



Superintendent, Anibal Soler, Jr.

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Message from Superintendent Soler

Dear Yonkers Public Schools
Community,

This week reminded me once again of the incredible spirit that makes our district so special. From powerful moments of recognition and celebration to students using their voices to shape the future, there was no shortage of that signature Yonkers Magic in our buildings.

We started the week by honoring the strength of community.



**Yonkers My Sister's Keeper (MSK) Students
at the Official State-wide MSK Kickoff Event with
New York State Commissioner Dr. Betty Rosa**

I had the privilege of joining Mayor Mike Spano, the YMCA and the SNUG Neighborhood Violence Prevention Program at Yonkers Middle High School for a powerful roundtable on public safety and youth leadership. It's encouraging to see our young people stepping up and even more meaningful when the city and our schools work hand in hand to uplift them.

I was proud to see our Yonkers My Sister's Keeper (MSK) students attend the official state-wide kickoff of the New York State MSK initiative at Bronx Community College. This wasn't just a trip – it was an experience. Our girls had the opportunity to hear from Chancellor Dr. Lester Young, and Commissioner Dr. Betty Rosa, led by our very own Associate Superintendent Lissette Colón-Collins, all who continue to pave the way for equity in education. The energy in that space was powerful, and I know our MSK students walked away inspired and empowered.

I also visited School 21, where I spent time with Principal Leslie Powell-Grant and had the chance to connect with students and staff. These school visits are some of the best parts of my week – it's where I truly get to see learning taking place in our classrooms and meet the teachers who make it happen.

Speaking of leadership, our Superintendent's Student Leadership Advisory Council met again this week. These student leaders aren't just sharing ideas – they're shaping district decisions. Their insight is invaluable, and I'm so proud of their commitment to making our schools better for everyone.

Message from Superintendent Soler (Continued)

At this week's Board of Education meeting, we celebrated some remarkable achievements. We honored the Yonkers Montessori Academy Lady Eagles, who made history by winning the school's first-ever Sectional Championship in girls' basketball – breaking a 30-year citywide streak. We also recognized Saunders Trades and Technical High School students for their incredible bridge design projects that combined creativity with engineering. These moments remind us how talent and determination thrive here in Yonkers.

We also launched the first round of our School Math Problem Solving Competition, had students help shape next year's lunch menu during a food services tasting, and held our second Strategic Planning Committee meeting as we continue developing a roadmap for the future of our schools.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement – whether it's attending a school event, giving feedback through surveys, or simply helping your child thrive at home. You're a part of this journey, and I'm grateful we get to build this future together.

Wishing you a restful weekend ahead.



Aníbal Soler, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools



*City of Yonkers IT Commissioner Bob Cacace,
Superintendent Soler, Executive Director of
Science & Instructional Technology Elan Kheyman
visit School 16 for Technology Assessment in
Classrooms*

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Digest

From key moments with Superintendent Soler to exciting events across our schools, Yonkers Magic was on full display. Catch up on all the highlights and celebrations happening in YPS this week!

State-wide Kickoff of My Sister's Keeper



Empowering Young Women of Yonkers MSK

Our My Sister's Keeper students attended the state-wide kickoff event for NYS MSK at Bronx Community College, where they met and heard from inspiring leaders, including Board of Regents Chancellor Dr. Lester Young, and NYSED Commissioner Dr. Betty Rosa, led by Associate Superintendent Lissette Colón-Collins. The event focused on equity, empowerment, and lifting up the next generation of women leaders.

SNUG Roundtable with Mayor Spano



Community Collaboration in Action

Superintendent Soler joined Mayor Mike Spano, the YMCA and Board President Dr. Del Vecchio at Yonkers Middle High School to talk safety, support, and leadership during a roundtable discussion with the SNUG program. Student leaders came together to discuss strategies to uplift youth voices and create safer spaces.

Celebrating Champions & Creators



YMA Lady Eagles & Saunders Bridge Design Winners Honored

The Board of Education celebrated the Yonkers Montessori Academy Lady Eagles Girls Basketball Team for winning their first-ever Sectional Championship – a historic victory 30 years in the making.

Also honored were Saunders High School seniors, who wowed judges with their creative and structurally sound entries in the Architectural Bridge Design Contest.

Thank you to Mayor Mike Spano for joining us for the ceremony and celebrating our students.

Students Taste Test New Menu Options



Feedback on the Fork: Food Services Gets Student Input

Thanks to district-wide feedback, students helped shape next year's lunch menu by participating in a taste testing event hosted by Food Services Director Cherise Tafe and her team.

School 21 Visit with Principal Leslie Powell-Grant



A Day of Learning, Joy, and Connection

Superintendent Soler stopped by School 21, meeting with Principal Leslie Powell-Grant, teachers, and students. The visit highlighted the incredible work happening every day inside the classrooms –from engaging instruction to a strong sense of community throughout the building.

Student Voice Front & Center



Superintendent's Student Leadership Advisory Council Meets Again

Student leaders from across Yonkers gathered for the Superintendent's Student Leadership Advisory Council, where they shared input on school improvement, student experiences, and new ideas to benefit future graduates.

We're Hiring Substitute Teachers!



Yonkers Public Schools is Hiring Substitute Teachers!

Looking for a flexible job where you can make a real impact? Yonkers Public Schools is looking for substitute teachers to support our students and schools.

Why Apply?

- Set Your Own Schedule – Work when it works for you
- Competitive Pay – Earn while making a difference
- No Experience Needed – Just a passion for education

What You Need:

- Bachelor's Degree
- Completed Application
- Experience with children is a plus, but not required

Flexible Schedules, Competitive Pay, and a Chance to Make a Difference

Looking for a meaningful and flexible job? Yonkers Public Schools is hiring substitute teachers! Whether you're exploring a career in education or looking to support your local schools, this is your opportunity to make a real impact.

Apply today:

yonkerspublicschools.org/careers

First Annual Math Competition Begins



Problem-Solving Meets Friendly Competition

Round 1 of our inaugural School Math Problem Solving Challenge launched this week with students from across the district showcasing their skills.

More Pre-K Options Available!



Half-Day UPK-4 Programs Through CBO Partnerships

In addition to full-day Universal Pre-K, Yonkers Public Schools offers half-day UPK-4 programs through partnerships with local Community-Based Organizations (CBOs).

*Spots are limited — **register today!***

Visit: www.yonkerspublicschools.org/register

For more information call: (914) 376-8050

Calling all Creators!



An Opportunity to Collaborate with Like-minded Individuals

The Yonkers Arts is launching the Junior Arts League, a dynamic space for high school creatives to meet every Friday from 3 PM to 6 PM. This is your chance to collaborate with fellow artists, develop your brand, and explore the business side of creativity. Take advantage of the opportunity to connect with mentors, established artists, and professionals in the creative industry.

[Click here to register!](http://www.yonkerspublicschools.org/register)

Breaking Fast at Yonkers Middle High School



SASA Hosts Iftar at YMHS

The Yonkers Middle High Schools (YMHS) South Asian Student Association (SASA) brought students, staff, and families together for a wonderful night of celebration and togetherness as they broke their fast for Iftar.

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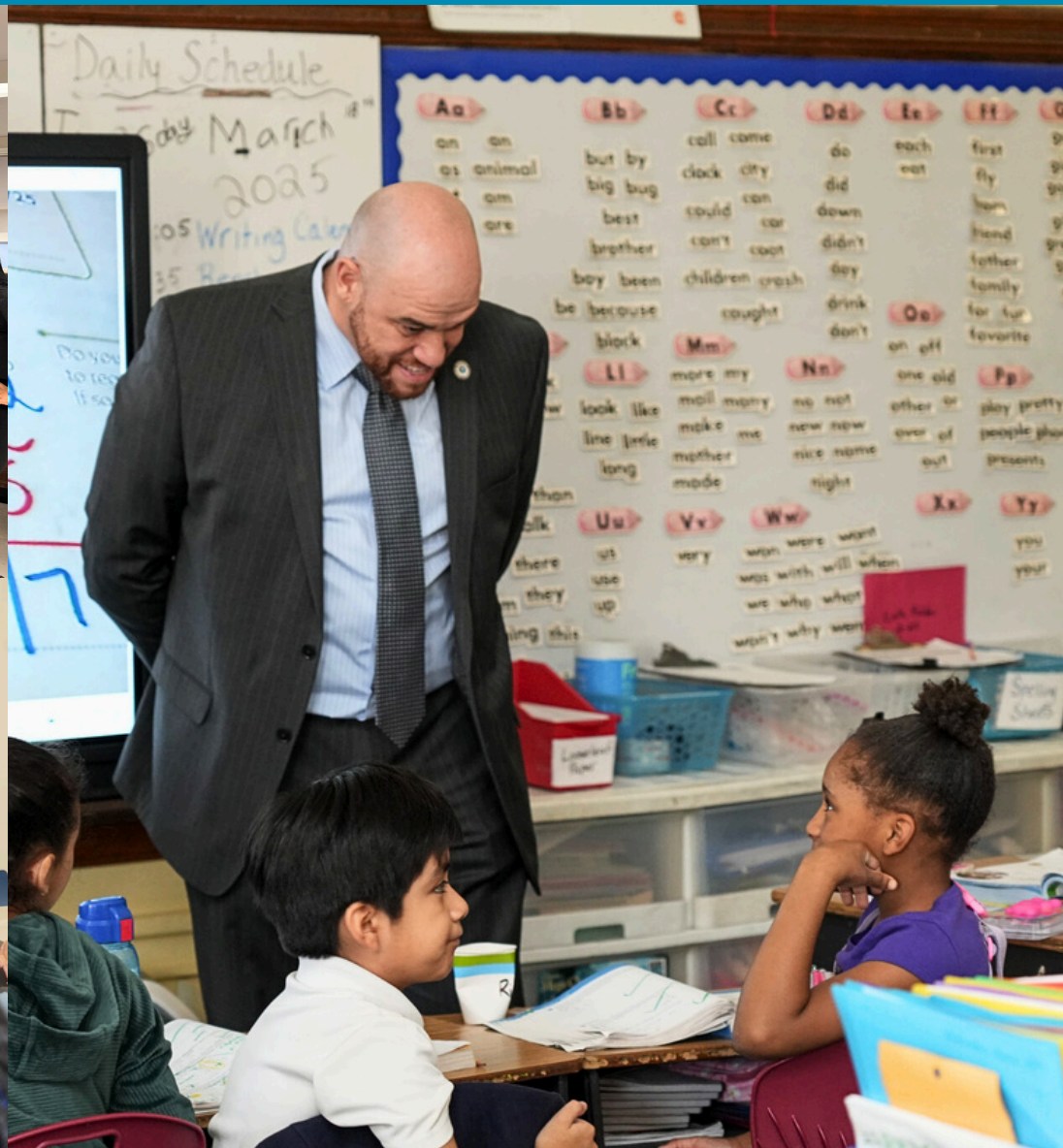
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Superintendent Soler's Week in Review Photos

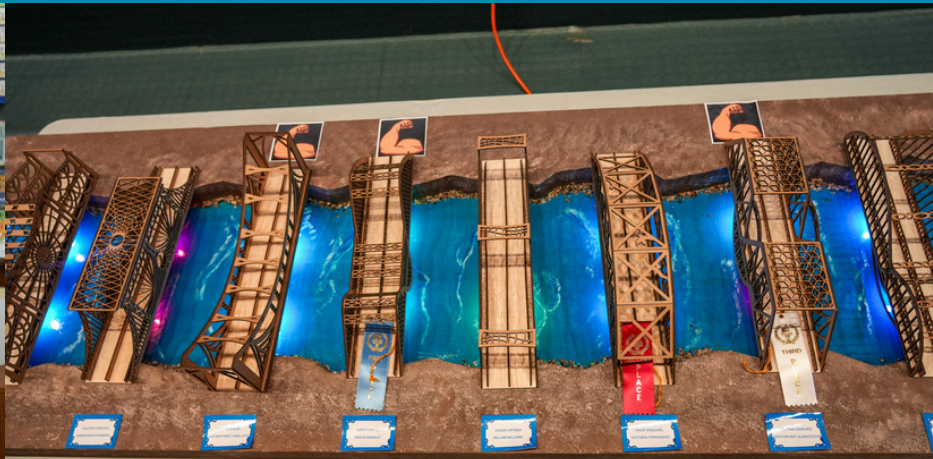


District Digest

Photos From Across The District



School 21 Students Are Eager to Participate in Class



Award Winning Bridges Designed and Built by Saunders High School Students



Students Preview New School Lunch Menu Items Arriving for the 2025-2026 School Year



Lincoln High School Academy of Finance Students Teach Financial Literacy to K-6 Students Through the Junior Achievement Program



Saunders High School Students Learn About the YPD Cadet Program

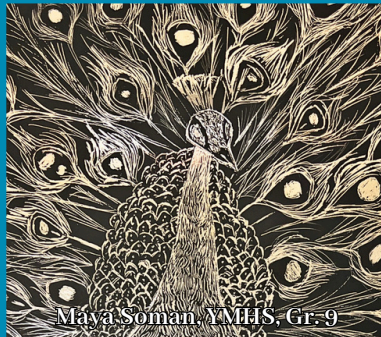
YPS STUDENT ARTWORK



Milagros Lopez, Enrico Fermi, Gr. 6



Sadiq Henry, MLKA, Pre-K



Maya Soman, YMHHS, Gr. 9



Jacob Medina, Justice Sonia
Sotomayor School, Gr. 5



Rosalina Pastrana, Halmi, Gr. 9



Daniel Clarke, Yonkers Montessori Academy, Gr. 12