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## MASS MEETING OF BUFFALO EDUCATORS UNITED TO DESTROY THE RACIST, BIGOTRY AND INJUSTICE VIRUS

A mass meeting of Buffalo Teachers, Administrators, Teacher Aides, Clerks, Technical Employees, Substitute Teachers and School Bus Aides will be held to call for action to eliminate racism, bigotry and injustice (see flyer and BTF statement).

### Speakers will include:

Reverend Mark Blue, President, NAACP
Philip Rumore, President, Buffalo Teachers Federation
Crystal Barton, President, Buffalo Council of School Administrators
Joann Sweat, President, Buffalo Educational Support Team
Aaron Armstrong, President, Professional Clerical Technical Employees Association
Freddie Smith, President, Transportation Aides of Buffalo
Shirley Sapp-Burgess, President, Substitutes United/Buffalo
A student, to be named at meeting
Michael Deely, Regional Director, NYSUT
The organization, Peace Keepers, will also be present.

WHERE:

Martin Luther King Park Casino (In Front of Wading Pool)

WHEN:

Thursday, June 11, 2020

TIME:

4:30 pm

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## **VIRUS**

Buffalo Teachers Federation – BTF
Buffalo Council of School Administrators – BCSA
Buffalo Educational Support Team – BEST
Professional Clerical Technical Employees Association - PCTEA
Substitutes United of Buffalo – SU/B
Transportation Aides of Buffalo – TAB
New York State United Teachers – NYSUT

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*TIME* 4:30 pm

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Casino at Martin Luther King Park

Masks and Social Distancing Required





#### **STATEMENT**

by

Philip Rumore, President,
Buffalo Teachers Federation
on behalf of the
Buffalo Teachers Federation

The Buffalo Teachers Federation has a long history of fighting against racism, bigotry and discrimination.

The brutal murder, yes murder, of Mr. George Floyd and too many other Black/African Americans is a symptom of a disease; however, unlike the deadly and horrific Corona virus, this disease has, for centuries, been denied and unlike the Corona virus there have been no concrete and honest actions in search of a cure.

We condemn the violent and destructive acts of those resorting to self-serving actions that undermine finding a cure for the destructive disease of racism, bigotry and the abuse of power by those who, unlike many police, community leaders and communities, are seeking healing and a cure for this destructive societal disease.

We must also demand and ensure laws are passed requiring that such acts of violence and murder are reported to the public and punished, to the full extent of the law, regardless of who committed them.

As elections proceed, let us also ensure that those who receive our vote now, and in the future, are held accountable for taking specific and concrete actions to end the racism/bigotry virus forever.

Let us all join hands until this destructive societal disease perishes forever.