

## **CCSBA President Sylvester Cleary Honored by SUNY Fredonia; Appointed to NYS School Boards Association Board of Directors**

**FREDONIA, NY** – The Chautauqua County School Boards Association (CCSBA) is proud to announce that President Sylvester Cleary has been recognized for his outstanding community leadership and appointed to a key regional position on the New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) Board of Directors.

Mr. Cleary recently accepted the **Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation Award** on behalf of the NCCF. The award, presented by SUNY Fredonia, recognizes the Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation's dedicated partnership with the college during its annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Week of Events. This collaboration highlights a shared commitment to equity, education, and community service.

In addition to this local recognition, Mr. Cleary has been appointed as the **NYSSBA Area 3 Director**. In this elevated role, he will serve as a vital voice for school districts across five counties, representing Chautauqua, Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chemung, and Steuben.

"It is an honor to serve our students and educators on both a local and state level," said Mr. Cleary. "Whether accepting the award on behalf of the Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation or advocating for district needs in Albany, the goal remains the same: ensuring every child in our region has the resources and support they need to succeed." Mr. Cleary's leadership extends across multiple educational tiers. In addition to his roles with the CCSBA and NYSSBA, he continues to serve as a member of the Erie 2-Chautauqua-Cattaraugus BOCES Board, further cementing his influence on the educational landscape of Western New York.

**About the Chautauqua County School Boards Association:** The CCSBA serves to support and provide a collaborative voice for school board members throughout Chautauqua County, focusing on leadership development and advocacy for public education.

See photo of Mr. Cleary accepting the award on behalf of the NCCF at SUNY Fredonia below

