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Subject: Troubling Increase in Student Violence

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

FROM: Philip Rumore, President, BTF

RE: Troubling Increase in Student Violence

We have, again, begun to receive reports of increased student violence.

For example, there were two serious fights recorded by and sent to other students at McKinley High School. There have been over 40 incidents at the school since September 2021!

There is critical need for more security/community officers at this school. We are informed the principal is working to address the problems. We will again be surveying teachers regarding this serious issue.

As you know, some students, as well as adults, have and continue to endure great stress. As a result, unacceptable behaviors arise. We need to do more. In addition to enforcement of behavior procedures, we need more intervention and support services, e.g.:

- More school support teachers. (Counselors, Psychologists, Social Workers, etc.)
- Enforcement actions (not cover-ups) of incidents.
- More school resource officers.
- More intervention programs and resources.

... to name a few.

We are very disturbed with a conversation between Ms. Jamie Warren and our L.R.S. Jenna Burke regarding a grievance that you were to hear relating to an incident at International Prep School.

Ms. Warren said placing school resource officers or off duty police officers at school buildings with serious incidents of violence or threatened violence was "not an option".

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