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FEDERATION, INC.

MEMO TO: All Buffalo Teachers
FROM: Philip Rumore, President, BTF
RE: Updates

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THOUGHTS FOR TODAY

Worry wastes wisdom.
Live your dreams.
Why is there an expiration date on sour cream?

SENIORITY LISTS

The seniority lists will be emailed to you later this week. There are often inaccuracies that need to be corrected. Please use the form enclosed with the lists.

There are apparently some issues with the Reading/PreK-6 lists on which we are checking, e.g. teachers being moved to a different tenure area without their knowledge or proper procedure that might have a detrimental impact on them, and other teachers. We will be in contact with the affected teachers.

BTF SPONSORED VIRTUAL GRADUATION

At this point six (6) Buffalo Secondary schools will be having the virtual graduations sponsored by the BTF and open to all Buffalo Secondary schools.

The graduations will take place on Saturday, June 27, 2020 and on Sunday, June 28, 2020 at the times listed on the attached document.

SUMMER SCHOOL

Committees have met and made recommendations. Applications have been sent out and many teachers have apparently applied.

If you have any questions or concerns now or during the sessions, please contact rpordum@aol.com.

REOPENING

There are local, New York State and NYSUT committees meeting on this.

The State (NYSED) has indicated that it will not have “guidance” until the middle of July.

We don’t expect much “guidance” however.

Once again, the single most important issue is the safety of students, staff, parents, etc.

In addition any reopening plan(s) must also be considered a “work in progress”.

It must first be made public for input and correction weeks before implementation and be under constant review and input by staff, parents and students.

We will continue to insist on these issues and oppose any plan in which they are not included.

BTF OFFICE

We are still in the process of ensuring that our building is safe for our staff.

A UV air filter system has just been installed in our heating/cooling system.

We continue to purchase masks, gloves, disinfectant, etc. in sufficient supply and are in contact with an antiviral cleaning firm.

Our staff, as you know, are directly available and are in contact with you via email.

We, as with the schools, will not take any chances here or for those who come to BTF headquarters.

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