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**MEMO TO:** Dr. Kriner Cash, Superintendent, BPS  
**FROM:** Philip Rumore, President, BTF  
**RE:** Students returning/coming from Foreign Countries

Teachers at City Honors have students who recently returned from foreign countries ... I believe some came from Bangladesh.

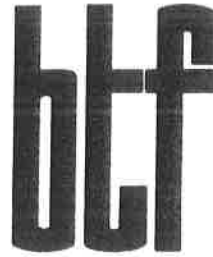
Please advise all teachers of the protocols that were and should be followed when students return/come from a foreign country.

We will continue to work with the District on these critical issues.

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**MEMO TO:** Dr. Kriner Cash, Superintendent, BPS  
Members, Buffalo Board of Education

**FROM:** Philip Rumore, President, BTF

**RE:** Follow-up

I spoke with JoAnn Sweat, the President of BEST, after I sent the attached correspondence to you relating to the Outrageous and Detrimental actions of the Principal at School #054.

President Sweat advised me that she was informed that the Principal at School #054 advised the BEST members that Human Resources told him that he could dock them if they take a sick or personal day during state testing.

Please advise us of the results of your investigation of this issue.

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**MEMO TO:** Dr. Kriner Cash, Superintendent, BPS  
**FROM:** Philip Rumore, President, BTF  
**RE:** Outrageous & Detrimental Actions  
by School #054 Principal

At a faculty meeting at School #054, the Principal advised teachers that during student testing:

- personal days will not be approved
- **any teacher calling in sick must bring a note from a doctor!!**

Has he no concern for students and staff regarding the coronavirus!

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MEMO TO: Dr. Kriner Cash, Superintendent, BPS  
FROM: Philip Rumore, President, BTF  
RE: Librarians and Physical Education Teachers Can't Receive Antibacterial Supplies

A teacher at School 97 has advised us that the Engineer/Custodial staff have been advised that the Librarian and Physical Education teachers will not be provided with anti-bacterial supplies since they are not in "classrooms".

What!?

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MEMO TO: Dr. Kriner Cash, Superintendent, BPS  
FROM: Philip Rumore, President, BTF  
RE: Teachers Providing Home Instruction/Home Visits

Teachers making home visits have raised concerns relating to being exposed to and exposing families to the coronavirus.

As you know, some of the problems and living conditions of our students and their families are very troubling.

In the past, the District, in cooperation with the parents, have arranged for alternative sites.

Please advise us, the teachers and families, of the protocols and procedures relating to teachers providing instruction in students' homes.

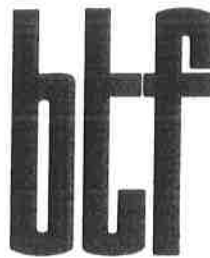
We don't need to have a family, relatives and friends or the teacher, infected by the coronavirus.

In addition, some teachers who did not volunteer to make home visits, and some who did and have been so assigned, have, out of concerns for their families, asked for the procedures for them to be removed from said assignments as soon as feasible.

Please advise.

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**MEMO TO:** Dr. Kriner Cash, Superintendent, BPS

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**RE:** Deep Cleaning

Teachers from many schools are questioning what is exactly meant by "Deep Cleaning".

We all understand that our engineers and custodial staff are under great pressure. Indeed, many are doing a great job.

However, we continue to receive concerns from some schools relating to the cleanliness of their schools and what exactly is meant by deep cleaning e.g., why are only the tops of student desks cleaned and not where they place their books and hands i.e., like the side of the desks.

- Why are some rags re-used in other rooms?
- Why aren't the chairs or door knobs cleaned?

Schools are still reporting the lack of anti-viral supplies.

We will continue to work together on this critical issue.

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