

April 29, 2021

TO: Will Keresztes, Ed.D.

FROM: Philip Rumore, President, BTF

RE: Request for Input

Thank you for providing an opportunity for input for the very important decisions relating to the use of the ESSER funding. While I have a 4:30 p.m. NYSUT meeting that I must attend, other BTF members will be in attendance.

It is our belief that in order to ensure that the funding does indeed significantly improve the education of our students, all stakeholders must not only have input into the use of the funds but also be part of the decision making.

Since all schools/sites are often very different, the stakeholders at each site must be able to determine (on a continuing basis) what needs to be provided to significantly improve the education of their students.

We will, however, also need District-wide parameters that will be necessary as a result of the hardships caused by the pandemic e.g. increased intervention services - - school counselors, social workers, psychologists, etc.

When final plans are developed, the individual school SBMTs and District Committee of Stakeholders, approved parent organizations, employee organizations, etc. should be able to have a vote on the plan before it goes to the Board for a final vote.

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