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MEMO TO: All Buffalo Schools

FROM: Philip Rumore, President, BTF

RE: Updates

## Lack of Required Art/Music

Please ensure that the Art and Music teachers in your building have received the attached email/survey (<u>click here</u>). We do not have all of their personal email addresses.

Thank you.

## **Moment of Silence**

A teacher called to express concern relating to the moment of silence that is being proposed nationwide for tomorrow.

She was concerned that it could cause trauma for some students, e.g. if there was a recent death in the family, etc.

This is in no way mandatory.

You should, as you always do, consider what is best for the students in your class/school.

## **Next Year's School Calendar**

After the February break, we will be emailing two possible school calendars for your review. One will be with two (February/Spring) breaks, the other with just the Spring Break.

You will be asked to review them for a vote at our March or April Council of Delegates meeting. You will have plenty of time to discuss them.

## **Negotiations**

After the February break, we will be meeting with the District to approve the ground rules for the negotiations process. At that time we will set the dates for the exchange of proposals and future meetings.

We will keep you updated.

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