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MEMO TO: Buffalo Teachers
FROM: Philip Rumore, President, BTF
RE: Cyber Attack (Corrected Date)

As you know, the BTF sent correspondence to the District in relation to the lack of information relating to the cyber attack ([Click Here](#)). We also shared the correspondence with parent organizations that were equally upset.

The BTF and parents have repeatedly questioned the District on the specifics of the break such as the personal information that was compromised. Since the breach occurred on March 12, 2021, the BTF and parents have pressed the District for specifics at the weekly reopening meetings.

Incredibly, with disregard for all security protocols, correspondence was sent to all teachers and parents via the U.S. mail, without previous notification that it was coming and without attribution.

After teachers' calls, we notified the Superintendent, Darren Brown-Hall and Nate Kuzma Friday evening.

Once we received clarification that they would communicate that the letter wasn't a scam, we then notified you. ([Click Here](#))

We are still not satisfied with the response –

- There are insufficient specifics e.g., for each person, exactly what information was compromised?
- There has been no written verification by a law enforcement agency that notification to individuals should be delayed.

While entities that have been hacked have some latitude in how soon details of the hack must be released, this delay and lack of specificity is unacceptable.

We have begun working with our attorneys and will be seeking further assistance from the New York State Attorney General and others.

Part of the above-mentioned separate negotiations on this issue will be permanent Kroll-type coverage for everyone at the District's expense and reimbursement for any damages.

Please continue to relay concerns to your LRS. ([Click Here](#)) and sumhauer@btfny.org.

Stay tuned!