



*Superintendent, Anibal Soler, Jr.*

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## Message from Superintendent Soler

Dear Yonkers Public Schools Community,

This week, our district faced a serious and concerning incident at Gorton High School, where a student was injured in a stabbing involving another student. The injured student is currently recovering and in stable condition, and the individual responsible has been arrested.



*Superintendent Soler Addresses Students at Charles E. Gorton High School*

**The safety and well-being of our students and staff remain our highest priority.** We are working closely with the Yonkers Police Department to review security measures and enhance our crisis intervention plan, including counselors, psychologists, mental health professionals and other school personnel. We are actively providing wrap around support services to students and staff affected by this incident. I want to assure you that we are taking every step to ensure the continued safety of our school communities. Just an important, I do not want this incident to overshadow the amazing work Gorton High School has done under the leadership of Principal Jaime Morales - achieving an over 90% graduation rate, building strong connections with staff and students, and leading an advanced healthcare magnet. Gorton High School has done amazing work and we should be proud.

Our district continues its mission to provide enriching opportunities and a supportive environment for all students. **This weekend, I encourage families to attend the School Choice Expo, happening on Saturday from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM.** This event is a valuable opportunity to learn about the diverse programs available across Yonkers Public Schools and to prepare for the school choice application process, which opens in December. All of our campuses and central office staff will be onsite to assist families with making the best decision for their students. **All families are welcome to attend especially if your child is new to our district, entering a transition grade such as 5th, 6th, or 8th, or considering a switch from their current school.**

## *Message from Superintendent Soler (Continued)*

This week also included inspiring moments during my school visits to Dodson School, and Westchester Hills School 29. I was able to connect with students and staff and witness firsthand the dedication of leaders like Principal Romulo Ramirez, and Principal Steve Murphy, who are fostering positive learning environments. Our district continues to strengthen partnerships that expand opportunities for our students. I met with Manhattanville College President Dr. Frank Sanchez to discuss our shared vision for creating pathways to higher education. I look forward to working closely with the college to provide more opportunities for students.

I also met with Iona University to enhance our collaboration through the Liberty Partnerships Program. This initiative serves at-risk youth offering pre-collegiate support both during and after school.

Another highlight of the week was attending the VIVE Pathways to Success meeting, which brings together Community-Based Organizations and New York State Literacy Zones to support families facing economic challenges and limited literacy. We also celebrated School 23 as part of the Mayor's School Spotlight. Under the leadership of Principal Walpole, the school has made tremendous progress, including improved attendance, and academic growth. I am incredibly proud of the efforts by the entire School 23 community to create a thriving environment for students.

As we continue our strategic planning process, I encourage everyone to [participate in the Yonkers Public Schools 2030 Survey](#). Your feedback is critical in shaping the future of our district. Please take a moment to share your thoughts.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. Together, we will navigate these moments and continue to build a district where every student can thrive.



**Anibal Soler, Jr.**  
Superintendent of Schools



*Westchester Hills School 29 Principal, Steven Murphy, gives Superintendent Soler a tour of their recently renovated playground*

# DISTRICT

## Digest

*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!*

### **Strengthening Partnerships with Manhattanville University**



#### **Meeting with Manhattanville President Dr. Frank Sanchez Superintendent**

*Superintendent Soler had a productive meeting with Manhattanville University President Dr. Frank Sanchez to discuss expanding partnerships with Yonkers Public Schools. Superintendent Soler is eager to create more pathways for students to access higher education and career opportunities.*

### **Empowering Families with Literacy Resources**



#### **VIVE Pathways to Success Literacy Partners Meeting**

*Superintendent Soler attended the VIVE Pathways to Success meeting with literacy partners and Community-Based Organizations. Through New York State Literacy Zones, this initiative supports individuals and families with limited literacy and English proficiency, providing essential resources and pathways out of poverty. Through collaboration with local agencies we are helping families in Yonkers thrive.*



## School Visits: Connecting with Students and Staff



### Visits to Dodson School, and Westchester Hills School 29

*This week, Superintendent Soler visited Dodson School (Principal Romulo Ramirez), and Westchester Hills School 29 (Principal Steve Murphy). These visits highlight the incredible work being done in our schools and reinforce our commitment to fostering strong relationships across the district.*

## Supporting Students: Liberty Partnerships Program with Iona University



### Meeting with Iona University to Strengthen Student Support Services

*Superintendent Soler met with representatives from Iona University to discuss the Liberty Partnerships Program (LPP), an initiative established by NYSED to prevent dropout rates among New York's youth. Through this partnership, Iona provides pre-collegiate support to at-risk students in three high schools and four middle schools across Yonkers. The program offers a range of services, both during and after school, that empower students and their families to overcome challenges and achieve academic success.*



## School Choice Expo This Weekend!

**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](https://YONKERSPUBLICSCHOOLS.ORG/SCHOOLCHOICE)

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

**ESCUELAS  
PÚBLICAS  
DE YONKERS  
EXPO**



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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**

## Discover the Best Fit for Your Child's Education

The YPS School Choice Expo is happening **THIS Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.** This is **YOUR** opportunity to learn about the variety of school programs available across YPS. With applications opening in **December**, this expo will provide essential information to help you make an informed choice for your child's education.

## School 23 Shines in the Mayor's School Spotlight!



### Principal Walpole's Leadership Drives Success in Student Support, Community Engagement, and Achievement

*This week, School 23 received special recognition in the Mayor's School Spotlight, highlighting the school's progress and achievements under Principal Walpole's leadership. Some initiatives contributing to School 23's success include:*

- *School Environment and Student Support: The Pupil Support Team focuses on restorative practices has led to minimal suspensions and enhanced support for students, resulting in an overall attendance increase to 91%, up by 3.5% from last year.*
- *Recognition and Community Engagement: School 23 has been recognized as a School in Good Standing by the New York State Education Department, a model Extended Learning Time School, and a leader in the Scholastic Literacy Pro Reading Challenge.*
- *Academic Achievement Growth: The school improved ELA proficiency by 11% and Math proficiency by 5% in the 2023-24 school year, with 67% of students in Grades K-8 advancing in i-Ready Math placements.*

*Board President Dr. Rosalba Corrado Del Vecchio and Superintendent Soler both praised the school's achievements, emphasizing that School 23 is a model of community involvement, and dedication to student success.*

## Board Meetings



### **Board of Education's Audit, Budget, Finance, and Instructional Affairs Meeting**

*Superintendent Soler participated in the Board of Education's Audit, Budget, Finance, and Instructional Affairs Committee meetings this week. Key discussions focused on financial oversight and strategic initiatives to optimize resources and ensure the District's ongoing success.*

*[View the Board of Education's Upcoming Meetings Scheule](#)*

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# District Digest

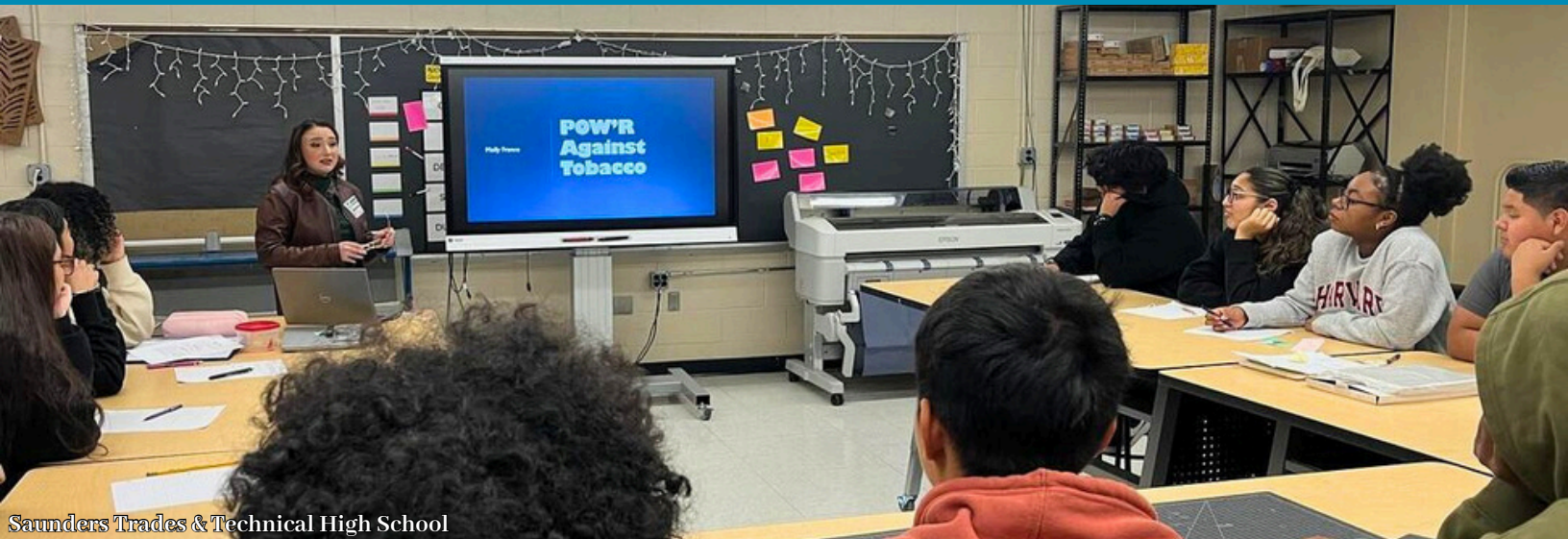
## Superintendent Soler's Week in Review Photos





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## Photos From Across The District



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PEARLS Hawthorne School



Robert C. Dodson School



Yonkers Middle/High School



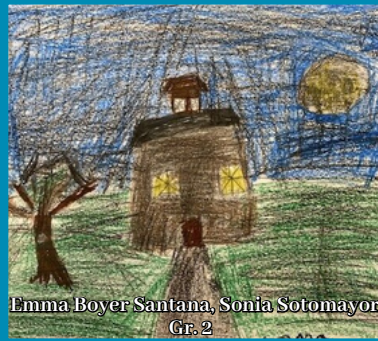
Gorton High School



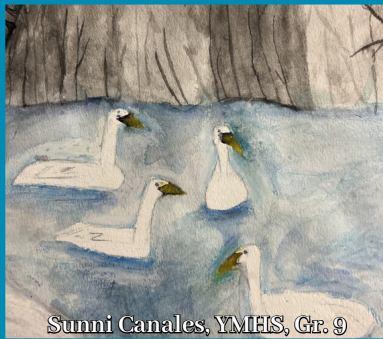
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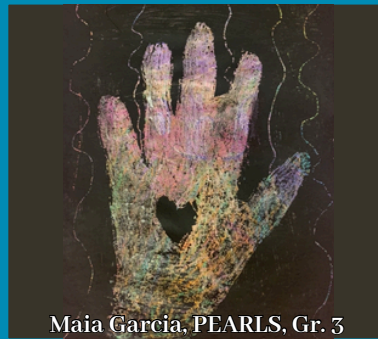
Emma Boyer Santana, Sonia Sotomayor, Gr. 2



Sunni Canales, YMHS, Gr. 9



Kiara Clara, LHS, Gr. 11



Maia Garcia, PEARLS, Gr. 3



Maria Carrilos, LHS, Gr. 11



Sahyfire Robles, YMA, Gr. 11