

VIA EMAIL & FAX

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MEMO TO: Dr. Kriner Cash, Superintendent, BPS
FROM: Philip Rumore, President, BTF
RE: Coronavirus Concerns

Enclosed please find another list of concerns raised by teachers at their schools.

As per my voice mail message, we continue to receive concerns relating to hand sanitizers with 0% alcohol content, rumors of infected staff, lack of building cleanliness. Please see attached documents.

GENERAL –

- Concern about staff members with Coronavirus. District should clarify for staff.
- Copy of letter to staff from Lancaster Superintendent (FYI).

SERIOUS CONCERNS –

- School #045 - Continued problem – Level III grievance held, new grievance being filed. No paper towels, no soap in bathroom, bathrooms not mopped, classrooms not swept/vacuumed, bathroom with urine on seat.

Also, since many students from other countries re-visit their home countries, what is the District doing about this?

Please see attached list of 10 problems. New grievance attached.

- School #072 – No disinfectant wipes – when are they arriving? – Classroom sanitizer – no alcohol.
- School #094 West Hertel – No wipes – sanitizer no alcohol.
- School #156 Olmsted – School filthy – Floors rarely washed, desks never cleaned, no hot water in bathrooms, school nurse sending sick students back to classrooms – you should read the issues with the school nurse.
- BAVPA #192 – Sanitizers not filled, bathrooms lack soap and hot water.
- Leonardo daVinci #212 – No sanitizer in dispensers, faculty lunchroom no running water. Teachers told it's not in the contract therefore it will not be addressed – Faculty bathrooms no hot water.

- Emerson (#302) – No disinfectant wipes – one box stored in Main office – Teacher told District ordered 10,000 but only received 900.

Student who was to be in quarantine showed up at school – no follow up to teacher.

- Adult Education #046 - Need wipes, need to know what is being done, not what should be done.

As I said, we will continue to work with the District to ensure that our students, staff and community do not become infected.

Please note that regarding the form you sent us for staff to complete regarding coronavirus, there is no indication as to where it should be sent.

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