

Superintendent's Week In Review

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Superintendent, Aníbal Soler, Jr.

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Message from Superintendent Soler

Dear Yonkers Public Schools Community,

This week has been all about connection – connecting with our families, our students, and our community in meaningful ways.

I checked out the Family Math Carnival at Boyce Thompson School – a packed house, full of energy, laughter, and a whole lot of math!



Students and Families Came Out This Wednesday to Enjoy the Fun-Filled Yonkers Family Math Carnival

Seeing families and students engaged in games and challenges together reminded me why events like this matter. Learning should be fun, and when families are involved, it becomes even more powerful.

Beyond the classrooms, we continued important discussions that shape our schools. I met with the Yonkers Youth Bureau to explore new opportunities for student engagement. We also held our first School Calendar Committee meeting, where we invited the Yonkers Council of PTA, union leaders, and district staff to plan for the 2025 – 2026 school year in a way that truly works for everyone.

Our Strategic Planning Committee met again, continuing the work of shaping the future of Yonkers Public Schools thanks to your feedback and participation in the recent YPS Survey. Stay tuned as more information is to come about Yonkers 2030 – a vision for a sustainable Yonkers Public Schools.

This week, we had the privilege of celebrating a major step forward in student wellness and support at Justice Sonia Sotomayor Community School. With the unveiling of the St. Joseph's Medical Center Health Clinic, we're strengthening our commitment to the community school model, ensuring that students and families have access to essential healthcare and mental health services right where they learn.



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Message from Superintendent Soler (Continued)

This partnership with St. Joseph's Medical Center, alongside Mayor Mike Spano and President & CEO Michael J. Spicer, will help break down barriers to learning, providing students with the care they need to thrive in and out of the classroom.

I also had the opportunity to participate in this week's Yonkers Board of Education Policy and Instructional Affairs Committee meeting, as well as the Facilities and Audit Finance Workshop. These meetings allow us to focus on ensuring our schools are operating effectively and efficiently while advocating for the resources our students and staff need.



Eugenio María de Hostos MicroSociety School Students in Action

Today we also pause to celebrate Holi, the Festival of Colors, recognizing the joy, unity, and renewal that this holiday brings to so many in our community.

And finally – it's time for history in the making! **Tonight, we host our first-ever My Brother's Keeper Wrestling Event at Yonkers Middle High School**. This is more than just a wrestling event – it's about bringing people together, creating opportunities, and celebrating the strength of our students and our community. Doors open at 5 PM, and the action starts at 6 PM. If you haven't gotten your tickets yet, <u>visit this link to join us!</u>

As we close out the week, I want to thank you for your continued support, engagement, and belief in our students. Together, we're making Yonkers Public Schools stronger every day.

See you tonight!

Aníbal Soler, Jr.

Superintendent of Schools



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!

History in the Making!



First-Ever My Brother's Keeper Wrestling Event TONIGHT!

The first-ever MBK Wrestling Event is happening TONIGHT at Yonkers Middle High School! Doors open at 5:00 PM, and the action starts at 6:00 PM. Don't miss out on this incredible night of sportsmanship and community! Tickets are available here:

Purchase Tickets.

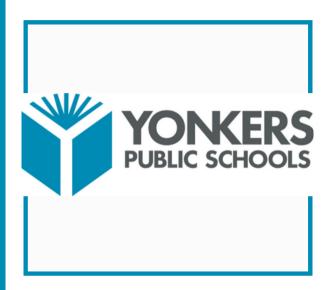
Planning for the Future



First School Calendar Committee Meeting Held

Key stakeholders – including the Yonkers Council of PTAs, union leaders, and district officials were invited for the first School Calendar Committee meeting. The goal? To develop a thoughtful, student-centered calendar for the upcoming school year. Stay tuned for updates!

Advocating for Our Students



Board of Education Policy & Facilities Meetings

The Board of Education held Policy & Instructional
Affairs Committee and Facilities ABF Workshop
meetings this week to address key issues impacting our
schools. Discussions focused on long-term planning,
student achievement, and facility improvements to better
support our students and staff.

Family Fun with Math!



Yonkers Hosts First-Ever Family Math Carnival

Families, students, and educators came together for a night of math, games, and excitement at Boyce Thompson School! The event was a huge success, filled with spirited competitions, interactive activities, and plenty of prizes. Thank you to our teachers, staff, and families for making this a night to remember!

Expanding Opportunities for Youth



Superintendent Meets with Yonkers Youth Bureau

Superintendent Soler met with the Yonkers Youth Bureau to strengthen partnerships and provide more student engagement opportunities. These collaborations help empower students with programs that foster leadership, career readiness, and community service.

Strategic Planning in Action



Third Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

As part of Yonkers Public Schools' long-term vision, the Strategic Planning Committee held its third meeting, ensuring that the district's growth aligns with student and community needs. Thank you to all who participated – your feedback is invaluable!

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Wishing Those Celebrating A Wonderful Holi!



Celebrating the Festival of Colors

Yonkers Public Schools celebrates Holi, a festival that symbolizes joy, renewal, and unity. We wish all who celebrate a holiday filled with color, happiness, and prosperity!

Expanding Student Wellness at Justice Sonia Sotomayor Community School



St. Joseph's Medical Center Health Clinic Ribbon Cutting

Justice Sonia Sotomayor Community School continues to set the standard for community-based education, ensuring students and families have access to essential healthcare and mental health services. This week, Mayor Mike Spano, Superintendent Aníbal Soler, Jr., and St. Joseph's Medical Center President & CEO Michael J. Spicer joined students and staff for the grand opening of the St. Joseph's Medical Center Health Clinic on campus.

This fully integrated health clinic will help remove obstacles to student success by providing medical care, mental health services, and family support - all within the school setting. By investing in student well-being, we're ensuring that every child has the resources to learn, grow, and reach their full potential.

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Superintendent Soler's Week in Review Photos





Photos From Across The District



YPS STUDENT ARTWORK

