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“We are mortified that the RCSD Board of Education – the highest paid school board in New York state – voted last night, to layoff over 200 of the lowest paid workers in the school district. Food service workers and security staff are among the hardest working and most vulnerable Rochester residents.”

“BENTE provided the district with solutions to keep its members working, while at the same time, offering to help families cope with a myriad of issues created by the superintendent’s decision to be the only district in Monroe County to switch from a hybrid model to remote learning.”

“The *unpaid* furlough proposed by the district would cause the people who can least afford it, to pay percentages of their own healthcare for an unspecified length of time, with lower unemployment benefits – leaving them in a financial freefall,” BENTE President Dan DiClemente said. “Superintendent Lesli Myers-Small, her exorbitant cabinet, and the Board of Education should practice what they preach and institute a furlough on themselves to fully appreciate the impact of what has been suggested as an option.”

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