

**BUFFALO FISCAL STABILITY AUTHORITY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 06 - 20**

APPROVING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT LABOR AGREEMENT WITH BEST AND CONTRACT WITH BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE

WHEREAS, Chapter 122 of the Laws of 2003 as amended by Chapter 86 of the Laws of 2004 permits the Buffalo Fiscal Stability Authority (“BFSA”) to review and approve or disapprove any collective bargaining agreement binding or purporting to bind the City or any covered organization; and

WHEREAS, the School District has submitted to the Buffalo Fiscal Stability Authority (“BFSA”) a collective bargaining agreement between the School District and the Buffalo Educational Support Team (“BEST”), the labor organization representing teacher aides employed by the School District; and

WHEREAS, this Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) would amend the current contract to allow teacher aides to earn credit hours while being paid their normal salary; and

WHEREAS, this MOU will allow the District to move towards compliance with the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act and the requirements of the New York State Education Department; and

WHEREAS, Buffalo State College’s Continuing Professional Studies Department, in partnership with the School District, has developed a program to meet these standards; and

WHEREAS, funding is available from a federal Title I grant; and

WHEREAS, BFSA Staff have reviewed the terms of the Agreement and recommend approval;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Buffalo Fiscal Stability Authority approve and authorize the Buffalo School District to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Buffalo Educational Support Team and a contract with Buffalo State College to provide teacher aide training, subject to approval of the Buffalo Board of Education.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Approved March 8, 2006

/S/ Rev. Richard A. Stenhouse  
Richard A. Stenhouse, Secretary