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

FROM: Philip Rumore, President, BTF

RE: 2019-2020 School Calendar

The BTF Council of Delegates, teacher representatives from all schools, met last evening. One of the issues discussed was the 2019-2020 school calendar.

In short, teachers overwhelmingly supported again working with the District to have a forty-three week school calendar that closely reflects the calendars in the surrounding districts.

There was hardly any support for approving a calendar that goes beyond the required forty-two (42) weeks to forty-four (44) weeks.

In addition to expressing anger that you are “slapping teachers, who have met you half way in the past”, the District has also shown its “hypocrisy” by Darren Brown-Hall’s memo (attached, [click here](#)) that states, “Having two days of professional development (one district day and one for school use) and the contractual teacher set-up day prior to the school year beginning is most beneficial” (emphasis added). Your calendar “B” does not provide for two (2) consecutive professional development days. It only provides for one. See attached calendar “B” ([click here](#)).

Despite all of the above, teachers in an effort to once again meet the District half way, overwhelmingly supported the forty-three (43) week calendar we proposed in our March 7, 2019 correspondence ([click here](#)).

Hopefully, you will again support the “common ground” forty-three (43) week calendar. Once we receive it, we will submit it to our teachers.

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cc: Darren Brown-Hall, Chief of Staff, BPS