



Superintendent, Anibal Soler, Jr.

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Message from Superintendent Soler

Dear Yonkers Public Schools
Families,

As we head into Spring Recess I hope you take this time to recharge, reflect, and enjoy some down time with your family.

This week, I joined the Board of Education for two committee meetings: Budget, Finance and Facilities, and the Policy and Instructional Affairs where we discussed key items for student success.



History Was Made this Week With the First-Ever Induction of Student Trustees to the Board of Education

We also say hello to a new voice on the Board of Education – Trustee Arz Raheem. I look forward to working closely with him as we build on the progress our district has made. Yonkers currently leads New York's Big 5 school districts in graduation rates – success that comes from strong collaboration between the Board, our schools, and the community. Mr. Raheem brings not only deep leadership experience but also the perspective of a parent with three children currently in our schools. That lived connection will be invaluable as we continue moving Yonkers forward.

A powerful moment at the end of last week was a roundtable conversation with SUNY Chancellor Dr. John King, Jr., our Board President Dr. Rosalba Corrado Del Vecchio, and a group of Yonkers high school seniors. We were joined by Senator Shelley Mayer, HESC President Guillermo Linares, and Mayor Mike Spano for a candid discussion about how we can increase FAFSA completion and make college more accessible. I thank the students for their honest conversations, let's push for a 100% completion. If your child is a senior in high school and has yet to begin the FAFSA application, you can start, [here](#).

I joined the Yonkers Council of PTAs executive committee to discuss areas of collaboration and creating natural synergy between the school district and families. It's clear to see the passion our parents and caregivers bring to the table. Family voice is a cornerstone of our success – and the hallmark of my tenure so far has been listening to family's needs.

Message from Superintendent Soler (Continued)

In addition, I had a great meeting this week with SUNY New Paltz and our partners at the Yonkers Federation of Teachers as we began discussions around a new collaborative initiative to support educator development. I'm excited to share more as this work moves forward.

Another highlight this week was a historic moment for the Yonkers Public Schools – welcoming our new student trustees to the Board of Education. Please join me in congratulating William Williams, Jaelynn Wesley, Rafael Diaz, and Margaret Ennin. These young leaders are stepping into an important role — not only as the voice of their own schools but as advocates for over 24,000 students.



High School Students Engaged in Discussion with Educational & Community Leaders About Increasing FAFSA Completion & College Readiness

And congratulations are in order for the first group of YPS staff to complete our AI Micro-Credential Program, created in partnership with Iona University. These 25 school leaders explored real-world AI applications and how to lead smartly in a fast-changing world. This is just the beginning.

A reminder for next week while schools will be closed, Central Office remains open to support you.

Thank you for being part of our journey. Enjoy the break.



Anibal Soler, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools

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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!

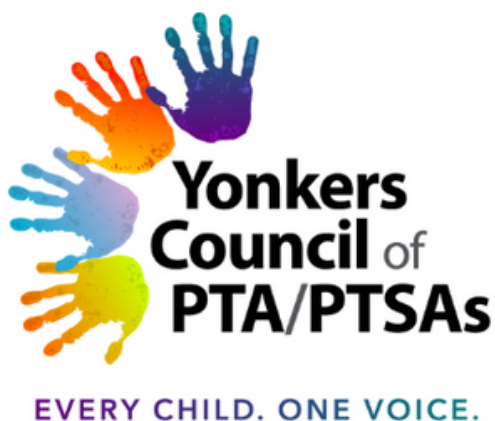
The Future Is Now



YPS Launches AI Micro-Credentialing for School Leaders

In partnership with Iona University, 25 Yonkers school leaders completed a new AI Micro-Credential Program. This first-of-its-kind training covers prompt writing, ethical frameworks, and practical tools for leading in the age of artificial intelligence.

Families Make Us Stronger



Superintendent Soler Joins Yonkers Council of PTAs

The Superintendent joined YCPTA's Executive Committee Meeting to discuss parent engagement and advocacy. Yonkers families continue to drive meaningful change, and the District remains committed to listening.

Student Leaders Are Sworn in to the Board of Education



New Student Trustees Sworn In to the Board of Education



Mayor Mike Spano appointed the following Yonkers Public Schools student trustees to the Yonkers Board of Education:

William Williams – William is a senior at Saunders Trade & Technical High School and will serve as a trustee through the end of the school year. He is an active member of Yonkers My Brother's Keeper, Music Club, Shared Decision-Making Team, Student Government and Skills USA, where he recently was named State Champion in Prepared Speech. Williams plans to attend Emory University in the fall.

Jaelynn Wesely – Jaelynn is a senior at Yonkers High School and will serve as a trustee through the end of the school year. She serves as a Junior Senator of the Yonkers High School Council and is a member of the Unified Students Leadership Council, Big 5 Schools Lobby Group, Yearbook Club and has been on the Principals List and High Honor Roll since 2021.

Rafael Diaz – Rafael is a junior at Saunders Trade and Technical High School and will serve as an alternate to the Board. Diaz is enrolled in the Electrical Computer Circuitry CTE Program and recently attended New York University's Cyber Security program. He is an active member of his school's Robotics Club and the Unified Yonkers Student Leadership Council.

Margaret Ennin – Margaret is a junior at Lincoln High School and will serve as an alternate to the Board. She is the Vice President of the school's Film Club and Newspaper Club and the Student Council Secretary. Ennin also is a member of the Science National Honor Society, Social Studies National Honor Society and is on the school's Principals List.

Mayor Spano Appoints New Yonkers Public Schools Trustee



Mr. Arz Raheem Appointed to Yonkers Board of Education

Yonkers Public Schools proudly welcomes Mr. Arz Raheem as the newest Trustee on the Yonkers Board of Education.

Superintendent Soler shared, “I look forward to working closely with Mr. Raheem as we build on the progress our District has made. Yonkers leads New York’s Big 5 school districts in graduation rates – success made possible through strong collaboration between the Board, administration, and our community. Mr. Raheem brings not only deep leadership experience, but also the perspective of a parent with three children in our schools. That lived connection will be invaluable as we continue to move Yonkers forward.”

Please join us in congratulating and welcoming Trustee Raheem!



Show Your School Pride




**HIGH SCHOOL
SPIRIT WEAR**
 NOW AVAILABLE

By High Quality Brands Including:



New High School Athletics Spirit Wear Store Goes Live!

The YPS Athletics Department is excited to launch a brand-new spirit wear store to purchase high school gear. Students, families, alumni, and community members can now purchase spirit wear to support their schools – check back often as new items will be added regularly.

[Check it out!](#)

Community, Trucks, and Yonkers Magic!

JOIN US FOR A
**CHARLES E.
GORTON HIGH SCHOOL
MBK
COMMUNITY EVENT**

Saturday, May 3rd
 Rain Date May 31st

TOUCH-A-TRUCK

GHS FIELD
 100 SHONNARD PL.
 12PM-3PM



PARTNERS INCLUDE:
 YPD, YFD, DPW, COUNTY POLICE, U.S. MARINES,
 WE ART 1, FOOD TRUCKS, SALSA DANCING, MUSIC,
 GAMES, FACE PAINTING, LOCAL VENDORS AND
 MORE.

Touch-a-Truck Returns to Gorton High School – May 3

Mark your calendar for Friday, May 3, from 12–3 PM at Charles E. Gorton High School! The MBK “Touch-a-Truck” event will include helicopters, food trucks, emergency vehicles, games, and more. We hope you join us for the event!

The Yonkers Public Schools Career Fair is Almost Here



JOIN THE TEAM THAT
MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS CAREER FAIR

MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025

4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

**Riverfront Library, 2nd Floor Conference Room
One Larkin Center, Yonkers**

Now Hiring:

- Substitute Teachers
- School Aides
- Food Service Helpers
- Bus Monitors

Why Join Team YPS?

- Work that fits your schedule
- Meaningful impact every day
- Supportive school community
- Opportunities to grow in education



**READY TO JOIN US? EVENT REGISTRATION REQUIRED VISIT
YONKERSPUBLICSCHOOLS.ORG TO REGISTER AND APPLY.**

Careers Start Here
Join the Yonkers Magic!

*Yonkers Public Schools is hosting a career fair
on May 19th at the Riverfront library from
4:00 PM – 7:00 PM.*

Registration is required to attend.

Join our team to make a meaningful difference!

*Visit yonkerspublicschools.org to register
and/or apply.*

We look forward to meeting you!

REMINDERS



**YONKERS
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

- **Spring Recess:** All schools will be closed next week. Central Office will remain open. We wish you a restful and joyful break.
- **Grades 7–12 Report Cards** will be distributed next week. Please contact your child's school with any questions.

Yonkers Seniors Lead FAFSA Discussion with State Leaders



FAFSA Completion Reaches 59% – Let's Aim Higher

Last week, SUNY Chancellor Dr. John King, Jr., Superintendent Soler, and Board President Dr. Del Vecchio met with YPS high school seniors for a candid conversation about FAFSA and the path to college. With support from Senator Shelley Mayer, HESC President Guillermo Linares, and Mayor Mike Spano, students shared real challenges and bold solutions. Yonkers leads the state with a 59% completion rate - let's keep pushing toward 100%!

[Complete your FAFSA here.](#)

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Be part of the #YonkersMagic!



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Superintendent Soler's Week in Review Photos



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Photos From Across The District



Leadership and Citizenship Award Winners @ School 30



Students Learned About the Dangers Substance Abuse Use
Thanks to the Youth 2 Youth Club



Mario Kart Tournament @ Saunders High School



YPS Students Share Their College Aspirations



Yonkers Montessori Academy Students Celebrate their Accomplishment of 100 Days, 100 Books

YPS STUDENT ARTWORK



Milania Vazquez, Lincoln High School, Gr. 9



Jacob Calvello, YMA, Gr. 5



Daniel Sanchez, School 21, Gr. 4



Yadhira Tobon, YMA, Gr. 10



Saida Munroe, LHS, Gr. 11



Zaira Galeno, MLKA, Gr. 6