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**Re:** Press Release – HIP Week – Native American Heritage Month

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November is Native American Heritage Month. The Salamanca City Central School District - Seneca Youth Council will be hosting another H.I.P. week (Honoring Indigenous Peoples) this school year.

This will include a spirit (dress up) days, facts given daily on the morning announcements during H.I.P week, and a H.I.P. week challenge to all 1<sup>st</sup> period classes at the High School. Around the school there will be signs up with various facts about Native Americans and Seneca history. These facts will also be announced during the morning announcements.

The challenge is to pay attention to these facts because during H.I.P. week there will be a question daily and the answers are in the facts that are shared.

Seneca Youth Council hopes everyone has fun participating in the dress up days and wishes all 1<sup>st</sup> period classes luck in the H.I.P. week challenge

**Other events happening throughout the week include:**

On November 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> the Salamanca City Central School District will host Broken Walls.

"Based on Native American/ First Nations Heritage of North America, Broken Walls is a band that travels extensively around the world communicating a message of restoration dignity, self-respect, and Creator's Love to all cultures." They will perform for the student body grades 4-12 on Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup> and for the community on Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at the Salamanca High School auditorium (see flyer attached in email).

Tuesday, **November 20<sup>th</sup>**, we welcome back **The Allegany Indian River Dancers** will be performing at all three schools. The group is comprised of local singers and dancers who perform traditional Hodinosyonih "Iroquois" social dances and songs. Some of our students are in the group. Along with the music, the group also shares about Hodinosyonih culture and traditions.

We will also be welcoming back Native American storyteller, **Perry Ground**. Perry is an animated storyteller who always captivates our students and staff! His enthusiasm and knowledge make for a spectacular event.

Please visit our website at [www.salamancany.org](http://www.salamancany.org) and go to the 'Native Services' tab to see photos and videos of last years events along with upcoming activities within our district.