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BUFFALO TEACHERS OVERWHELMINGLY REJECT BUFFALO SCHOOL DISTRICT REOPENING PLAN

The Buffalo Teachers Federation, today, released the results of a survey of Buffalo teachers' opinions of the District's "Buffalo Public Schools 2020-2021 Reopening Plan".

The results of a survey completed between Thursday, August 6th and Sunday, August 9th are as follows.

Note: Only Buffalo teachers could complete the survey as their individual school district identification number was required and the survey was only sent to teachers' personal email accounts.

3,155 Teachers completed the survey. BTF has email addresses of 3653 teachers, therefore, **86%** of teachers responded.

86.56% **DO NOT** think the "Buffalo Public Schools 2020 Reopening Plan" provides for a safe reopening for Buffalo students, parents and staff.

82.08% **DO NOT** support the "Buffalo Public Schools 2020-2021 Reopening Plan" "Working Draft" submitted to New York State on July 31, 2020.

13.65% Think the "Buffalo Public Schools 2020-2021 Reopening Plan" is a good start at developing a reopening plan.

71.95% **DO NOT** support the two (2) day/three (3) day hybrid rotation schedule.

76.20% **DO NOT** support the delineation of how school buildings will be sanitized during and after schools.

90.24% **DO NOT** support face masks being encouraged but not mandatory.

81.12% **DO NOT** support the delineation of how health screenings will be conducted.

76.66% **DO NOT** support the delineation of procedures to be followed once a person is possibly infected or found to be infected with the virus.

70.14% **DO NOT** support how parents/staff will be notified of suspected/actual virus incidents.

83.22% DO NOT support the delineation of how incidents of non-compliance with established health/safety protocols will be handled.

78.89% DO NOT agree with the delineation of how many nurses will be assigned to each building.

60.39% DO NOT support the delineation of how curriculum will be modified for virtual learning.

PROCESS

67.55% SUPPORT that there be a delineation of how teachers' input will be sought, made known and incorporated into the reopening plan to be adopted.

82.32% SUPPORT a delineated process that will be used for the reopening plan to be adopted that includes a vote of the Board of Education, the District Reopening Committee, District Parent Organizations and Employee Unions.

"The results of the survey of Buffalo teachers is cause for great concern for parents, students and our community.

The 'Plan' is no plan. It is a compilation of partial statements culminating in no delineated action/procedures.

As such, it poses a serious danger to the safety, health and well-being of our children, parents, school staff, community as well as to the education of our students.

That this 'Plan', unlike in other communities, was withheld from the District Reopening Committee, parents, school staff and the community, is a symptom of callous indifference.

This is not a dictatorship. Parents, school staff and the community must have accepted input into the development of and a vote on the adoption of any school re-opening plan.", stated Phil Rumore, President of the Buffalo Teachers Federation.