



Superintendent, Anibal Soler, Jr.

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Message from Superintendent Soler

Dear Yonkers Public Schools Community,

This week has been filled with purposeful planning, professional growth, and meaningful connections that keep our district moving forward. Each experience has reminded me of the strength and dedication of our Yonkers community as we work together toward a brighter future.



Montessori School 31 Students Demonstrating Critical Thinking Skills for Superintendent Soler During His Visit

We began learning more about the [NY Inspires](#) plan to transform education in New York State, which was presented by the New York State Education Department. I encourage you to learn more about the plan, which will have four key transformations to our standard of education. [Learn more at \[www.regents.nysed.gov\]\(http://www.regents.nysed.gov\)](#). This led to the kick-off of our Strategic Planning Committee. This is our opportunity to set a vision for Yonkers Public Schools through 2030, and we're actively inviting students, parents, educators, and community members to be part of the conversation. Your insights and ideas are essential to building a plan that truly reflects the needs and hopes of our district.

I encourage everyone to share their voice through our [strategic planning survey](#).

Professional growth was also a highlight of the week during Superintendent's Conference Day. Our teachers participated in a variety of professional development sessions focused on motivation, instructional strategies, and innovation in teaching. I had the chance to connect with many of our educators at Yonkers Montessori Academy, where we also celebrated 40 years of Montessori education in our district. It was inspiring to witness their passion and commitment to providing an exceptional learning experience for every student.

Our commitment to strengthening partnerships continued with a meeting with Kelly Chiarella, Director of the Office for the Aging and Chair of Relay for Life. Together, we explored ways to support this upcoming year's Relay for Life! Stay tuned there will be more ahead!

Message from Superintendent Soler (Continued)

I also had a productive meeting with the LGBTQ+ Advisory Board where we reinforced our dedication to creating a welcoming, inclusive environment. We discussed student involvement in upcoming pride events to foster awareness and celebrate diversity.

Visits to Roosevelt High School Early College Studies and Montessori School 31 provided me with an opportunity to see the incredible work happening in our classrooms. At Roosevelt, students were engaging in art-infused literature projects and discussing essential life skills, while Montessori School 31 offered a warm and nurturing environment where students are thriving. These visits are a powerful reminder of the creativity and growth that define our schools.



Superintendent Soler Admires the Artwork of Roosevelt High School Students During His Visit

As we look ahead to Veterans Day, I want to take a moment to recognize and honor the bravery and sacrifice of our veterans, including those within our Yonkers family. This week, we were fortunate to witness a heartwarming tribute at Yonkers Early Childhood Academy when Mr. Noel Aquino, an active-duty U.S. Army servicemember, surprised his son's class with a visit. Having served in Korea from 2019 to 2022 and earned three Army Achievement Medals, Mr. Aquino shared his story with students by reading the book "Hero Dad." It was a powerful moment that reminded us of the courage and dedication embodied by all who serve.

Thank you for your continued support, dedication, and involvement in our community. Together, we are building a future of opportunity, respect, and achievement for every student. I wish you all a reflective and meaningful Veterans Day as we honor those who have served are currently serving.



Aníbal Soler, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools

Get a front-row seat to what Superintendent Soler has been up to and what Yonkers Public Schools is celebrating this week. From his key moments to exciting activities across our schools, it's all right here!

School Spotlights: Roosevelt HS and Montessori School 31



Seeing Student Success in Action

Superintendent Soler connected with students and staff at Roosevelt High School Early College Studies and Montessori School 31. Highlights included art-infused literature projects at Roosevelt High School and life skills discussions at Montessori School 31. These visits underscore YPS's dedication to inspiring lifelong learning.

Leadership in Action at Hostos MicroSociety



MicroSociety Inauguration Celebrates Unity and Responsibility

Congratulations to the new President, Vice President, and Judge of Eugenio Maria de Hostos MicroSociety School! Students took the MicroSociety Oath, committing to leadership and unity, a tradition that strengthens the community and prepares students for future roles in society.

A Hero's Surprise Visit for Veterans Day



Active-Duty Father Visits Yonkers Early Childhood Academy

In honor of Veterans Day, Mr. Noel Aquino, an active-duty servicemember in the U.S. Army, made a special surprise visit to his son's classroom at Yonkers Early Childhood Academy. Mr. Aquino, who served overseas in Korea from 2019 to 2022 and earned three Army Achievement Medals, spent time reading the book "Hero Dad" to the class. The students were thrilled to hear the story from a real-life hero and learn about the sacrifices made by those who serve. This heartfelt moment reminded us all of the dedication and bravery of our veterans.

Strategic Planning Committee Kick-off: Shape the Future of YPS!



Your Voice Matters – Help Us Create the Path to 2030!

This week, Yonkers Public Schools launched the Strategic Planning Committee to develop our 2030 vision, and we need your input! We're committed to continuous improvement and community partnership, so whether you're a student, parent, educator, or community member, your feedback will guide us. Take a few minutes to share your experiences, ideas, and hopes for YPS in our survey

[Take the Survey Now - YPS Strategic Plan](#)
[View the Current 2022 – 2025 Strategic Plan](#)

Meeting with the Yonkers NAACP



Strengthening Support for Our Community

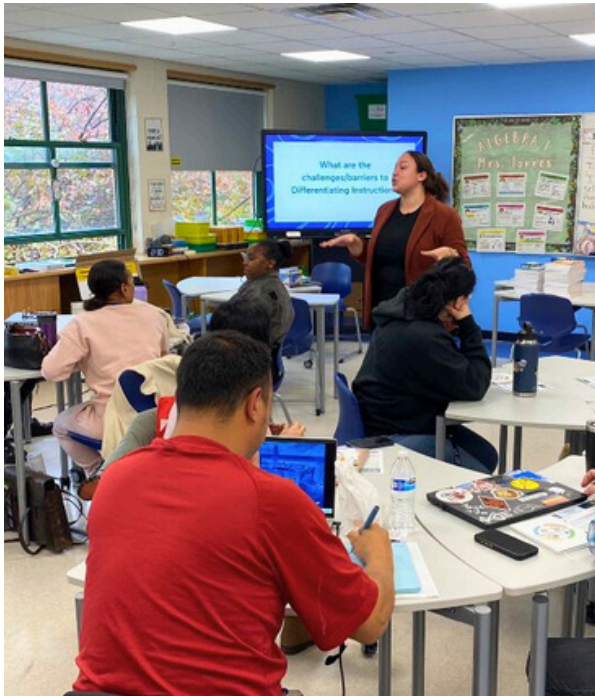
In a meeting with the Yonkers NAACP, Superintendent Soler explored ways to better serve our community and support the diverse needs of Yonkers families. This partnership reinforces our commitment to equity, inclusion, and educational excellence for all students.

Meeting with the Mayor's LGBTQ+ Advisory Board



LGBTQ+ Advisory Board Sparked Great Ideas

Superintendent Soler met with the LGBTQ+ Advisory Board to discuss ongoing partnerships. The conversation focused on sharing community events such as pride events, which celebrate inclusion. Together, we are committed to fostering a welcoming and supportive environment for all students in Yonkers.



Professional Development Day: Empowering Our Educators

Superintendent's Conference Day Focused on Teaching Excellence

On Superintendent's Conference Day, YPS teachers participated in professional development sessions covering motivation, pedagogy, and overcoming obstacles. Several sessions featured guest speakers, and Superintendent Soler connected with teachers at Yonkers Montessori Academy, which is celebrating 40 years of Montessori education in the district.

Civic Engagement at the Yonkers City Council Meeting



Empowering Students to Be Informed Citizens

Superintendent Soler attended the Yonkers City Council Meeting to emphasize the importance of civic participation. By engaging students in government, we foster leadership, critical thinking, and a sense of responsibility that helps shape active citizens in our community.

Join Us at the School Choice Expo

**YONKERS
PUBLIC
SCHOOLS
EXPO**



Learn about our schools & programs

Saturday, November 16, 2024
9:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Roosevelt High School - Early College Studies
631 Tuckahoe Road | Yonkers, NY

Join us for a day of family fun, prizes, and academic adventures!

FOR MORE INFO: YONKERSPUBLICSCHOOLS.ORG/SCHOOLCHOICE

In the event of inclement weather, the expo will take place on Saturday, November 30, 2024

**ESCUELAS
PÚBLICAS
DE YONKERS
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Conozca nuestras escuelas y programas

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9:30 AM - 1:00 PM

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*¡Únase a nosotros para un día de diversión familiar,
premios y aventuras académicas!*

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En caso de inclemencias del tiempo, la exposición se llevará a cabo el sábado 30 de noviembre del 2024.



2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR Yonkers School Choice

- 1 **REGISTER** for September 2025
NOW!
- 2 **ATTEND the Fall Expo** (Formerly School Choice Fair)
NOVEMBER 16, 2024
- 3 **TOUR Schools**
NOVEMBER 18 - DECEMBER 20, 2024
- 4 **SUBMIT Application**
DECEMBER 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2024

Explore Your Options for the 2024-2025 School Year

Mark your calendars! The School Choice Expo is happening on Saturday, November 16, 2024, from 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM at Roosevelt High School - Early College Studies. This is your chance to explore the different schools and programs available for your children and find the best fit for their educational journey.

District Digest

Superintendent Soler's Week in Review Photos



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Photos From Across The District



YPS Students, Superintendent Soler, & Administrators
at Yonkers City Hall Unity Fountain



Montessori School 31



Yonkers Middle/High School



Yonkers Early Childhood Academy



School 5

YPS STUDENT ARTWORK



Yadhira Tobon, YMA, Gr.10



Amira Spruell, Siragusa, Gr. 2



Kimberly Amado, Boyce Thompson, Gr. 6



Julie Salem, Cesar Chavez, Gr. 4



Zahjanna Infante Cruz, School 23, Gr. 7



Nova Savino, School 16, Gr.6



Franklin Sanchez, LHS, Gr. 10