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President, PHILIP RUMORE

March 6, 2020

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

As per our conversation, we will forward concerns/issues that are forwarded to us by teachers.

The names have been redacted, as unfortunately some teachers fear reprisal! (See School 43) How sad is that!

We will continue forwarding them and asking teachers to advise us if the problems are not corrected or are not notified that they are in the process of being corrected.

Together we will ensure the health of our community.

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Encl.

General Suggestions (1)
School 32 (1)
School 43 (2)
School 76 (1)

Sierra Umhauer

From:
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 2:15 PM
To: Sierra Umhauer
Subject: Coronavirus

All Schools

To Whom it May Concern,

Can we please have custodians wash all desktops with antibacterial cleaning solution, clean water, and clean rags (or Clorox wipes) on a nightly basis. The desks in my classroom are seldom washed as is evidenced by the same pencil marks and small bits of paper which remain on them from the day before. Sanitized desks would go a long way in stopping germs from spreading, especially since the students are eating breakfast at them.

Thank you,

Sierra Umhauer

From:
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 1:11 PM
To: Sierra Umhauer
Subject: Coronavirus

We don't have warm water in the addition of our building, school #32, nor does it run for 20 seconds or more.

Thanks,

Sent from my iPhone

Sierra Umhauer

From: >
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 5:39 PM
To: Sierra Umhauer
Subject: Corona prep at school

I am corresponding in regards to the request for insight into preparedness for the Corona virus at school

Please keep this correspondence / my name Confidential as I fear retribution

Our toilets do not flush . Our administration, custodial staff and engineer have been made aware of this numerous times . This is unsanitary and will spread disease.

The paper towel dispensers in the faculty bathrooms are not stocked on a regular basis. They are often empty when we arrive in the morning . This makes drying hands impossible.

Soap
Dispensers are not always full.

Railing are dirty

Thank you

BPS 43

Sent from my iPhone

Sierra Umhauer

From: Sierra Umhauer
Sent: Friday, March 6, 2020 10:43 AM
To: Sierra Umhauer
Subject: Re: Coronavirus

At school (43) there is no warm water in the staff bathrooms on the third floor. (Actually it is freezing cold) Also, the toilets need multiple flushes before it will go down. I'm pretty sure you have heard from others at my building, but just wanted to be sure you got this. Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 5, 2020, at 12:43 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.

Go

We cannot and will not be complacent.

Also attached, please find additional documents referred to on the CDC, World Health Organization, and New York State, websites ([Click Here](#)).

PR:su

Sierra Umhauer

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 2:12 PM
To: Sierra Umhauer
Subject: Coronavirus

Hi, regarding the sanitizer dispensers in the classrooms, at school (76) they are filled with an alcohol free sanitizer when all CDC advice has called for an alcohol volume of at least 60%. Please pass along with other concerns to the district, thanks!