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SECOND ANNUAL FUNDRAISER SUPPORTING
THE SAY YES TO EDUCATION ENDOWMENT**

*Three Leaders Call On Community to “Say Yes” To Their Appeal,
Raising Funds for the Say Yes Scholarships*

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Syracuse Mayor Stephanie A. Miner, Superintendent of Schools Sharon L. Contreras and Onondaga County Executive Joanne M. Mahoney announced they will be sponsoring a gala fundraiser to support the Say Yes to Education Foundation Endowment which provides scholarships to Syracuse City School District students.

“With over 2,000 students enrolled in college, we have seen the Say Yes to Education promise realized,” said **Syracuse Mayor Stephanie A. Miner**. “These are all students who may not otherwise have had the opportunity to do so. Fundamentally, Say Yes works and I am proud to have made Syracuse the first Say Yes City in America. With the support of the community we can continue their mission.”

“Thousands of students from the Syracuse City School District have seen their dreams of attending college become a reality thanks to the Say Yes to Education College Endowment Fund,” said **Superintendent of Schools Sharon L. Contreras**. “Our current students are our future leaders, and this Endowment guarantees a stronger tomorrow not just for our youngsters but also for the Syracuse region as a whole. I look forward to joining Mayor Miner, County Executive Mahoney and members of our community to ensure that each Syracuse student with ambition to achieve a higher education is supported in bringing that goal to fruition.”

“We are seeing progress thanks to the efforts of Say Yes to Education,” said **Onondaga County Executive Joanie Mahoney**. “We owe it to the kids and the community to keep moving forward with the scholarship endowment so that college is possible for students who work hard to graduate high school.”

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The fundraiser will take place on Saturday, October 3 at the Landmark Theatre. Tickets for the “Champions Reception” from 6 to 7 PM, are \$500 per person. Tickets for the “Community Reception” from 7 to 10 PM are \$100 per person. Patrons are also invited to sponsor a Say Yes scholar to attend the event for \$100. Parking will be available for free on the streets and in the Trolley Lot, directly behind the Museum of Science and Technology. Paid parking will be available in City garages. This year’s celebration is sponsored by POMCO and IBEW Local 43.

The Say Yes to Education Endowment Fund is managed by the Central New York Community Foundation, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Reservations can be made by contacting the Central New York Community Foundation at 315-422-9538 or by going to sayyesbenefitevent.eventbrite.com. All contributions are tax deductible and eligible for matching dollars from SRC, Inc. 100% of ticket sales benefit the Say Yes Endowment Fund.

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