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President, PHILIP RUMORE

March 9, 2020

MEMO TO: Dr. Kriner Cash, Superintendent, BPS
FROM: Philip Rumore, President, BTF
RE: Coronavirus

As per our commitment, we are forwarding concerns from our schools relating to the coronavirus.

Enclosed:

- General Question Regarding: Cleaning Supplies, latex gloves, face masks.
- What is being done in another school district?
- School 12 – Continuing lack of cleanliness.
- School 37 – Lack of supplies, support.
- South Park – Coldwater in bathrooms, classroom hand sanitizers not filled, desks not cleaned.
- School 131 – Lack of cleanliness, lack of supplies.

I know the District is working on this issue - How do we feed breakfast and lunch to students when a school(s) is closed?

Obviously, picking up prepackaged meals in various locations is one way.

Getting instruction is obviously an issue.

We will continue to work with the District on this critical issue. As we said, communication is critical.

Let me know how we can help.

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Sierra Umhauer

From: >
Sent: Sunday, March 8, 2020 11:39 PM
To: Sierra Umhauer
Subject: COVID - 19

Will the district provide classroom cleaning supplies, latex gloves, and face masks?

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy S8.

Sierra Umhauer

From: >
Sent: Saturday, March 7, 2020 12:03 PM
To: Sierra Umhauer
Subject: Coronavirus

Several districts have sent Correspondence indicating that they are sanitizing the schools. Additionally, my husband works in a building where everyday Custodial staff goes around the building wiping door knobs and common areas as a precautionary measure to prevent spread of the disease.

Not only are they ensuring that the dispensers are filled but they also installed additional hand sanitizer stations around his building. Our buildings are filthy there are adequate supplies, there certainly has been no additional extra precautionary sanitizing done and nobody is wiping down regularly door knobs and areas of constant contact.

I would be happy to provide the letter sent to staff and families from his district if you would like to see it. It amazes me that our District is always reactionary rather than proactive.

Just thought it worth sharing after I saw Phil's letter.

Thank you.

Sierra Umhauer

From:
Sent: Friday, March 6, 2020 2:55 PM
To: Philip Rumore, President, BTF
Cc: Sierra Umhauer
Subject: Re: Coronavirus

School 12

To Whom It May Concern:

What is being done to ensure the buildings are being cleaned and sanitized appropriately? Our bldg. (School 12) is not cleaned on a regular basis, therefore in light of this pandemic, how do we ensure the bldg will be cleaned? We have been asking for assistance with this matter for over a year. Please let me know the measures being taken.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 5, 2020, at 12:47 PM, Philip Rumore, President, BTF <btf@wny.twcbc.com> wrote:

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March 5, 2020

MEMO TO: All Buffalo Teachers
FROM: Philip Rumore, President, BTF
RE: Coronavirus

Together we must, and will, be proactive to ensure that Coronavirus does not infect and spread to our students, staff and community.

Attached, please find correspondence sent to the Superintendent and Board ([Click Here](#)). You can click on the links for the documents referred to in the email to them.

Please forward any concerns you have, relating to your school, or issue(s) that you would like to bring to our and the District's attention. Send them to sumhauer@btfny.org.

We cannot and will not be complacent.

Sierra Umhauer

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 9, 2020 10:14 AM
To: Sierra Umhauer
Subject: 37 futures no supplies no cleaning

School 37

no wipes , no soap, no support , district is putting big PR show and reality is nada

Sierra Umhauer

From: Sierra Umhauer
Sent: Monday, March 9, 2020 12:16 PM
To: Sierra Umhauer
Subject: Coronavirus Concerns

S. Park

To whom it may concern,

We are writing to express some concerns about the precautions being taken at South Park High School regarding Coronavirus.

As was stated in the recent email that was sent out to staff, all bathrooms are supposed to provide staff to access to hot water. This is not the case. One bathroom still only runs cold water. Furthermore, it was suggested that wipes were being provided to staff; however, this has not been addressed at the school at all.

Similarly, teachers are concerned that desks are not being wiped down properly at the end of the day. Pencil drawings that were on students' desks on Friday, were still there this morning. When wiped down with Lysol, they immediately came off.

Lastly, on Friday cleaners were in a room filling the hand sanitizer for the community schools event on Saturday. The cleaners were struggling to open the dispenser and one said it was not a priority that this dispenser be filled because the teacher have hand sanitizer on their desk. Teachers' feel that this is unfair given the fact that these are hand sanitizers that the teachers purchase. Teachers don't believe it is their responsibility to supply hand sanitizer to the school because the staff has not been taught how to fill the wall dispensers.

Teachers know everybody is trying their best to manage the spread of this virus; however, teachers did want to reach out to share these concerns, but don't want to create any kind of trouble. We do want to make sure that precautions are being taken and promises fulfilled.

Best,

Sent from my iPhone

Sierra Umhauer

From:
Sent: Monday, March 9, 2020 12:07 PM
To: Sierra Umhauer
Subject: Cleaning of Schools

Hello,

I just wanted to send something your way regarding the state of our building at #131. Our floors/classrooms haven't been swept for a very long time, we sometimes have no soap or hand sanitizer filled and we have run out of paper towels and toilet paper. It also doesn't appear that our building has had a thorough cleaning of our rooms/desks/chairs, etc. to combat against the outbreak of this virus.

I would like to remain anonymous with this e-mail. Thank you.