

## **UNITY RALLY PROGRAM**

(Some changes may be made as necessary)

4:00 pm – Participants Meet on Stage

4:30 pm – Unity Rally Begins

Phil – Opening – Thank you for Rally Assistance – Introduces Rev. Mark E. Blue and Pastor James Giles

Rev. Mark E. Blue – President, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)

Pastor James Giles – Founder, Back To Basics Outreach Ministries Inc.

Phil – Introduces Board Unions

Freddie Smith – Transportation Aides of Buffalo (TAB)

In Remembrance of Bus Aide – Margus Morrison

Shirley Sapp-Burgess - Substitutes United of Buffalo (SU/B)

In Remembrance of Aaron Salter, Jr. and Pearl Young – Substitute Teachers

Phil – Introduction of Other Buffalo Board Unions

Aaron Armstrong (PCTEA)

Jody Covington (BCSA)

Jeff Lathrop (Engineers, 409)

Joann Sweat (BEST)

Phil – Call for Action / Introduction Representatives of District

Louis Petrucci – President, Buffalo Board of Education

Sharon B. Cottman – Buffalo Board of Education (Personal Family Story)

Superintendent, Dr. Tonja M. Williams – Representing Buffalo School District

Phil – Introduces Other Union Leaders

Andrew Pallotta, President, New York State United Teachers – Introduction of other NYSUT Officers – Statement on behalf of NYSUT

Randi Weingarten, President, AFT– Statement on behalf of 1.7 million members

Phil – Introduce Student(s)

- Brooklyn Bullock – Olmsted School

- Jasmine Cameron – International Preparatory School, Student Member of the Buffalo Board of Education (audio recording)

Phil – Closing

Rev. Mark E. Blue