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

CC: Gale R. Burstein, MD, MPH, FAAP, Erie County Commissioner of Health

FROM: Philip Rumore, President, BTF

RE: Alarming Number of BPS COVID-19 Cases

Enclosed ([Click Here](#)), please find a copy of the latest BTF complied instances of student and adult COVID-19 cases in our schools/sites.

As you can see, there have been five-hundred sixty (560) student cases and one hundred ninety-one (191) adult cases since September 3, 2021.

What is of great concern is the number of cases reported from November 8, 2021 to November 15, 2021, i.e.:

	<i>Students</i>	<i>Adults</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>November 8, 2021</i>	20	10	30
<i>November 9, 2021</i>	16	8	24
<i>November 10 and 11, 2021</i>	31	1	32
<i>November 12, 2021</i>	33	6	39
<i>November 15, 2021</i>	20	20	40

Please note the numbers at some of our schools.

As we move into the Thanksgiving recess, these numbers raise serious concerns.

Teachers are also alarmed that they are usually not notified of an identified case at their school for three (3) to six (6) days after the student or adult case was reported.

We know that you share our concerns for our students, adults and community.

In particular, we need to have earlier notification, more preventative actions, enforcement of protocols, greater availability of testing and vaccinations and any other actions you, your advisors and County can provide, especially as we move into the holiday and the winter months.

Thank you in advance for all that you have and will continue to do to ensure the well-being of our students, staff and community.