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MEMO TO: Amber M. Dixon, Interim Superintendent
Members, Buffalo Board of Education

FROM: Philip Rumore, President, BTF 

RE: SIG APPR MOU

The District and BTF have worked cooperatively for hundreds of hours to overcome obstacles that NYSED has constantly and unexpectedly placed before us only to have the Commissioner and Regents place new ones in their place.

As you will note from the letter to the Commissioner and Board of Regents (enclosed), as a result of the last-minute March 27, 2012 rejection of the proposed SIG MOU by the Commissioner, after teachers having been presented with at least three MOUs only to have each nit-picked apart, the Council of Delegates has made it clear that neither they nor the teachers in their buildings will vote favorably on any new SIG MOUs. Teachers feel the Commissioner and Board of Regents have toyed with them and are using our students as pawns. They believe we, in cooperation with affected parents, should proceed with legal action against the Commissioner, Regents and NYSED to secure the needed SIG funding.

We regret that, despite the hundreds of hours the BTF, our teachers and District have worked together to secure these funds, the Commissioner and Regents have so poisoned the waters as to bring this about.

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