



*Superintendent, Anibal Soler, Jr.*

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## Message from Superintendent Soler

Dear Yonkers Public Schools Community,

As Thanksgiving approaches, I find myself reflecting on the many blessings that make our district such a special place. The Yonkers Magic isn't just a phrase – it's the heart of who we are. It's in the laughter of students walking through our hallways, the dedication of our teachers, the partnerships with



**Superintendent Soler, Jr. Recognizes One of the School Bus Safety Winners at Westchester Hills School 29**

families who entrust us with their children, and the unwavering commitment of our community to ensure every child has the opportunity to thrive.

This week, being the week of thanks, reminded me of the incredible spirit that defines Yonkers Public Schools. I'm grateful for the moments that brought us together and the milestones we celebrated.

At School 23, we honored students for their remarkable achievement of reading more than 200,000 minutes as part of the Scholastic Literacy Pro Reading Challenge. Their love of learning and commitment to literacy is a testament to what can be accomplished when families, educators, and students work together toward a common goal.

We also had the privilege of unveiling the Yonkers High School Wall of Fame, honoring Board President Dr. Rosalba Corrado Del Vecchio as the inaugural inductee. Her leadership and dedication remind us of the legacy we are building together – a legacy of excellence and opportunity for all students.

At Robert C. Dodson School, My Sister's Keeper Career Day provided young women with the inspiration and guidance to dream big and explore new possibilities.

## *Message from Superintendent Soler (Continued)*

I also had the pleasure of recognizing the winners of the Superintendent's School Bus Safety Contest. These talented students reminded us of the importance of keeping our schools and buses safe. Their creativity and care will be celebrated again at the December 18 Board of Education Stated Meeting, alongside their proud families.

I capped off my week with visits to Justice Sonia Sotomayor Community School and Las Hermanas Mirabal Community School where these visits gave me the opportunity to connect with students, teachers, and leaders. These moments of connection and collaboration are what the Yonkers Magic is all about – working together to create safe, supportive, and enriching environments for our children.

This Thanksgiving, I am deeply grateful for the trust and partnership of our families, the dedication of our staff, and the energy and curiosity of our students. Together, we are a community that lifts one another up, celebrates each other's successes, and faces challenges with strength and resilience.

From my family to yours, I wish you a joyful and peaceful Thanksgiving surrounded by loved ones. Let's carry the spirit of gratitude into everything we do as we continue to nurture and inspire the incredible students of Yonkers Public Schools.



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



*Board President Dr. Rosalba Corrado Del Vecchio  
Being Inducted Into the Yonkers High School Wall of  
Fame*

# 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!

### **Celebrating Literacy Success at School 23!**



#### **Students Read Over 200,000 Minutes in Scholastic Challenge**

*School 23 celebrated an incredible achievement as students logged over 200,000 minutes of reading during the Scholastic Literacy Pro Back-to-School Challenge! From September 30th to November 3rd, students demonstrated their love for reading, showcasing the power of focus and teamwork. This milestone highlights the strong partnership between families, teachers, and students in fostering a culture of literacy and learning.*

### **Honoring Excellence: YHS Inaugural Wall of Fame Inductee**



#### **Board President Dr. Rosalba Corrado Del Vecchio Recognized**

*At Yonkers High School, the first-ever Wall of Fame dedication took place, honoring Dr. Rosalba Corrado Del Vecchio, Board of Education President, as the inaugural inductee. Dr. Del Vecchio's tireless commitment to education and leadership has left a lasting impact on Yonkers Public Schools, inspiring a legacy of excellence and opportunity for generations to come.*



## ***School Visits: Building Connections Across the District***



### ***Justice Sonia Sotomayor and Las Hermanas Mirabal School Visits***

*Superintendent Soler visited Justice Sonia Sotomayor Community School and Las Hermanas Mirabal Community School, connecting with students, staff, and school leaders. These visits showcased the incredible teaching, learning, and collaboration happening every day across Yonkers Public Schools.*

## ***Inspiring Futures: My Sister's Keeper Career Day***



### ***Robert C. Dodson Students Explore Career Paths***

*Students at Robert C. Dodson School participated in My Sister's Keeper Career Day, engaging with women in roles of leadership and discovering future career opportunities. This empowering event provided students with the tools and inspiration to dream big, plan for their futures, and recognize the power of their potential.*



## Celebrating Creativity: School Bus Safety Contest Winners



### Celebrating Students' Commitment to Safety

*Superintendent Soler and the Transportation Department presented awards to 10 winners of the Superintendent's School Bus Safety Contest, highlighting the importance of keeping our students safe. These creative students will be honored alongside their families at the December 18th Board of Education Stated Meeting. Congratulations to all the winners for their thoughtful and impactful entries!*

## Giving Thanks for My Brother's Keeper Leaders



### Chapter Leaders Gather to Build Support Networks

*My Brother's Keeper Chapter Leaders from across the district came together at Central Office to collaborate, share updates, and strengthen their support networks. Aligned with district milestones, these leaders are driving mentorship and opportunities for students, demonstrating the power of unity and collaboration.*



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## Superintendent Soler's Week in Review Photos





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## Photos From Across The District



School 25 Scholastic Literacy Pro Celebration



Thanksgiving Feast @ Westchester Hills School 29



MSK Career Day @ Dodson



Honor Roll and Principal's List students @ Westchester Hills School 29



Justice Sonia Sotomayor Community School



# YPS STUDENT ARTWORK



Melanie Quiterio, Sonia Sotomayor School, Gr. 7



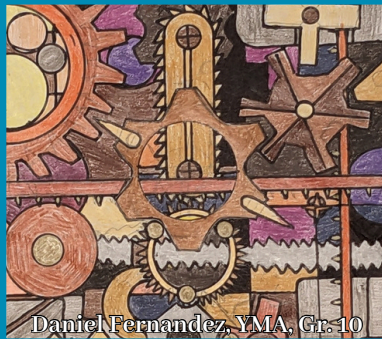
Alejandro Rosete, YMA, Gr. 10



Shakimah Coleman, RSHS, Gr. 11



Vanessa Flores, RSHS, Gr. 11



Daniel Fernandez, YMA, Gr. 10



Ashlyn Munive Picazo, School 23,  
Gr. 6



Dee Gonzales, YMHS, Gr. 10