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BOARD "ASSASSINS" TARGET ADMINISTRATORS, STAFF AND STUDENTS Paladino and Quinn Must Be Exposed and Challenged

The administrators and staff in the Buffalo School District can be silent no longer. They can no longer be expected to ignore behavior that is corrected when manifested by their students. Bullying, lies, childish, destructive comments and humiliation are among the tactics used by Board Members Carl Paladino and Larry Quinn in an effort to intimidate and destroy the reputations of administrators and teachers struggling to improve education for Buffalo students.

On November 12, the Lafayette Principal Naomi Cerre and her faculty held a public meeting to unveil a plan for helping its large population of non-English speakers. Instead of applauding the dedicated work of the group, Larry Quinn referred to the teachers as a "bunch of clowns", revealed the tenure status of Principal Cerre and even said that students were incapable of writing their own letters of support.

Routinely, Carl Paladino aims negative remarks at administrators and destroys the little morale that remains when working in such challenging circumstances. Many of these unnecessary attacks are aimed at females, African-American in particular. In an effort to intimidate and get his way, he is using character assassination as a weapon.

The Buffalo administrators union, the BCSA, calls on Commissioner King, Superintendent Ogilvie, Board President James Sampson and Ethic Board Chair Roscoe Henderson to end their silence. The negative comments and destructive actions of Carl Paladino and Larry Quinn must be condemned. These Board Members must be made to follow the Buffalo Board of Education's Code of Ethics.

Everyone knows the complex issues faced by a School District trying to reinvent its lowest performing schools. The work of the administrators and staff should be applauded along with the faith that parents who believe in public education have in our schools. Inclusion and respectful listening are the keys to improvement. There is no room for negativity and division.

There is no room for the exclusion and intimidation that Carl Paladino and Larry Quinn exhibit.