The 2017 recipient of the NYS AHPERD Award of Distinction for a School Leader is Dr. Beverly Ziegler. Beverly earned her Bachelor of Science and master’s degrees in physical education and a Certificate of Advanced Study in Educational Administration from The College at Brockport. She completed her doctorate in executive leadership at St. John Fisher College. She is the director of physical education, health and wellness in the Greece Central School District. Throughout her career, Beverly’s primary focus has been building internal capacity. This has allowed her staff to take on leadership roles and ownership in program challenges and achievements. With her vision and unwavering determination, Beverly was successful in securing numerous grants to support and enhance the K-12 health and physical education curriculum. The recurring theme of each letter of recommendation submitted for Beverly highlighted her passion for helping all students appreciate the value of physical activity and lifelong fitness as it relates to their overall wellbeing. Recognition of her exceptional leadership abilities which have elevated and transformed the physical education program throughout her district was emphasized. Her colleague stated, “Bev possesses the instructional vision to not only recognize what needs to be done, but how to accomplish each task. The impact Bev has had on the Greece physical education and health programs and its students is immeasurable. She is a tremendous leader who possesses vision, empowers her staff and leads by example.” President Wolfe, it is my honor to present to you the recipient of the 2017 Award of Distinction for a School Leader, Dr. Beverly Ziegler.