

Superintendent's Week In Review Vol. 1 Issue 24: Feb. 28, 2025



Superintendent, Aníbal Soler, Jr.

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Message from Superintendent Soler

Dear Yonkers Public Schools Community,

This week, the Yonkers Board of Education made the difficult but necessary decision to close Museum School 25 at the end of this school year. Decisions like these are never easy, but as we right-size our district, we must ensure that enrollment aligns with vacancies and that our resources are used effectively to provide the best possible education for all students.



Learning in Action at This Week's School Choice Expo

To the families impacted, I want to reassure you that there will be a special ballot process for school choice consideration, ensuring that every child has a smooth transition. If you have any questions, please contact us at (914) 376-8000 or visit yonkerspublicschools.org for more information.

Amidst these challenges, we also came together in celebration this week. Our Black History Month Celebration was a powerful evening attended by over 500 people, highlighting the rich cultural contributions and achievements of the Black community. A special thank you to Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins, our keynote speaker, and to our incredible student performers and hosts, MBK students Lenex Sikafoo-Minnow and Lenny Toribio from Roosevelt High School - Early College Studies.

This week, the Associate Superintendents and I visited schools where we congratulated this year's class of valedictorians and salutatorians. I was also proud to visit Riverside High School to personally congratulate our valedictorian and salutatorian for their outstanding achievements. Celebrating our students' hard work and academic success is one of the best parts of my role as Superintendent.

This week, we also took an important step in shaping the future of Yonkers Public Schools by hosting our first Strategic Planning Committee meeting. Using insights from the district's strategic plan survey, we brought together building leaders, teachers, and community partners to help shape the district's future. Your feedback is guiding us in making informed decisions that will strengthen our schools.



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Message from Superintendent Soler (Continued)

Additionally, our My Brother's Keeper (MBK) chapter leaders met at the Yonkers Arts Studio to continue our mission-driven work in mentoring and empowering young men of color. These meetings ensure we are building strong support systems that lead to success in and beyond the classroom.

Lastly, I want to extend my best wishes to all those celebrating the start of Ramadan! May this holy month be one of reflection, peace, and fulfillment for you and your families.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement. As we navigate challenges and celebrate successes, let's continue to move forward together, strengthening the Yonkers Magic that makes our district so special.



Superintendent Soler Participates as a Guest in the First MBK Podcast Episode

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Aníbal Soler, Jr. Superintendent of Schools

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!

Valedictorian & Salutatorian Visits



Valedictorian, Ian Cavalluzzi



Salutatorian, Mesyah-Eloheem Thomas-Harvey

Celebrating Hard Work and Achievement

Superintendent Soler visited Riverside High School this week to personally congratulate the Valedictorian, Ian Cavalluzzi, and Salutatorian, Mesyah-Eloheem Thomas-Harvey, for their academic excellence. These students have demonstrated outstanding dedication to their studies, and we are proud to celebrate their hard work and success.

Congratulations to all of this year's top graduates – we look forward to seeing all that you will accomplish!

My Brother's Keeper (MBK) Chapter Meeting at Yonkers Arts Studio

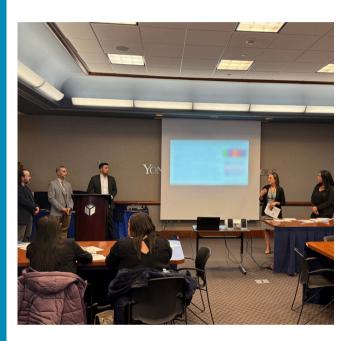


Building Stronger Support Systems for Our Students

This week, MBK Yonkers gathered at the Yonkers Arts Studio for an important chapter meeting. These gatherings provide a space to mentor, uplift, and create pathways for young men of color, ensuring they have the tools and support needed for success. Yonkers Public Schools remains committed to this work and looks forward to continuing to strengthen MBK programs across our schools.

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Strategic Planning Committee Meeting: Shaping the Future

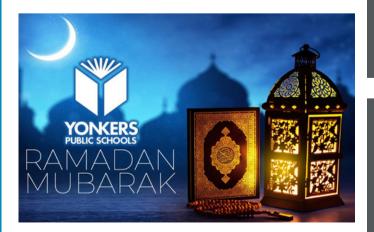


Using Community Feedback to Inform District Goals

Guided by insights from the district's strategic plan survey, Yonkers Public Schools hosted its first Strategic Planning Committee meeting this week. This important session brought together building leaders, teachers, and community partners to collaborate on shaping the district's future.

Your feedback is driving the decisions that will strengthen our schools. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this effort!

Wishing a Blessed Ramadan to Our Community



Best Wishes for a Peaceful and Reflective Holy Month

As Ramadan begins, we extend our best wishes to all those in our school community observing this sacred time. May this month bring peace, reflection, and fulfillment to you and your loved ones.

Ramadan Mubarak!

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Black History Month Celebration: A Night to Remember

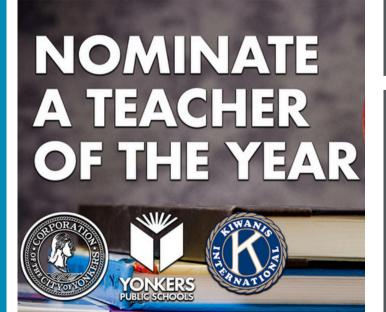


Honoring Culture, Leadership, and Student Talent

Over 500 people attended this year's Black History Month Celebration, a night filled with powerful performances, inspiring words, and community pride. We extend a special thank you to Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins, who delivered an impactful keynote speech, as well as our amazing student hosts, MBK students Lenex Sikafoo-Minnow and Lenny Toribio from Roosevelt High School - Early College Studies.

Thank you to all who attended and participated in this meaningful celebration!

Teacher of the Year Nominations Are Now Open!



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

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Celebrating Leadership: Principals Earn Tenure



Recognizing Dedication and Excellence in Yonkers Public Schools

Congratulations to Principal Laura LaBanca of Kahlil Gibran School and Principal Sony Grandoit of School 22 on earning tenure! Their leadership, commitment, and dedication to their students, staff, and school communities have made a lasting impact.

Earning tenure is a milestone that reflects years of hard work, perseverance, and excellence in education. We are proud to celebrate this achievement and look forward to their continued leadership in Yonkers Public Schools!

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Follow us for the latest news, events, and school highlights.

Be part of the #YonkersMagic!

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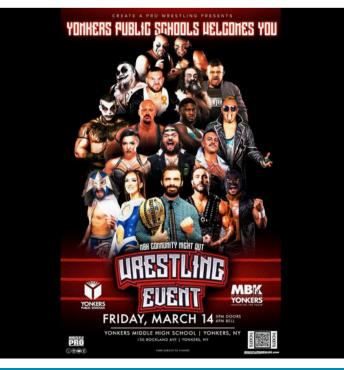
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Upcoming YPS Events





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Upcoming Events Hosted by the Yonkers Public Library



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Photos From Across The District



YPS STUDENT ARTWORK

