

**RESOLUTION**

(Updated 1/21/2021)

WHEREAS: Buffalo teachers remain dedicated to the education of their students and want to be with them in person and,

WHEREAS: the pandemic has caused great stress and hardship to their students, parents, staff and themselves and,

WHEREAS: Buffalo teachers will continue to work to ensure that our schools/sites are and continue to remain safe for the return of students and staff and,

WHEREAS: the District has and will continue to be sent the results of the “BTF School/Site Health and Safety Assessment completed by teachers from their schools/sites and,

WHEREAS: teachers from the schools thus far surveyed reported serious and dangerous health and safety concerns at their schools/sites and,

WHEREAS: the District has not, as yet, responded to the teachers, at those schools/sites, informing them that, and how, their serious concerns have been addressed and,

WHEREAS: the unsafe return of students and staff to our schools/sites will result in the spread of the COVID-19 Virus in the schools/sites and community and,

WHEREAS: there have been several school closures in our area (e.g. Niagara Falls) and,

WHEREAS: there continue to be high COVID-19 rates of infection in our region and,

WHEREAS: said spread of the COVID-19 Virus will result in permanent physical harm and possibly death to those inflicted with the virus,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that Buffalo teachers will continue to work with all concerned to ensure that our schools are, and remain, safe for the return to in-person learning for our students, parents and staff and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that Buffalo teachers call for the Buffalo School District, prior to opening a school/site and on a continuing basis, to provide the teachers, parents and staff at each school reporting serious health and safety issues, with a delineated report stating how each of said serious health and safety issues has been corrected and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: we call upon Superintendent Kriner Cash to reconsider the February 1, 2021 reopening of schools until such time as they are safe for the return of students, parents and staff.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Buffalo Teachers Federation take all legal actions necessary to ensure that our schools/sites are and remain safe for the education of our students and the well-being of our community.

Moved: Philip Rumore, President, Buffalo Teachers Federation

Seconded: Rebecca Pordum, Vice President, Buffalo Teachers Federation