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MEMO TO: Will Keresztes, Chief of Intergovernmental Affairs, Planning and Community Engagement, BPS
District SBMT (Stakeholders)

FROM: Philip Rumore, President, BTF

RE: Lack of SBMT Approval of Reopening Plans/School Budgets

While I know you, as we all, are dealing with many issues, we, as was related in our last District Committee of Stakeholders meeting, continue to receive complaints that building administrators are not seeking, rejecting, and in some cases not meeting with School Based Management Teams (SBMTs).

In addition to this being in violation of the spirit and intent of the approved SBMT document (see pgs. 2, 3, 4, 5 [Click Here](#)), it defeats the whole purpose of bringing all parties together to improve the education of our students.

For example:

- Based on a quick survey of schools, 51.22% of forty-one (41) schools reported that their reopening plan was not approved by their SBMT ([Click Here](#))
- Enclosed is an example (School 76) of what, in relation to school budgets, many schools have reported. ([Click Here](#))

The most recent NYSDOH Guidance in conjunction with the “District Plan for School Based Planning and Shared Decision Making” (emphasis added), makes it clear that parents, teachers and staff should participate in the approval of the Reopening Plan currently being developed as well as the school budgets.

Please advise us of your response to the above.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in these very critical matters.

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