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Dear BTA Member:

July 1, 1976

A letter has arrived in the mail from the NEA which states, "Congratulations to you and your membership on the decision to affiliate with NEA." AND "At the June Cabinet meeting the Brentwood Teachers Association was granted NYEA charter affiliation."

It is obvious that the NEA desperate at the lack of progress on Long Island has now resorted to Watergate tactics and any future listing of NEA locals must now be reviewed with distrust. If the NYEA list of locals is created from situations like this, it is obvious that their list is fictitious and that they are becoming desperate. Please be assured of the following:

THE BTA HAS DISAFFILIATED FROM THE NEA AS OF MARCH 25, 1976.

THE BTA NEVER REQUESTED AFFILIATION WITH NYEA NOR DOES IT PLAN ANY REQUEST IN THE FUTURE.

Any statement to the contrary has only as its purpose the sowing of confusion among our members.

The Union is delaying our previously announced suit against the District to obtain a complete district-wide seniority list. We have just been informed the District will turn over to us on or before July 9th this long-sort-for seniority list. As soon as we receive this list and it is validated, we will be able to make available specific information to any member who requests it.

Our third case against the school district which involves the firing of teachers out of order of the seniority list has begun. Papers are being filed as this goes to press. It is evident that the District after having lost two legal decisions and an appeal still feels that it has to begin the process all over again. Another suit may soon be filed. We feel we have no option but to protect the rights of our members - so back into court we go.

Professional Council will be hearing cases of involuntary transfer which have been filed by our members. Grievances have been initiated to protect those members who have been placed out of their certification areas. If you feel that you fall into either of these categories, please contact this office as soon as possible or Dot Zuckerman at 273-4408.

June Dawson will be in the summer school as the grievance contact person. She can be reached at 435-2481 or at home at 666-8207.

Again a reminder that our office has a close down from July 12th through August 20th. The answering phone will be monitored continuously. Feel free to leave messages and your calls will be returned promptly (unless our luck goes bad once again and the equipment fails us, but since it is new equipment we hope this problem will not arise). Answering Phone number is 273-4408.

As of this issue, Mary Ruffino is Coordinator of Communications. Any information distributed by the Union should be cleared through Mary before publication.