

**National Indian Education Association  
NIEA William Demmert Cultural Freedom Award**

The Salamanca City Central School District and the Seneca Nation have worked together for many years to provide academic and social emotional support, Seneca language, culture, and history, and to provide our students with the tools they need to be successful in and out of the classroom. Our programs and supports have grown exponentially over the years and we are excited and proud of where we are today. We are a public school on Indigenous Onöndowa'ga' (Seneca) land and have about 50% Indigenous students from all over. Representing the Onöndowa'ga', and other Hodinosyonih nations of New York and Canada, as well as the Kenaitze and Athabascan tribes of Alaska, and many in between. We have not only grown to provide supports and resources for our students, but our staff, families and community. District wide we offer Seneca language and culture, we have support staff such as social workers and school counselors, and academic supports along with a Native American curriculum team.