



Superintendent, Anibal Soler, Jr.

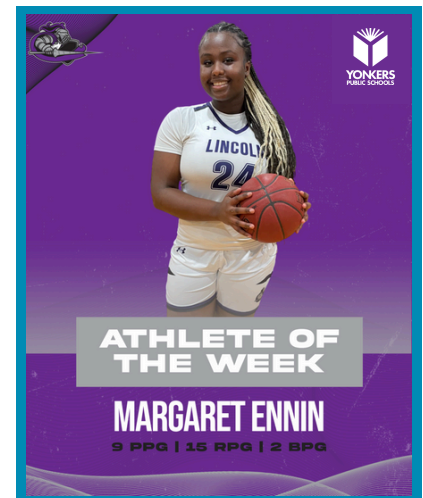
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Message from Superintendent Soler

Dear Yonkers Public Schools Community,

This week, I met with Mayor Mike Spano and the Conference of Big 5 Schools which advocates for the New York State's largest school districts. We continued to strengthen our partnership and discussed the challenges facing our district and possible solutions to be considered in the 2025 - 2026 school budget.



Congratulations to the Athlete of the Week, Margaret Ennin, Lincoln High School

Also while students and staff enjoyed a well-deserved break in observance of Lunar New Year, the work of advocating for our schools continued. I traveled to Albany to testify before the New York State Legislature, fighting for the funding our students deserve.

The time is now to fund Yonkers Public Schools fairly.

My message was simple: **Protect the Investment. Protect the Progress. Protect Yonkers Public Schools.** Our students' future depends on New York State leaders in the Senate and Assembly stepping up to ensure our schools receive equitable funding.

As we continue these efforts, I have been meeting with various departments across the district to discuss the critical needs that will help us best support our students.

While we continue to fight for the funding our schools deserve, we also remain deeply committed to ensuring that every student no matter their background feels safe, supported, and valued in our schools.

As a proud Latino and an educator, I understand the concerns many of our immigrant families face, especially in uncertain times. Yonkers Public Schools is dedicated to maintaining a safe, welcoming, and inclusive environment for all students. Every child in our district has the right to a high-quality education, regardless of their immigration status.

Message from Superintendent Soler (Continued)

To reinforce this commitment, we are sharing [NYSED guidance on immigrant student rights](#) to provide clarity and reassurance for families.

In addition, I had the opportunity to strengthen our partnerships with NAACP Yonkers and Yonkers Partners in Education (YPIE), two organizations dedicated to providing invaluable resources and support to our students and families. Collaborating with these groups help expand opportunities for our students and ensure they have the support systems they need to thrive.



Students at School 5 Made Lanterns to Celebrate the Lunar New Year

Finally, a reminder that **Monday, February 3rd, is the deadline to submit feedback for our [Yonkers Public Schools 2030 Strategic Plan](#)**. Your voice matters, and your input will help shape the direction of our district for years to come. If you haven't already, I encourage you to take a few minutes to complete the survey.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. Together, we will ensure our students receive the best education possible.



Anibal Soler, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools

Get a front-row seat to what Superintendent Soler has been up to and what Yonkers Public Schools is celebrating this week. From his key moments to exciting activities across our schools, it's all right here!

Congratulations to Yonkers Middle High School's Maricel Vasquez!



Recipient of the Annette Hroncich Westchester County Cheerleading Scholarship

A special congratulations to Yonkers Middle High School Senior, Maricel Vasquez, for receiving the Annette Hroncich Westchester County Cheerleading Scholarship!

Her team was overcome with emotion as they learned of her amazing accomplishment. Join us in celebrating Maricel's hard work and dedication.

[#YonkersMagic!](#)

Happy Lunar New Year!



Wishing Health, Prosperity, and Happiness to Those Who Celebrate

Yonkers Public Schools were closed on Wednesday, January 29, 2025, in observance of Lunar New Year. To all who celebrate, we wish you a year filled with good fortune, prosperity, and happiness!

Final Call: Yonkers Public Schools 2030 Strategic Plan Survey



Deadline to Submit Your Feedback: Monday, February 3rd

Time is running out! The deadline to submit feedback for the Yonkers Public Schools 2030 Strategic Plan Survey is Monday, February 3rd. Your input will help shape the future of our schools, ensuring that we continue to grow, improve, and meet the needs of our students and families.

[Have your voice heard! Take the Survey Today](#)

International Holocaust Remembrance Day

INTERNATIONAL
**HOLOCAUST
REMEMBRANCE**
DAY

January 27th



Honoring the Victims and Survivors

This week marked International Holocaust Remembrance Day, commemorating the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau in 1945.

We remember the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust, honor the survivors, and recognize the millions of other victims of Nazism. As we reflect, we reaffirm our commitment to educating future generations on the importance of remembrance, tolerance, and standing against hate.

Fighting for Fair Funding in Albany



Superintendent Soler Testifies Before the NYS Legislature

Superintendent Anibal Soler, Jr. traveled to Albany to testify before the New York State Legislature, advocating for the funding Yonkers Public Schools needs to support its students.

Did you know Yonkers could receive up to \$22 million more in state aid, but because of where we are located, we are unfairly penalized in the funding distribution?

The time is now to fund Yonkers fairly. We need New York State legislators to Protect the Investment. Protect the Progress. Protect Yonkers Public Schools.

[Watch Superintendent Soler's Testimony Here](#)

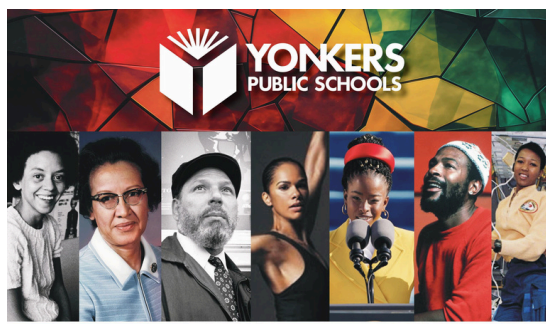
Strengthening Partnerships



Meetings with NAACP & Yonkers Partners in Education (YPIE)

Superintendent Soler met with NAACP Yonkers and Yonkers Partners in Education (YPIE) to discuss ways to strengthen collaboration and enhance support for our students. These partnerships help provide crucial educational resources, mentorship opportunities, and pathways to success for Yonkers Public Schools students.

Celebrating Black History Month



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR DISTRICT-WIDE
BLACK HISTORY
Celebration
 AFRICAN AMERICANS AND LABOR

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2025

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL

375 KNEELAND AVE, YONKERS, NY 10704

SNOW DATE: Friday, February 28, 2025

THIS EVENT IS A REPRESENTATION OF THE TALENTS AND DIVERSITY OF OUR FAMILIES, STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS. WE ARE CELEBRATING THE HISTORIC CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS THAT INSPIRED THIS GENERATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE TO LEAD AND ACT.

For further information, please contact
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A Celebration of Black History and Excellence

Yonkers Public Schools proudly celebrates Black History Month with an inspiring evening at Lincoln High School. Join us as we honor the achievements, talents, and contributions of African Americans throughout history, showcasing the diversity and excellence of our students, families, and educators. Let's come together to reflect, celebrate, and inspire the next generation of leaders!

District Digest

Superintendent Soler's Week in Review Photos



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Photos From Across The District



Yonkers Middle High School Science Olympiad @ Columbia University's Hamilton Hall



Stew Leonard's Supports RHS Sharks



School 17 Students Are Happy It's Friday!



Family School 32 Student Government Inauguration



Lunar New Years Arts & Crafts @ School 5

YPS STUDENT ARTWORK



Samantha Morcelos, YMHS, Gr. 10



Valentine Mehaj, YMA, Gr. 9



Jayden Matilde, Cesar Chavez, Gr. 5



Diella Labella, YMA, Gr. 11



Zhalijanna Infante Cruz, School 23, Gr. 7



Kelly Vincente & Ashlyn Munive Picazo, School 23, Gr. 6