

YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS AT A GLANCE

24,825 Children attend YPS including 773 Charter Students

39	Public Schools
19	Pre-K-8 Schools
8	Pre-K-6 Schools
5	Grade 9-12 Schools
2	Pre-K-5 Schools
1	Early Childhood Center
1	Pre-K -12 School
1	Grade 3-8 School
1	Grade 7-12 School
1	Grade 6-12 School
88%	Communities of Color
67%	Economically Disadvantaged Students
20%	Special Education Students
20%	Students with Disabilities
14%	English Language Learner Students



CONSIDER THESE VIABLE SOLUTIONS FOR THE SUCCESS OF YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS



EARLY CHILDHOOD Appropriate an additional \$10 million to Yonkers to fully fund Universal Prekindergarten. Stop treating it as expense-based aid depending on enrollment.



SPECIAL EDUCATION Make a \$20 million investment to Yonkers for special education services due to the increase in the number of students being identified and the complex services they require.



CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION Appropriate an additional \$5 million for Yonkers to further develop and create new Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs. Increase the per pupil appropriation that has been flat for over a decade at \$3,900 and include 9th grade students.



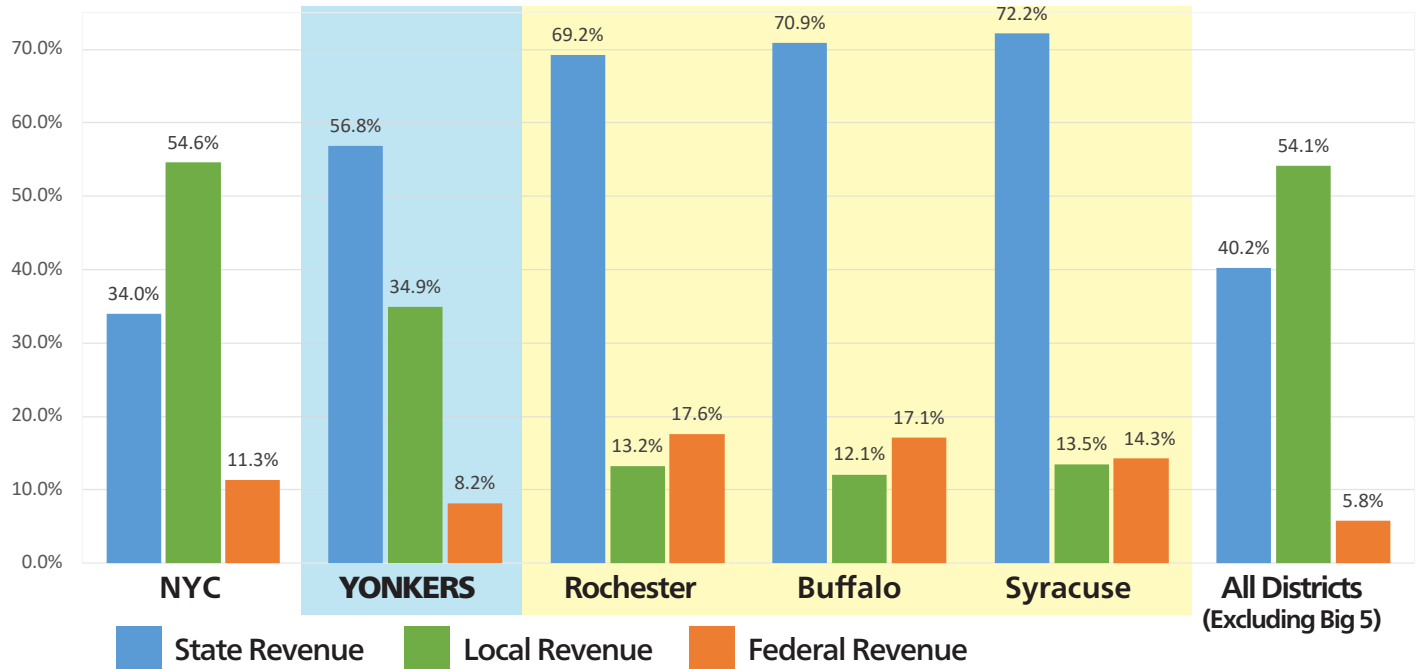
INFRASTRUCTURE Increase Yonkers' Building Aid Ratio from 69.5% to 90% to address infrastructure upgrades needed for school buildings that average over 80 years old and 25% were built over 100 years ago. Yonkers 2020 Building Condition Survey indicates \$520 million is needed to address health and safety issues in schools across the district.



HEAT INDEX BILL Invest in the heat index bill which requires schools to address extreme heat. It will cost Yonkers \$6.8 million to install air conditioning and improve ventilation in older buildings.

PROPOSED CELL PHONE BAN Provide additional support to the \$13.5 million allocated state-wide for implementation of the proposed cell phone ban. The current funding isn't enough to support all New York State school districts.

State, Local, Federal Revenue Sharing New York State School Districts, 2022-23



Yonkers relies heavily on local funding for its schools, with 34.9% of revenue from Yonkers taxpayers, about 22% more than Buffalo, Rochester, and Syracuse. Meanwhile, Yonkers receives only 56.8% from the state, compared to over 69% given to Rochester, Syracuse and Buffalo. This imbalance highlights the disproportionate burden on Yonkers taxpayers and the need for equity to align with other large urban school districts.

Big 4 Comparison 2023-24

*Revenue Source	Buffalo	% of Total	Rochester	% of Total	Syracuse	% of Total	Yonkers	% of Total
City	\$65,278,424	5.0%	\$112,619,881	9.7%	\$64,088,014	9.6%	\$271,332,938	33.6%
STAR	\$5,544,334	0.4%	\$6,584,095	0.6%	\$3,857,709	0.6%	\$19,823,673	2.5%
State	\$961,004,519	73.3%	\$754,880,090	65.2%	\$490,926,674	73.3%	\$415,634,599	51.5%
County	\$58,999,554	4.5%	\$5,848,639	0.5%	\$992,167	0.1%	---	0.0%
Federal	\$190,742,025	14.5%	\$229,050,822	19.8%	\$105,051,060	15.7%	\$74,296,850	9.2%
Other	\$29,788,106	2.3%	\$48,055,040	4.2%	\$4,406,079	0.7%	\$26,325,648	3.3%
TOTAL	\$1,311,356,962	100.0%	\$1,157,038,567	100.0%	\$669,321,703	100.0%	\$807,413,708	100.0%

* Source: Conference of Big 5 School Districts

	Buffalo	Rochester	Syracuse	Yonkers
**2022-23 Enrollment	29,795	23,478	19,022	24,242
**Per Pupil Expense	28,891	30,715	26,807	28,847

** Source: Rockefeller Institute of Government Study December 2024

	Buffalo	Rochester	Syracuse	Yonkers
***2023 Graduation Rate	79%	67%	69%	90%

*** Source: data.nysed.gov

Despite receiving 51.5% of funding from the state far less than Rochester (65.2%), Buffalo and Syracuse (73.3%), Yonkers has achieved a 90% graduation rate, the highest among the Big Five. Yonkers taxpayers contribute 33.6% of funding locally, far exceeding its urban peers. With fair state aid, Yonkers could build on its success while easing the local tax burden.