



*Superintendent, Anibal Soler, Jr.*

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## Message from Superintendent Soler

Dear Yonkers Public Schools Community,

As we prepare to enter the holiday recess and welcome the New Year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey we've shared this year. The holidays are a time for joy, reflection, and gratitude – a moment to pause, recharge, and spend time with loved ones. Whether you celebrate Christmas,



***A Warm Reminder That All Schools Are Closed for  
Holiday Recess December 23 – January 1  
Schools Will Reopen on January 2nd***

Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, or use this season as a time for reflection, I hope it brings you peace and renewal.

In Yonkers, the Yonkers Magic shines brightest when we come together to support one another. It's in the trust we build daily, the collaborations we foster, and the unity we bring to every challenge and opportunity. This magic is what allows us to create extraordinary experiences for our students and make a positive impact on our community.

As we enjoy this season of giving, let us also remember those who may feel alone during the holidays. A kind word, a small gesture, or a moment of connection can make all the difference. Let's look out for one another, check on our neighbors, and continue to strengthen the bonds that make our Yonkers community so special.

This past week, I had the pleasure of attending events that exemplify the heart and dedication of our district. From celebrating the achievements of our Multi-Language Learners at Yonkers Middle High School, to honoring the incredible work of our principals and administrators and celebrating the winners of the Superintendent's School Bus Safety Contest with certificates and the Yonkers High School Choir for their outstanding contributions to the arts, the spirit of unity and collaboration is alive and thriving.

## Message from Superintendent Soler (Continued)



Artist: Adam Ali, Gr. 9, YMHS



The gift of love, the gift of peace,  
and the gift of happiness.  
May all these be yours in abundance  
this Holiday Season.

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Artist: Elira Rogova, Gr. 9,  
YMHS

As we continue to shape the future of Yonkers Public Schools, I want to remind families to share their feedback by completing the [2030 Strategic Plan Survey](#). Your insights are essential in helping us identify areas for improvement and celebrate the successes that make our district a pillar of excellence. Together, we can chart a course that ensures every child has access to the opportunities they deserve.

Schools will be closed from December 23 through January 1 for the holiday recess and will reopen on January 2. I hope this time allows you to relax, reflect, and reconnect with your loved ones.

Thank you for your unwavering dedication, trust, and partnership. Let's look forward to the New Year with hope, possibilities, and a renewed commitment to creating more Yonkers Magic together.

Wishing you all a joyful and restful holiday season!

**Anibal 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!

### Celebrating Leadership: Principals Meeting & Reception



#### Honoring the Dedication of Our School Leaders

*Superintendent Soler joined principals and administrators from across the district for a special meeting and reception where we celebrated their leadership headed in to the holiday recess. Yonkers' school leaders are at the heart of our success, fostering environments where students and staff thrive. Together, we are building a stronger, more unified district.*

### A Welcoming Celebration: YPIE Scholars Induction



#### Over 200 Freshmen Join the YPIE Class of 2032

*Yonkers Partners in Education (YPIE) held its Scholars Induction Ceremony this week, welcoming more than 200 ninth graders to the YPIE Class of 2032. These students join a program that provides resources, mentorship, and guidance to help them succeed. As a YPIE senior shared, "Success is at your grasp – make the most of it."*



## Recognizing Excellence: Multi-Language Learners Scholar Awards



### Celebrating Academic Success at Yonkers Middle High School

*Superintendent Soler joined students, families, and staff at Yonkers Middle High School to honor Multi-Language Learners who have excelled in their studies. This event celebrated the perseverance and dedication of students who bring cultural richness and diversity to our schools.*

## Support & Collaboration: My Brother's Keeper Meeting



### Empowering Chapter Leaders to Uplift Students

*The My Brother's Keeper Chapter Leaders Meeting brought together school leaders to share strategies and best practices for supporting young men of color. These meetings are vital in building a network of leaders who inspire, mentor, and provide opportunities for success.*



## Shape the Future: Yonkers Public Schools 2030 Strategic Plan



### Your Voice Matters – Share Your Feedback!

Yonkers Public Schools invites all families to participate in the 2030 Strategic Plan Survey. Your input is essential in shaping the future of our district, identifying areas for improvement, and celebrating our successes.

Together, we can ensure Yonkers Public Schools remains a pillar of excellence and opportunity for all.

[Take the Survey Today!](#)

## City of Yonkers & Yonkers Public Schools Holiday Breakfast



### A Time for Connection and Celebration

Superintendent Soler joined the City of Yonkers and Yonkers Public Schools staff for a special Holiday Breakfast. This event celebrated the partnership between the city and the district, highlighting the collaborative spirit that makes Yonkers a vibrant and thriving community.

## Celebrating Creativity and Talent at the Board Meeting



### School Bus Safety Contest Winners and Yonkers High School Choir Recognized

*At this week's Board of Education meeting, Superintendent Soler presented certificates to the winners of the Superintendent's School Bus Safety Contest, recognizing their creative efforts to promote safety across the district. The evening also featured a special performance by the Yonkers High School Choir, whose artistry and dedication continue to inspire our community. Congratulations to all honorees for their remarkable contributions!*

## Community + Students = SUCCESS



### Westchester Beauty and Barber Academy Brings Smiles to Students

*Barack Obama School for Social Justice partnered with the Westchester Beauty and Barber Academy to host a special event for students. The academy provided free haircuts, hairstyling, and manicures, ensuring students were ready for the holidays ahead of winter break. This act of generosity highlights the power of community partnerships and supporting our students. Thank you to Westchester Beauty and Barber Academy for bringing smiles and a sense of pride to our school community!*



# District Digest

## Superintendent Soler's Week in Review Photos





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## Photos From Across The District



Guidance Professional Workshop @ Yonkers Middle High School



Grinch Day @ Family School 32



Grinch Day @ Yonkers Early Childhood Academy



Holiday Spirit @ PEARLS Hawthorne School



Santa Visits Yonkers Early Childhood Academy



# District Digest

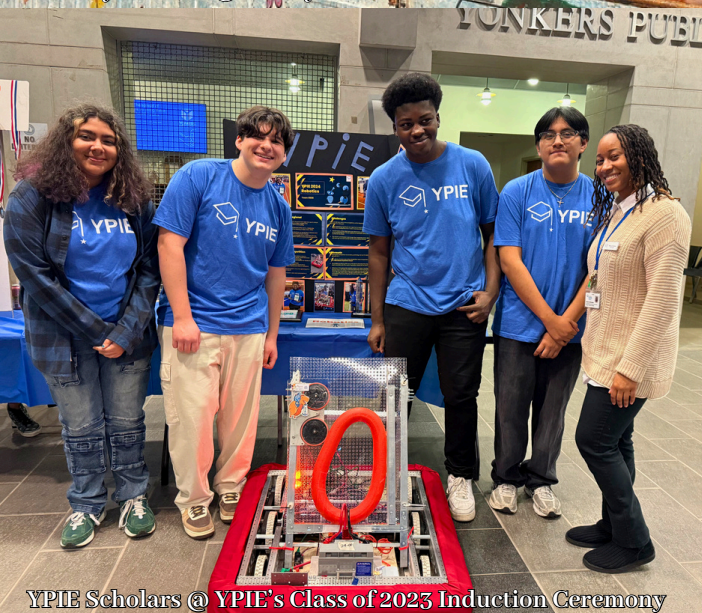
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Holiday Concert @ Family School 32



5th Grade Earns Highest Grade-Level Attendance @ School 30



YPIE Scholars @ YPIE's Class of 2023 Induction Ceremony



Junior Achievement @ Paideia School 24



12 Days of Attendance Challenger Winners @ Cross Hill Academy



Elf on a Shelf @ Robert Halmi Sr. Academy



# YPS STUDENT ARTWORK

