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BTF'S REACTION TO JUDGE NEMOYER'S DECISION

Judge Patrick Nemoyer today ordered a hearing on the BTF's request to find the School District in contempt of court for not restoring the contractually mandated multiple healthcare carriers as was ordered by the courts. The BTF is seeking to have the District negotiate the change rather than allowing the District impose it.

"The most important thing for everyone to learn and if nothing else is reported is that the BTF has, for years, stated our willingness to negotiate a single carrier. The Superintendent and Board have instead unsuccessfully used every legal forum to impose one. We cannot and will not allow that to happen", stated Philip Rumore, BTF President.

In response to the District's claim that it would be impossible to provide that coverage, Rumore continued, "I want to see the CEO's of Independent Health and Univera state, under oath, that their company will not provide that coverage regardless of what they are paid to provide it."

"For five years, we have stated our willingness to negotiate a single carrier. For five year, the District fought to impose one. It is the Superintendent and School Board who continue this battle, not the BTF", Rumore concluded.