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TO: Dr. Kriner Cash, Superintendent, BPS
Members, Buffalo Board of Education

FROM: Philip Rumore, President, BTF

RE: Disturbing Safety and Health Issues at Schools/Sites

Enclosed please find a compilation of what we consider disturbing and dangerous conditions that exist at Buffalo Schools/Sites. ([Click Here](#)) A hard copy will also be mailed.

The surveys were completed after we returned from winter recess. The surveys continue to be completed by the remaining schools. **Please note that not all schools reporting had the information necessary to answer all questions. We will provide additional survey results as they are completed.**

Without the correction of the serious problems detailed by these reports, having students, teachers, staff and parents allowed in the buildings reporting these serious and dangerous issues/conditions, if not corrected, will risk their safety, health and lives (yes, lives).

For example, of the twenty-seven (27) schools/sites reporting:

- 24 of 34 Reported the lack of some or all of PPE supplies.
- 15 of 24 Reported lack of sanitization in rooms (classrooms, bathrooms, lunch rooms), etc.
- 11 of 16 Reported the lack of custodial staff and/or supplies.
- 15 of 21 Reported the lack of adequate ventilation/ventilation issues.
- 15 of 23 Reported the lack of signage/placement of desks, etc.
- 11 of 23 Reported the lack of safety protocols upon entering/leaving the school/site.
- 16 of 23 Reported the lack of plans for movement in halls e.g., between classes.
- 9 of 17 Reported that there is no Building Response Team (BRT) and/or there is no BTF representative on the team.
- 17 of 29 Reported that the Reopening Plan was not approved by the School Site-Based Management Team (SBMT).

We are confident that you want, and need, this information to ensure the safety of our students, teachers, parents and community.

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Please, by Friday, January 22, 2021, provide us with written site-specific details relating how all the above dangerous safety and health problems have been and will be corrected prior to the opening of Buffalo schools/sites.

Cc: All Buffalo Teachers

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