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MEMO TO: All Buffalo Teachers
FROM: Philip Rumore, President, BTF
RE: Update

2019-2020 SCHOOL CALENDAR

We will know when the Board meets on June 19, 2019 whether the District is going to continue its “my way or else” edict or will agree to our compromise forty-three (43) week calendar proposal.

We submitted our proposed calendar in March. Yet, the District has callously dragged this out until June.

As you know, our proposed forty-three (43) week compromise calendar provides for both the mid-winter and spring breaks. It also provides for the District’s “important” two consecutive days of “professional development” prior to the opening of school for students. Not included is the “vacation” day before Thanksgiving, which we have never had, nor the day before Memorial Day. It also does not prevent teachers from working their summer jobs the last week in August.

One of the TV stations polled viewers during the school day. The results (when we were teaching) were:

Forty-Two (42) Week Calendar	4%
Forty-Three (43) Week Calendar	76%
Forty-Four (44) Week Calendar	20%

The Board of Education will vote on June 19, 2019.

Teachers will vote based on the vote of the Board of Education. An email will be sent to all teachers. You will make the final decision.

TRANSFERS

New updated Seniority Lists will be emailed to all members by the end of the week. If there is a mistake, use the BTF Seniority List Request to Research Form attached to that email.

We have made no changes to the contract regarding transfers. They are based on seniority (BTF Contract, pages 30-33).

You have a right to ask your supervisor for all the available openings – even if they are posted on the website.

If you have difficulties, call BTF (881-5400).

DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR/SCHOOL SAFETY SURVEY

We continue to receive concerns relating to school safety and the lack of appropriate action relating to disruptive student behavior.

We will be surveying all teachers and seeking corrective action.

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY – TUESDAY, JUNE 25th

There are many primary races that will be held on Tuesday, June 25th. You will receive a letter prior to that with a list of the Council of Delegates recommended endorsements. Please remember to vote.

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