



*Superintendent, Anibal Soler, Jr.*

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## Message from Superintendent Soler

Dear Yonkers Public Schools  
Community,

**February is a time to honor, reflect, and celebrate as we recognize Black History Month a month dedicated to acknowledging the profound contributions of Black leaders, educators, and trailblazers who have shaped our history and continue to inspire the next generation.**



*Superintendent Soler with Khalil Gibran School  
Students During World Read Aloud Day*

**Throughout the month, our schools will engage in meaningful discussions, lessons, and activities that highlight the impact of Black excellence and the ongoing fight for justice and equality.**

This week the Yonkers Magic was on full display across our schools from celebrating reading with students to recognizing the power of sports in shaping young women's futures. Even with a midweek snow day, our schools remained full of energy, collaboration, and learning.

**However, I want to start with an important call to action.**

**Yonkers Public Schools is facing a \$68 million budget deficit, and we need your input. As we work to strengthen schools, improve efficiency, and maintain financial sustainability, we want to hear from you!** Your feedback will help shape our recommendations to the Board of Education, ensuring that the voices of our families and community guide our next steps. **Please take a moment to complete the Yonkers Public Schools Community Survey.** [Click here to participate.](https://www.yonkerspublicschools.org/survey)

I kicked off my week with my personal favorite, school visits! I went to Paideia School 24 and School 22, where I witnessed firsthand the dedication of Principal Kim Davis, Principal Sony Grandoit, and their teams. Seeing our students engaged in learning and thriving in a supportive environment is always inspiring.

## *Message from Superintendent Soler (Continued)*

We also held a Principals Meeting at Cross Hill Academy, reinforcing our shared commitment to student success. Strong school leadership is key to ensuring every child in Yonkers Public Schools has access to the education they deserve.

It was a joy to celebrate World Reading Day with Mayor Mike Spano at Khalil Gibran School, where we read to students and encouraged a lifelong love of books. We also celebrated National Girls and Women in Sports Day, highlighting the importance of athletics in building confidence, teamwork, and leadership skills for young women in our district.

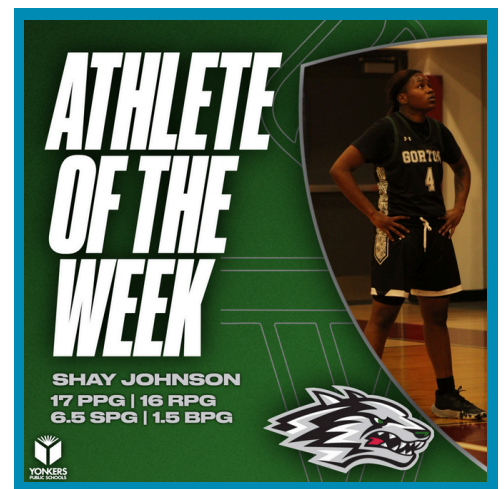
I met with the Yonkers Council of PTAs to discuss ways to strengthen advocacy efforts and expand collaboration. The partnership between our schools and families is critical to student success, and I appreciate their continued engagement in making Yonkers Public Schools stronger.

**Another exciting announcement:** [Nominations for Yonkers Teacher of the Year are now open!](#) We are looking for teachers from all subject areas, and nominations are welcome from students, parents, staff members, and the general public. This is our chance to recognize the incredible educators who make a difference in the lives of our students every day. **Submit your nomination by March 3, 2025.**

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our students. Let's keep working together to ensure that Yonkers Public Schools remains a place of opportunity, growth, and Yonkers Magic for every child.



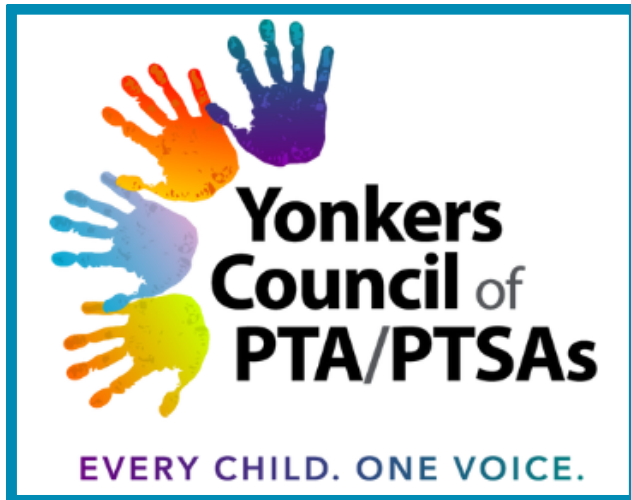
**Aníbal Soler, Jr.**  
Superintendent of Schools



*Congratulations to the Athlete of the Week,  
Shay Johnson, Gorton High School*

*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!*

### **Strengthening Parent-School Collaboration**



#### **Meeting with the Yonkers Council of PTAs**

*Superintendent Soler met with the Yonkers Council of PTAs to discuss advocacy efforts, collaboration opportunities, and ways to strengthen the connection between schools and families. Parent engagement plays a key role in student success, and we are grateful for the continued support of our PTA leaders!*

### **Leaders Learning from Leaders**



#### **Superintendent Talks Leadership, Community, & Yonkers Magic**

*In the latest episode of SuperEval: Leaders Learning from Leaders, Superintendent Soler joins host Steve Barkley for an insightful conversation about leadership, education, and the power of community engagement in urban schools.*

[Click here to watch the interview](#)



## Celebrating World Reading Day at Khalil Gibran School



### A Special Day with a Special Guest!

*To celebrate World Reading Day, Superintendent Soler was joined by Mayor Spano at Khalil Gibran School to read to some of our little learners. Encouraging a love for books at an early age helps foster creativity, critical thinking, and lifelong learning. Thank you to all the students who participated!*

## Teacher of the Year Nominations Are Now Open!

# NOMINATE A TEACHER OF THE YEAR



### Recognizing Excellence in Education

*Do you know a Yonkers Public Schools teacher who goes above and beyond for their students? Nominations for Teacher of the Year are now open!*

*We are seeking nominations for:  
Teachers from all subject areas  
Nominations from students, parents, staff, and  
community members*

**Deadline: March 3, 2025**

**[Submit a nomination here](#)**



## School Visits: Paideia School 24 & School 22



### Engaged Students & Dedicated Leaders

*Superintendent Soler visited Paideia School 24 led by Principal Kim Davis and School 22 led by Principal Sony Grandoit. Seeing students engaged in learning and thriving in a supportive environment highlights the dedication of our educators and school leaders. Thank you to the school leaders and staff for their commitment to excellence.*

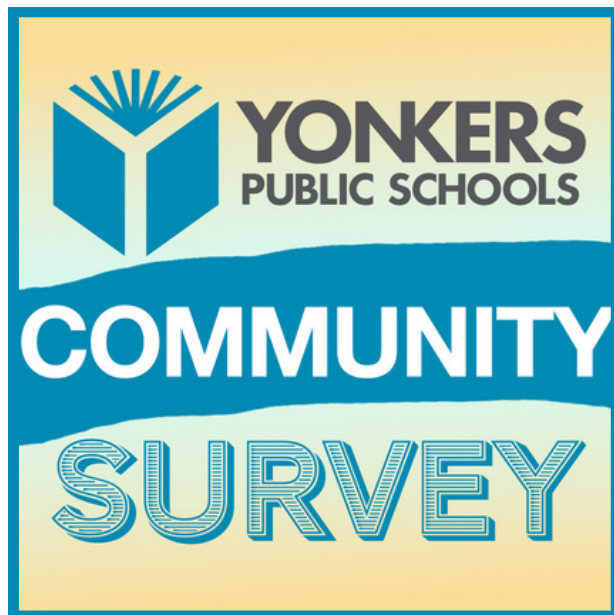
## National Girls & Women in Sports Day



### Empowering Young Female Athletes

*Yonkers Public Schools proudly celebrated National Girls & Women in Sports Day with Mayor Spano, recognizing the power of athletics in shaping strong, confident, and determined young women. Sports provide valuable life lessons in teamwork, leadership, and perseverance, and we are proud of our student-athletes who continue to break barriers!*

## Yonkers Public Schools Community Survey We Need Your Input!



### We Want to Hear from YOU, Your Voice Matters

Yonkers Public Schools is facing a \$68 million budget deficit, and we must explore cost-saving measures to ensure we continue providing a high-quality education for all students.

As we work to strengthen schools, improve efficiency, and maintain financial sustainability, we want to hear from YOU. Your feedback will help shape our recommendations to the Board of Education to reflect the priorities of our families and community.

Take the survey: [Click here to participate](#)

## 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.

### 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



Plory from iReady visits Rosemarie Ann Sirsgusa School



Black History Month Trivia @ Paideia School 24



Hands-on Learning at Montessori School 31



Teacher Professional Development @ School 30



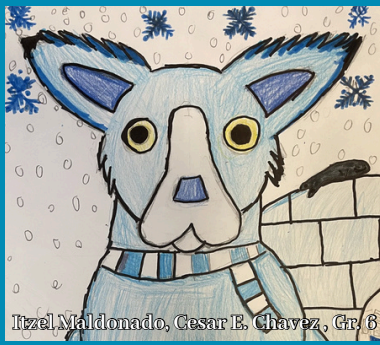
iReady Data Dive Principal's Meeting



# YPS STUDENT ARTWORK



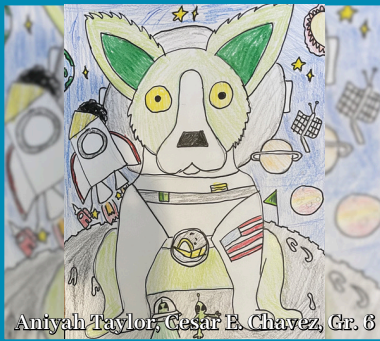
Alejandro Rosete, YMA, Gr. 10



Itzel Maldonado, Cesar E. Chavez, Gr. 6



Zahjannia Infante Cruz, School 23, Gr. 7



Aniyah Taylor, Cesar E. Chavez, Gr. 8



Isabella Costa, YMA, Gr. 10



Lucas Centeno, Boyce Thompson, Gr. 6



Olivia Delikat, Yonkers Middle High School, Gr. 10