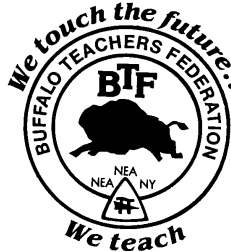


# President's Report

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## **SPECIAL ADVISORY {Action on a State Level}**

BTF has been working closely with NYSUT and state officials to increase state funding for our schools and to prevent the devastating cuts that might occur.

We need your help. Please contact your NYS Senator, Assemblyman and NYS leaders opposing any cuts to education.

Their addresses and direct links to them are on the BTF website – [btfny.org](http://btfny.org) go to links and then Federal, State and Local officials.

Please also see my letter to the Buffalo News for talking points relating to sources of revenue – [btfny.org news/alerts](http://btfny.org/news/alerts).

Some additional points:

- As a result of Buffalo having one of the highest poverty rates in the US, 85% of our school budget comes from NYS; therefore, any percentage cuts have a far greater impact on our children's education as opposed to school districts that may only receive 10-15% of their funding from NYS. Buffalo has already sustained severe cuts due to the elimination of Contract For Excellence Funding (\$83 million).
- The District has already lost over \$83 million in state aid. Couple that with an additional \$17 million in cuts projected for this year leaves our schools with a \$100 million decrease in state aid.

Note: The NYS Assembly has already added \$600 million to the Governor's education budget. We seek more plus the NYS Senate's agreement for \$600 million plus for education

## **{Action on Federal Level}**

The BTF has been working with NYSUT, NEA and AFT to secure passage of "Jobs for Main Street" legislation that will bring \$1.43 billion into NYS, most of which will go to education.

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The House of Representatives has already passed the “Jobs for Main Street” legislation. We now need the US Senate to pass it and the President to sign it.

Please contact your Federal legislators urging their support for this and any legislation that will direct Federal funding to education.

Once again, see BTF website– [www.btfny.org](http://www.btfny.org) for links – Federal, State and Local representatives.

Delegates were briefed at our April 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting on all major issues.

**Be assured that the BTF will continue to work on all levels of government to secure sufficient funding to ensure that there are no teacher layoffs which will obviously result in increased class sizes, program cuts and in short adversely impact all our students’ education.**

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