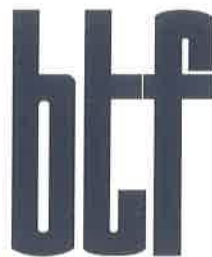


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TO: Buffalo Teachers

FROM: Philip Rumore, President, BTF

RE: "Reopening" Teacher Input

As we have advised you, we have teachers on District Committees who the District has agreed are part of its "reopening" committees. Thus far, there have been only **two (2)** meetings. The last one was on June 16, 2020! The first one was a one-hour orientation/pick a committee meeting. The second one lasted for an hour!

At the core of any plan(s) must be the absolute safety of students, teachers/staff, parents and our community.

We cannot and will not accept any "reopening" plan(s) that risk anyone's well-being. We must also remember that it is not just social distancing, masks, testing, etc. We must remember that the sanitizing and conditions of our schools/buildings is also critical.

We have collected many of your concerns and have forwarded many to the District. Even if you have already sent them, please send your concerns to us, lsauer@btfny.org, so we can ensure they are forwarded to the District.

Remember, anyone who makes a decision that causes the loss of a life, as a result of their actions/non-actions in this pandemic, is responsible for taking that life and should have to explain to the loved ones of that person(s).

Also, remember, it is not just death that results, it may be permanent physical harm.

Please stay well. Take no chances.

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