

President PHILIP RUMORE



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Dear Colleague,

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Led by Catherine Collins' campaign manager, Herb Bellamy Jr.; members of the business community; people with large sums of money and people that support incumbent Board members, Fred Yellen, our retired teacher, who was running for the School Board, was denied a position on the ballot. They used every possible technicality to invalidate signatures on his petitions.

The incumbents, business community members and some at City Hall obviously don't want a retired Buffalo teacher who really knows what is going on and who would not have blindly followed the administration being elected to the School Board.

This is an insult to every teacher who knows that teachers know best what is really needed to educate our students. Obviously, that is a threat to some.

We must not allow the misguided supporters of the status quo, misguided people who want to continue the policies that are ruining the education of our students and their powerful friends to prevent competent people from running for the School Board.

You, your family and friends who live in Buffalo can determine the outcome of this election. Please call your list of people who live in Buffalo on Election Day, this Tuesday, May 5th, as per the letter you received last week. Ask that their family and friends vote for the following BTF-supported At-Large (city-wide) candidates:

- **John B. Licata** – a lawyer with children in the Buffalo Public Schools.
- **Bryon McIntyre** – a Buffalo firefighter who also subs in the Buffalo Public Schools.
- **Patricia E. Devis** – a chemistry professor at ECC and a NYSUT member.

They have been interviewed by the BTF-PAC, are strong on our positions, and look forward to working with us.

Let's send a message! They may have removed our teacher candidate from the ballot; however, we have three candidates who will take his place and really improve the education of our students.

With your vote and that of your family and friends, we will succeed. Thank you, as always, for your solidarity and support. In spite of all the obstacles you face, you place our students first. Let's get it done. Remember to vote this **Tuesday, May 5th**. Every registered Buffalo voter can vote in this election for all three candidates.

Sincerely,

Philip Rumore
President