

**A RESOLUTION TO BE
SUBMITTED BY LEGISLATORS BURKE & GRANT**

Buffalo School Nurse Resolution

WHEREAS, The City of Buffalo and County of Erie merged health departments in the year nineteen hundred and forty eight; and

WHEREAS, under that agreement, Erie County agreed to absorb the responsibilities of the City of Buffalo Health Department including the medical inspection of school children in the form of school nurses; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility of providing school nurses was for all Buffalo school children including those at private schools; and

WHEREAS, Erie County honored the "school nurse" agreement until 2005; and

WHEREAS, after fifty seven years, Erie County withdrew from its obligation during the red/green budget crisis using a legal maneuver; and

WHEREAS, the City of Buffalo and County of Erie clearly entered into agreement to merge departments with the understanding that Erie County would honor the "medical inspection of school children" component ; and

WHEREAS, it is an important reminder that Erie County often does not meet its financial obligations, even the obligation to provide medical service to school children; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this Legislature believes Erie County should honor the nineteen hundred and forty eight agreement and again fund school nurses; and

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature send a certified copy of this resolution to Erie County Executive, Mark Poloncarz; Erie County Comptroller, Stefan Mychajliw; Mayor of Buffalo, Byron Brown; Buffalo Comptroller, Mark Schroeder; New York State Assemblywoman, Crystal Peoples