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MEMO TO:

Dr. Tonja M. Williams, Superintendent, BPS,

Members, Board of Education

FROM:

Philip Rumore, President, BTF

RE:

School Safety

Enclosed please find a copy of our most recent School Safety Survey. As you can see, there are still very serious concerns and issues that need immediate attention. Questions 1-4 contain personal/individual teacher information.

We hope you will, as we did, take the time to read through all of the issues raised.

We don't want to be in the positon of saying "If we only had listened", if serious and dangerous incidents occur.

We look forward to working with you on these critical school safety issues.

In addition, at a meeting with the Vista Security Group (VSG), we were informed by their representatives that they were not, as you and we had been advised, going "to examine the facts and circumstances surrounding the violent incident that occurred at the McKinley High School on February 9<sup>th</sup> this year, assess security throughout the District, and to then make recommendations to the Board and District for improvement".

In short, they advised us that their analysis and recommendations were for McKinley High School not district-wide (March 31, 2022)