

Assembly Resolution No. 2117

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HONORING Sabatino Cimato upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Award of Excellence by the Western New York Educational Services Council

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Sabatino Cimato upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Award of Excellence by the Western New York Educational Services Council, celebrated on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at the 18th annual Awards for Excellence Banquet at the Creekside Banquet Hall in Cheektowaga, New York; and

WHEREAS, Western New York Educational Services Council is a nonprofit organization that supports school districts throughout the region; the purpose of the Awards of Excellence program is to honor school staff and leaders who make a difference for students, have a track record of amazing leadership, go above and beyond in their job duties, and demonstrate excellent personal characteristics that make them a role model for students; and

WHEREAS, Sabatino Cimato is receiving this prestigious award for his role as Superintendent of the Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda School District; additionally, Superintendent Cimato will be awarded the Erie County Association of School Boards' Diana R. Miller Service to Education Award; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1981, the Diana R. Miller Service to Education Award is given in honor of the late Diana Miller; the award is given to individuals who have contributed to the betterment of education and assisted ECASB in its mission of supporting school districts and boards of education in Erie County; and

WHEREAS, Serving as Superintendent of schools since July of 2020, Sabatino Cimato has been celebrated for numerous initiatives that have been implemented under his leadership, which have had an extremely positive impact on students, families and the community; those innovations include a new office of school culture, new security initiatives, new secondary programming and the district leadership council; and

WHEREAS, Under his able leadership, the Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda School District has significantly expanded its universal pre-kindergarten program and also created one of the region's first full-day UPK programs, housed by Hamilton Elementary School, which

closed in 2016; additionally, the district has expanded its tremendously successful Big Picture program and secured a BEDS code for the former Kenmore Middle School; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Sabatino Cimato upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Award of Excellence by the Western New York Educational Services Council; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted Sabatino Cimato.