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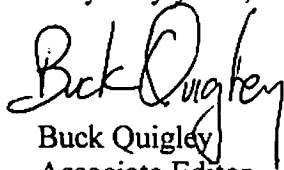
Re: Demand for public inspection and copying of school board campaign financial records

Gentlemen:

We hereby demand that all campaign finance records filed with the Buffalo Public Schools be immediately made available for public inspection and copying pursuant to the Public Officers Law and Education Law. This is a continuing demand for public inspection and copying of all such campaign financial records now in your possession and which are received in the future. Your failure to comply with this demand by the close of business on April 27, 2009 will force us to initiate a legal proceeding to force your compliance with these statutes. As your actions are knowing, willful, and intentional, and without any reasonable basis in law or fact, we will also seek legal fees and costs in this proceeding.

The obvious purpose of Education Law §1528 is to provide us, as citizens and voters, with information "setting forth all moneys or other valuable things, paid, given, expended or promised by him or her, or incurred for or on his or her behalf with his or her approval to aid his or her own nomination or election, or to aid or influence the nomination or defeat of any candidate to be voted for at the election." Furthermore, Education Law §1529(4) specifically provides that all such campaign finance reports filed pursuant to Education Law §1528 "...shall constitute a part of the public records and shall be open to public inspection." You have no authority to review, redact, amend or otherwise modify such public records. As readily available public documents, there is no basis for your continuing refusal to allow public inspection and provide copies of these records.

Very truly yours,



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