



Superintendent, Anibal Soler, Jr.

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Message from Superintendent Soler

Dear Yonkers Families,

This week marks one full year since I joined the Yonkers Public Schools community, and I just want to say thank you. From day one, I've been inspired by your passion, your partnership, and your unwavering belief in what's possible for our students. It's been an incredible year where we have celebrated many small wins including – deepening family engagement, creating a brand-new office dedicated to teaching and



Superintendent Soler Poses With Associate Superintendents Dr. Erik Wright (Left) and Dr. Frank Hernandez (Right) During His 1-Year Anniversary Celebration

learning where we are creating access across all school campuses and providing equitable resources for our students. A special thank you to the YPS community for the surprise celebration this week, it meant the world to me. I'm proud of what we've accomplished together, please know we've only just begun.

With that being said, I want to inform you that the Yonkers 2030 strategic plan is near complete and I am excited to share it with you in the near future.

We are now in a critical time of the year for students and staff. State testing is underway across our elementary and middle schools, and our high school students are preparing for the upcoming regents exams. To all of our students: we are proud of you. Stay focused, and know that your schools, and families are here to support you. You've got this!

Speaking of student excellence, I had the honor of joining MBK Executive Director, Dr. Jason Baez and our incredible My Brother's Keeper Fellows at this year's New York State MBK Symposium. We shared how YPS is supporting one another, building leadership, and making a difference in our schools and city. And the results speak for themselves; Yonkers leads the large urban school districts in the state with a 90% on-time graduation rate.

We also celebrated Associate Superintendent Lissette Colón-Collins, who was recognized at the 39th Annual Association of Hispanic Professionals Scholarship Dinner.

Message from Superintendent Soler (Continued)

Her commitment to equity and academic excellence continues to guide and inspire our school leaders.

Finally, students, teachers and central office staff joined with the City of Yonkers and our students to honor Jazz Appreciation Month – special recognition to Roosevelt High School – Early College Studies, Barack Obama School for Social Justice, and the Yonkers Middle High School choir and band for participating. We also joined the Roosevelt High School Community in a special tree planting ceremony in memory of lifelong Yonkers resident Maria DeChent. These moments of reflection and celebration remind us of the power of community.

Let's keep building on that spirit—together.



Anibal Soler, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools



**MBK Yonkers Attends the Annual NYS MBK
Symposium in Albany for the Induction of the 2025
MBK Fellows**

DISTRICT

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!

One Year of Leadership



Superintendent Soler Celebrates First Anniversary

This week, the YPS community came together to surprise and celebrate Superintendent Soler's first year leading Yonkers Public Schools. His collaborative leadership, focus on student achievement, and dedication to family engagement have helped shape a renewed vision of excellence and the spirit of #YonkersMagic is stronger than ever.

A Lasting Tribute



Tree Dedicated in Memory of Maria DeChent

A tree was planted in memory of Maria DeChent, a beloved Roosevelt High School graduate, lifelong Yonkers resident and wife of Roosevelt High School Principal Ed DeChent. Her legacy will continue to grow with this living tribute in her name.

Honoring Visionary Leadership



Lissette Colón-Collins Recognized for Equity & Excellence

Congratulations to Associate Superintendent Lissette Colón-Collins, honored at the 39th Annual Association of Hispanic Professionals Scholarship Dinner! Her leadership continues to strengthen school performance, support staff development, and model best practices in educational equity.

Walking for a Cure

Join Yonkers Public Schools for this year's Relay for Life as we raise vital funds for cancer research and support services.

Our community has always stood together, and now we have a chance to make an even bigger impact.

This year's event is especially meaningful as we honor **Ms. Elaine Shine**—a beloved educator, mentor, and warrior. Elaine's strength and dedication continue to inspire us. By participating, donating, or volunteering, you help carry on her legacy and support the fight against cancer.

JOIN OUR TEAM
Walk with us and stand united in hope.
Friday, May 30, 2025
3:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Gorton High School, 100 Shonnard Place, Yonkers

DONATE
Every contribution, big or small, brings us closer to a cure. You can donate here:

SPREAD THE WORD
Rally friends, family, and colleagues to support this vital cause. They can donate by using the QR code above.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Together, we honor Ms. Shine's legacy and bring hope to those still fighting cancer. Let's unite as a community and make a lasting impact.

YPS Joins Relay for Life – May 30

Join us in the fight against cancer as we walk in honor of Ms. Elaine Shine and so many others who've faced this disease.

Date: Friday, May 30th

Time: 3:00 PM – 11:00 PM

Location: Gorton High School Field

[Support or Donate](#)

Jazz Appreciation Month



Yonkers City Hall Celebrates the Art of Music

It was a night to remember – one that highlighted the power of the arts in our schools and the importance of nurturing young voices through music, drama, and community celebration. We are so proud of these talented students and grateful to the teachers and families who support their artistic journeys.

Special recognition to Roosevelt High School – Early College Studies, Barack Obama School for Social Justice, and the Yonkers Middle High School choir and band for participating.

Show Your School Pride




**HIGH SCHOOL
SPIRIT WEAR**
NOW AVAILABLE

By High Quality Brands Including:



High School Athletics Spirit Wear Store Goes Live!

The YPS Athletics Department is excited to share the 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!](#)

Lifting Every Voice



MBK Fellows Represent Yonkers at NYS Symposium

Superintendent Soler and MBK Executive Director Dr. Jason Baez traveled to Albany for the New York State MBK Symposium, where Yonkers Fellows led a powerful presentation on how they're driving change for young men of color. With a 90% on-time graduation rate, Yonkers is setting the bar for equity and empowerment.

Congratulations to the newly inaugurated 2025 MBK Fellows: Joel Gonzalez of Charles E. Gorton High School, Max Hernandez of Yonkers High School, Marcus Knight of Barack Obama School for Social Justice, and Quilan Wilson of Lincoln High School.

Stay connected with Yonkers Public Schools!

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

Be part of the #YonkersMagic!



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Upcoming Events

YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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.

MBK **YONKERS**

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.

Calling all Nurses!

YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

JOIN OUR TEAM!
FULL TIME
RNs & LPNs
NEEDED!

Yonkers Public Schools is looking for dedicated, responsible and experienced RNs & LPNs

Why Join Us?

- Family-friendly schedule
- NO on-call requirements
- NO weekend work
- 13 holidays off
- Summers off
- Follows the academic school schedule
- Spanish and Arabic speaking is a plus!
- Potential for overtime

COMPENSATION
 RN starting salary \$63,033
 LPN starting salary \$50,995
 Annual increases
 NYS Pension and fantastic benefits!

INTERESTED IN APPLYING?
 CONTACT: LAURA MULCAHY, FNP-BC, MSN | LMULCAHY@YONKERSPUBLICSCHOOLS.ORG
yonkerspublicschools.org/careers

Careers Start Here Join the Yonkers Magic!

Are you a RN or LPN, interested in a family friendly work schedule?

If so, look no further because we are hiring full time nurses to join our team of healthcare professionals!

Call (914) 376-8226 or email lmulcahy@yonkerspublicschools.org for more information.

YPS 2025 -2026 Calendar is Available to View

YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2025-2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR

JANUARY 2026						
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FEBRUARY						
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MARCH						
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JUNE						
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THIRD MARKING PERIOD:		MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS (GRADES 7-12):	JANUARY 26 – APRIL 17
SECOND MARKING PERIOD:		PRE-K & K STUDENTS:	JANUARY 26 – JUNE 26
1	NEW YEAR'S DAY – SCHOOLS/CENTRAL OFFICE CLOSED		
1-2	WINTER RECESS SCHOOLS CLOSED		
5	SCHOOLS REOPEN AFTER WINTER RECESS		
19	MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY – SCHOOLS/CENTRAL OFFICE CLOSED		
20-23	REGENTS EXAMS/RATING – HIGH SCHOOLS ONLY		
FEBRUARY 2026			
REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION:		PRE-K & K STUDENTS:	WEEK OF FEBRUARY 2
INTERIM REPORTS DISTRIBUTION:		ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (GRADES 1-6):	WEEK OF FEBRUARY 2
REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION:		MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS (GRADES 7-12):	WEEK OF FEBRUARY 2
16-20	MID-WINTER RECESS – SCHOOLS CLOSED		
16-17	PRESIDENTS' DAY – CENTRAL OFFICE CLOSED		
17	LUNAR NEW YEAR		
23	SCHOOLS REOPEN AFTER MID-WINTER RECESS		
MARCH 2026			
SPRING MARKING PERIOD:		ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (GRADES 1-6):	MARCH 18 – JUNE 26
INTERIM REPORTS DISTRIBUTION:		MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS (GRADES 7-12):	WEEK OF MARCH 16
REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION:		ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (GRADES 1-6):	WEEK OF MARCH 23
20	EID AL-FITR – SCHOOLS CLOSED		
30-31	SPRING RECESS – SCHOOLS CLOSED		
APRIL 2026			
FOURTH MARKING PERIOD:		MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS (GRADES 7-12):	APRIL 26 – JUNE 26
REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION:		MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS (GRADES 7-12):	WEEK OF APRIL 27
STATE EXAM SCHEDULE:		NYSED/SLAT SPEAKING ADMINISTRATION (GR. K-12)	APRIL 6 – MAY 22
NYS ELA TEST GRADES:		(GR. 3 & 4): 4/7 – 4/8 (GR. 5 & 6): 4/14 – 4/15 (GR. 7 & 8): 4/16 – 4/17	
NYS SCIENCE TEST GRADES:		(GR. 5): 4/29 (GR. 6): 4/29 – 4/30 (GR. 7 & 8): 4/29 – 4/30 (GR. 9): 4/29 – 4/30	
NYS TEST MAKE-UPS:		(GR. 3 & 4): 5/14 – 5/15 (GR. 5): 5/14 – 5/15 (GR. 6): 5/14 – 5/15 (GR. 7 & 8): 5/14 – 5/15 (GR. 9): 5/14 – 5/15	
1-3	SPRING RECESS – SCHOOLS CLOSED		
3	GOOD FRIDAY – SCHOOLS/CENTRAL OFFICE CLOSED		
6	SCHOOLS REOPEN AFTER SPRING RECESS		
6-30	NEW YORK STATE ELA, MATH AND SCIENCE ASSESSMENTS		
10	ALL STUDENTS REPORT TO SCHOOL, 1/2 DAY FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS (PARENT CONFERENCES); FULL DAY FOR STAFF		
MAY 2026			
INTERIM REPORTS DISTRIBUTION:		ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (GRADES 1-6):	WEEK OF MAY 18
INTERIM REPORTS DISTRIBUTION:		MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS (GRADES 7-12):	WEEK OF MAY 25
STATE EXAM SCHEDULE:		NYSED/SLAT LIRW ADMINISTRATION (GR. K-12)	MAY 4 – MAY 22
NYS MATH TEST GRADES:		(GR. 3 & 4): 5/14 – 5/15 (GR. 5): 5/14 – 5/15 (GR. 6): 5/14 – 5/15 (GR. 7 & 8): 5/14 – 5/15 (GR. 9): 5/14 – 5/15	
NYS TEST MAKE-UPS:		(GR. 3 & 4): 5/14 – 5/15 (GR. 5): 5/14 – 5/15 (GR. 6): 5/14 – 5/15 (GR. 7 & 8): 5/14 – 5/15 (GR. 9): 5/14 – 5/15	
NYS ELA, MATH & SC SCORING		HEAVY SPRING DIAGNOSTIC MAP	WEEK SAMPLING SPRING COLLECTION: (GR. 3 & 4): 5/14 – 5/15 (GR. 5): 5/14 – 5/15 (GR. 6): 5/14 – 5/15 (GR. 7 & 8): 5/14 – 5/15 (GR. 9): 5/14 – 5/15
1-15	NEW YORK STATE ELA, MATH AND SCIENCE ASSESSMENTS		
25	MEMORIAL DAY – SCHOOLS/CENTRAL OFFICE CLOSED		
JUNE 2026			
REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION:		FOR ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS	WEEK OF JUNE 22
9	NEW REGENTS EXAM IN ALGEBRA I/ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS – HIGH SCHOOLS ONLY		
10	NEW REGENTS EXAM IN PHYSICAL SCIENCE; CHEMISTRY AND PHYSICAL SCIENCE; PHYSICS – HIGH SCHOOLS ONLY		
17-26	REGENTS EXAMS/RATING – RATING DAY 8/26		
19	JUNETEENTH – SCHOOLS/CENTRAL OFFICE CLOSED		
25	HALF-DAY FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS		
26	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL/REGENTS RATING DAY		
HALF-DAY FOR STUDENTS/HOURLY STAFF			
FULL-DAY FOR STAFF (EXCEPT FOR HOURLY STAFF)			

The first two emergency closing days are built into the calendar – 182 days required for students
MAKE-UP DAY CALENDAR PLEASE DO NOT MAKE ANY PLANS FOR THE MAKE-UP DAYS LISTED
Emergency Closing Days Listed – Schools will be open 12/1/25
Key: Make-up Days

Total Days Schools in Session: 182

JULY 2026						
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SEPTEMBER						
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OCTOBER						
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NOVEMBER						
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17	18	19	20	21		

DECEMBER						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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8	9	10	11	12		
15	16	17	18	19		

Total Days Schools in Session: 182
Total Days Teachers in Attendance: 185
Total Days for Teaching Assistants: 187

YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2025-2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR

JULY 2025

- EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAM (ESY) BEGINS (ENR 8/11)
- SECONDARY SUMMER SCHOOL BEGINS (ENR 8/18)
- FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY – CENTRAL OFFICE CLOSED

AUGUST 2025

- BUILDING ADMINISTRATORS RETURN – STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
- SUMMER SCHOOL REGENTS TESTING
- SUMMER SCHOOL GRADUATION
- NURSES/AIDES REPORT TO WORK (PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT)
- TEACHING ASSISTANTS REPORT TO WORK (PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT)

SEPTEMBER 2025

FIRST MARKING PERIOD: MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS (GRADES 7-12): SEPTEMBER 3 – NOVEMBER 7	
FALL MARKING PERIOD: ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (GRADES 1-6): SEPTEMBER 3 – NOVEMBER 26	
FIRST MARKING PERIOD: PRE-K & K STUDENTS: SEPTEMBER 3 – JANUARY 23	

- LABOR DAY – SCHOOLS/CENTRAL OFFICE CLOSED
- SUPERINTENDENT'S CONFERENCE DAY
- PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHERS/STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICE STAFF
- ONE HALF-DAY FOR CLASSROOM/PROGRAM PREPARATION
- 10-MONTH CSEA BEGIN 9/2
- HOURLY EMPLOYEES WILL BE NOTIFIED OF START DATE, IN WRITING, BY JULY 29
- ALL STUDENTS REPORT TO SCHOOL – FULL DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS
- ROSH HASHANAH – SCHOOLS/CENTRAL OFFICE CLOSED

OCTOBER 2025

INTERIM REPORTS DISTRIBUTION: MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS (GRADES 7-12): WEEK OF OCTOBER 13	
INTERIM REPORTS DISTRIBUTION: ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (GRADES 1-6): WEEK OF OCTOBER 20	
INTERIM REPORTS DISTRIBUTION: PRE-K & K STUDENTS: WEEK OF OCTOBER 20	

- YOM KIPPUR – SCHOOLS/CENTRAL OFFICE CLOSED
- COLUMBUS DAY – SCHOOLS/CENTRAL OFFICE CLOSED FOR STUDENTS
- DIWALI
- SUPERINTENDENT'S CONFERENCE DAY – SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR STUDENTS
- PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR ALL TEACHERS

NOVEMBER 2025

SECOND MARKING PERIOD: MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS (GRADES 7-12): NOVEMBER 10 – JANUARY 23	
REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION: MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS (GRADES 7-12): WEEK OF NOVEMBER 17	
REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION: PRE-K & K STUDENTS: WEEK OF NOVEMBER 17	

- ELECTION DAY
- SUPERINTENDENT'S CONFERENCE DAY – SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR STUDENTS
- PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR ALL STAFF
- VETERANS' DAY – SCHOOLS/CENTRAL OFFICE CLOSED
- HALF-DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS/ALL SCHOOL STAFF
- THANKSGIVING RECESS – SCHOOLS/CENTRAL OFFICE CLOSED

DECEMBER 2025

WINTER MARKING PERIOD: ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (GRADES 1-6): DECEMBER 1 – MARCH 13	
REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION: ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (GRADES 1-6): WEEK OF DECEMBER 1	
INTERIM REPORTS DISTRIBUTION: MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS (GRADES 7-12): WEEK OF DECEMBER 22	

- ALL STUDENTS REPORT TO SCHOOL, 1/2 DAY FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS (PARENT CONFERENCES); FULL DAY FOR STAFF
- HALF-DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS/ALL SCHOOL STAFF
- WINTER RECESS – SCHOOLS CLOSED
- CHRISTMAS DAY – CENTRAL OFFICE CLOSED

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Yonkers Public Schools calendar for the upcoming school year is available to [view](https://www.yonkerspublicschools.org).

- Yonkers Board of Education approved the 2025-2026 school year calendar at its April 23 Stated Meeting.
- First day of school for all students is Wednesday, September 3, 2025
- Testing dates have been added so families can plan accordingly

District Digest

Superintendent Soler's Week in Review Photos



District Digest

Photos From Across The District



Students and Staff Came Together to Plant a Tree
in Honor of Maria DeChent



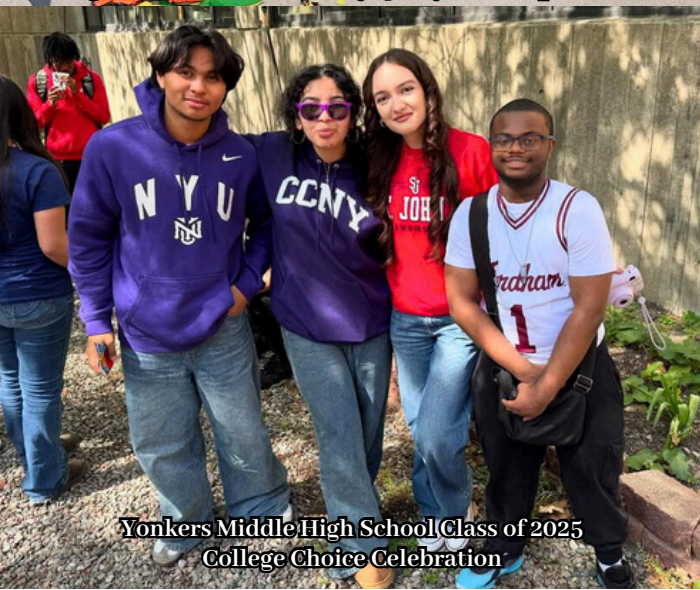
Yonkers MBK Chapter Leader Meeting @ Barack Obama School



Bring Your Child to Work Day @ Boyce Thompson School



Celebrating National Honor Society Inductees @ Saunders High School



Yonkers Middle High School Class of 2025
College Choice Celebration



DiChiaro 8th Graders Competing in the Thurgood Marshall Junior Mock Trial
Program @ the Bronx Supreme Court

YPS STUDENT ARTWORK



Diella Labella, YMA, Gr. 11



Giselle Martinez, School 23, Gr. 8



Elira Rugova, YMHS, Gr. 9



Zared Morales, YMHS, Gr. 12



Zhaljanna Infante Cruz, School 23, Gr. 7



Carlos Reyes Peres, School 23, Gr. 7