions at McKinley High School.”, stated Phil Rumore, President of the Buffalo Teachers Federation.

The BTF released a copy of correspondence from Marck Abraham, McKinley Principal and Elena Cala, Special Assistant to the Superintendent for Public Relations ([click here](#)).

“The 81% ‘school’s accountability graduation rate’ cited by the McKinley Principal, Special Assistant to the Superintendent for Public Relations and Chief Accountability Officer is the 2016 graduation rate when Crystal Barton was principal not the 2018 graduation rate which is 77% when Marck Abraham was principal”, concluded Phil Rumore.

Using the District’s 2016 NYSED statistics ([click here](#)) reveals the severe downward spiral of student performance since the appointment of Acting Principal Abraham.

| | Principal Crystal Barton 2016-2017 | | Principal Marck Abraham 2017-2018 | |
|-----------------------------|---|-----------------|--|-----------------|
| | | Change | | Change |
| Graduation Rate | 81% to 84% | + 3% | 84% to 77% | - 7% |
| Graduation Regents | 66% to 69% | + 3% | 69% to 64% | - 5% |
| Dropout Rate | 8% to 8% | Constant | 8% to 9% | + 1% |
| Dropout African American | 8% to 5% | - 3% | 5% to 5% | Constant |
| Dropout Rate Hispanic Latin | 8% to 7% | - 1% | 7% to 26% | +19% |

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