



Superintendent, Anibal Soler, Jr.

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Message from Superintendent Soler

Dear Yonkers Public Schools Community,

As we conclude our first official full week of the 2024-2025 school year, I want to reflect on the strong start we've had. The energy in our schools has been inspiring, with students engaged and staff committed to creating vibrant learning environments. I extend my deepest thanks to our families, students, educators, and staff for making this week so successful.

As we also conclude this first full week, it is also equally important to remember what I call the three A's of student success in school.

The three A's are:

- Attendance - coming to school every day is vital to our student's success.
- Academics - focusing on your school work daily and giving it your best effort is critical for being successful in school.
- Attitude - having a positive attitude when your child comes to school and being willing to try also leads to greater success.

I firmly believe that if we focus on the three A's both our students and staff will have a successful year.

This week, we also welcomed over 600 new families into the Yonkers Public Schools community. To those still completing the student registration process, please make sure to bring the necessary documents. Full details can be found at yonkerspublicschools.org/register.

We are also aware that there have been some negative experiences that we continue to work through, but please know that as we unpack those situations we have found challenges both internally and externally relative to the delay of enrollment. Currently, we are working through the final batch of student placements and hope to have those resolved by next week.

I apologize for the negative impact this may have had on anyone but we are looking forward to welcoming every new student into our classrooms and ensuring they are ready for a successful year ahead.

Message from Superintendent Soler (Continued)

As we move forward, it's also important to acknowledge the significance of this past week. On September 11th, we remembered the tragic events of 2001 and honored those we lost, including Yamel Merino, a former Lincoln High School student and first responder. Her bravery, along with the courage of so many others, remains an inspiration to all of us. Their memory serves as a reminder of the strength and resilience of our community.

This week I also participated in some key events and meetings with important partners. Those partners include Armor Villa Neighborhood, Ludlow Park Residents Association, Pace University and Councilman John Rubbo.



Superintendent Soler Speaking with Pace University President Marvin Krislov & Jason Baez, Executive Director of Yonkers MBK

Looking ahead, I am confident that the collaboration, hard work, and dedication we've seen this week will pave the way for an incredible school year. We have a lot to look forward to, and I am excited about the opportunities that lie ahead for our students and staff. Together, we'll continue to create the Yonkers Magic that makes our schools a place of growth and achievement.

I look forward to all that we will accomplish together.



Anibal Soler, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools

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Digest

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



Building Bridges with Pace University

Superintendent Soler met with President Marvin Krislov of Pace University to explore new collaborations, strengthening educational pathways and opportunities for our students to succeed beyond high school.

Partnering with the Armour Villa Community

Strengthening community ties, Superintendent Soler connected with Steve Wagner, President of the Armour Villa Homeowners Association, discussing how Yonkers Public Schools can better support local families and students.



Collaborating with Ludlow Residents Association

Superintendent Soler joined the Ludlow Resident Association, focusing on enhancing community partnerships and ensuring our schools are closely aligned with local needs.



Meeting with City Council Majority Leader John Rubbo

Superintendent Soler sat down with City Council Majority Leader John Rubbo to discuss funding for Yonkers Public Schools and partnerships that can bring more resources and support to the District.

Discussion with Yonkers Parks

Superintendent Soler met with Parks Commissioner Steve Sansone, brainstorming ways to enhance parks accessibility and programming for our students, fostering more opportunities for outdoor learning and activities.

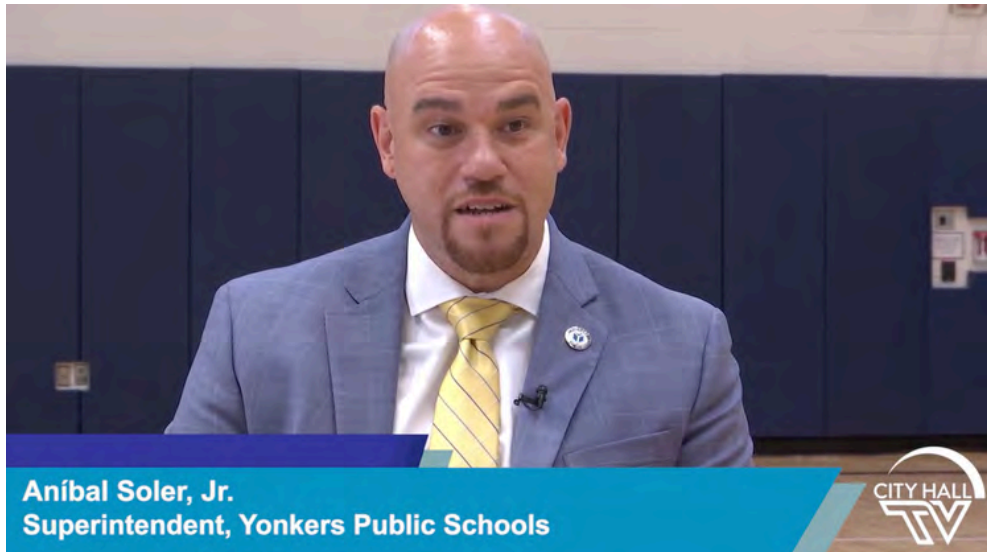


Board of Education Workshop

This week, Superintendent Soler participated in the Board of Education's Audit, Budget, Finance & Facilities Workshop.

The next meeting will be held at Saunders Trades and Technical High School on Wednesday, 9/18 at 5:30pm.

Exclusive Interview with City Hall TV



In an exclusive interview with City Hall TV, Superintendent Soler discussed all things Yonkers Public Schools - including the all-new Justice Sonia Sotomayor Community School. Curious to learn more? Check it out!



Honoring Heroes at the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony

Superintendent Soler, Board President Dr. Del Vecchio and Trustee Greenwald attended the City of Yonkers' 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony, standing alongside community members to honor the lives lost and the heroic efforts of first responders.

Superintendent Soler Participates In New York State Blue Ribbon Commission Public Forum

Superintendent Soler participated in an important session with the New York State Blue Ribbon Commission on Graduation Measures. During this session, educators engaged in meaningful conversations about the New York State Education Department's (NYSED) four key transformations based on the Commission's recommendations for updating graduation requirements.

Stay tuned for updates and [take a look at the report.](#)



**NYS Graduation Measures
Blue Ribbon Commission**



Voter Registration Drives at Yonkers High Schools!

For the first time ever, Yonkers Public Schools is hosting Voter Registration Day drives across all high schools! Every eligible Senior and Junior will receive registration and preregistration forms to get involved. Thanks to our partnership with the League of Women Voters and the Westchester Board of Elections, we're solidifying our commitment to civic engagement and empowering students to make their voices heard.

Tech Innovation in Classrooms!

This summer, over 80 educators embraced the Smart Start Grant, diving into tech-driven professional development. Equipped with tools like drones, robotics, and podcasting, they're ready to inspire students to create, collaborate, and innovate in the classroom this school year!



Milestones & Milk: Celebrating 25 Years at Stew Leonard's

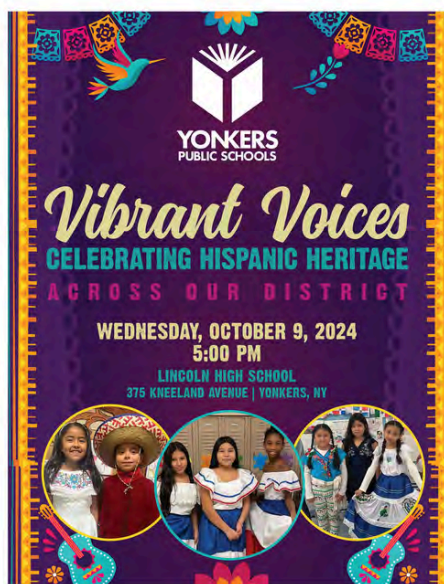


At Stew Leonard's 25th Anniversary, Superintendent Soler joined Mayor Mike Spano and students from Yonkers Montessori Academy in raising a glass of milk to celebrate this milestone in the community.

Yonkers Brave & Yonkers Force Game Schedule

YONKERS BRAVE 2024 SCHEDULE	
SEPTEMBER	
SEPTEMBER 7 - 6:30 PM	CARDINAL SPELLMAN
SEPTEMBER 14 - 6:30 PM	MT. VERNON
SEPTEMBER 21 - 6:30 PM	YONKERS FORCE
SEPTEMBER 28 - 6:30 PM	EAST RAMAPO
OCTOBER	
OCTOBER 5 - 6:30 PM	CARDINAL
OCTOBER 12 - 6:30 PM	KETCHAM
OCTOBER 19 - 6:30 PM	WHITE PLAINS
OCTOBER 26 - 6:30 PM	EASTCHESTER

YONKERS FORCE 2024 SCHEDULE	
9/7	10/10
VS. NAZARETH (H)	AT NYACK
9/13	10/19
AT KETCHAM	VS. EAST RAMAPO
9/21	10/26
VS. YONKERS BRAVE	VS. WHITE PLAINS
9/28	
VS. GOSHEN	
10/5	
AT MOUNT VERNON	

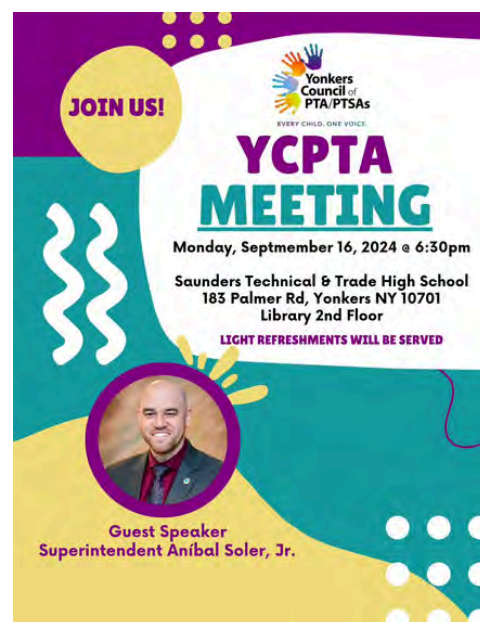


Celebrating Hispanic Heritage

Yonkers Public Schools will proudly celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with a special event highlighting the rich culture, history, and contributions of the Hispanic community.

Yonkers Council of PTA Meeting

Superintendent Soler will be meeting with the Yonkers Council of PTA on Monday to discuss important updates and initiatives for the school year. We invite all interested families to join for this valuable opportunity to engage directly with the superintendent and share your thoughts.



Get Ready for the 30th Annual Yonkers Riverfest!

From family-friendly activities to delicious eats and amazing performances, this event is the perfect way to celebrate the end of summer and welcome fall in the heart of Yonkers. Don't miss out—we can't wait to see you there!



Need help? We Would Love to Hear From You!

We would love to hear from you! Whether you're a parent, student, or community member, we're here to support you with the information you need.

Call (914) 376-8000 or visit yonkerspublicschools.org/contact

Yonkers MBK

Interested In Becoming an MBK Mentor?

Make a lasting impact on a Yonkers Public School student's life by signing up to become an MBK mentor.



MENTORING YONKERS' FUTURE LEADERS EACH ONE-REACH ONE

Mentoring Program 2024-2025

Be the Difference.

Make a lasting impact on a Yonkers Public School student's life.

IMAGINE THIS: Guiding a promising young man of color from Yonkers to success. Experiencing the fulfillment that only mentorship can bring. Growing your character while helping shape the future of our community.

JOIN US! Each One - Reach One is the heartbeat of Yonkers MBK, a movement on a mission to close the opportunity gap for young men of color. Together, we're not just mentoring—we're building brighter futures.



SCAN TO APPLY

Don't miss out - be part of this powerful change.

ORIENTATION

Wednesday, September 25, 2024, at 6:30 PM
Charles E. Gorton High School
100 Shonnard Place, Yonkers, NY 10703

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Email: JBaez@Yonkerspublicschools.org



2024-25 SCHOOL CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2024 	FEBRUARY 2025
OCTOBER 2024 	MARCH 2025
NOVEMBER 2024 	APRIL 2025
DECEMBER 2024 	MAY 2025
JANUARY 2025 	JUNE 2025
KEY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yellow background: School Closed Blue background: Half Day for Students Green background: Professional Development Day Red background: School Closed for Emergency 	EMERGENCY CLOSING DATES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yonkers Public Schools reserves the right to cancel or change dates of school events. Emergency Closing: School will be closed on the dates listed below. Emergency Closing: School will be closed on the dates listed below. Emergency Closing: School will be closed on the dates listed below.
IMPORTANT NUMBERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical & Nursing Services: 914-376-8228 Safety & Security: 914-376-8276 Special Education: 914-376-8295 Student Enrollment: 914-376-8091 Transportation: 914-376-8015 Yonkers Public Schools Operations: 914-376-8000 	

2024-2025 School Calendar

The refreshed and thoughtfully designed Yonkers Public Schools calendar for the 2024-2025 school year is available to view.