YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

PRELIMINARY 2026/2027 PROPOSED BUDGET

Board of Education Stated Meeting
March 18, 2026

Mr. Aníbal Soler, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools

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OUR VISION

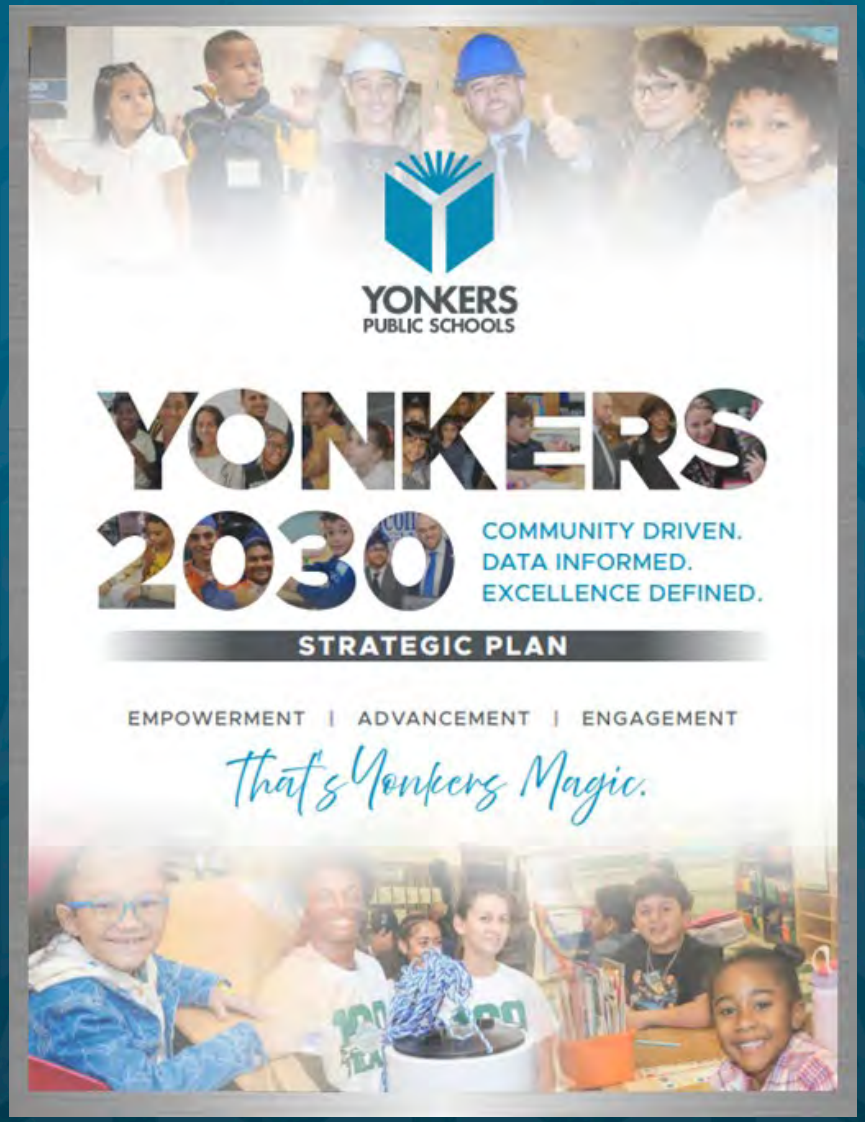
Creating a Foundation for Success:
Innovation, Inspiration, Critical Thinking,
and Excellence for All

OUR MISSION

Yonkers Public Schools is committed to creating a culturally responsive and sustaining environment that ensures all learners in our school community are equitably prepared with critical thinking skills, able to lead, inspire, and succeed in the world of today and tomorrow.



YONKERS Magic



OUR COMMITMENT TO YONKERS MAGIC

Yonkers Magic is more than a phrase, it is the power of community working together with purpose, driven by data, and defined by excellence. As we move forward, this plan stands as a living commitment to our students and to our city.

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Together, we will make Yonkers Magic a reality for every child, every day.

Budget Process Timeline

October 2025
Budget Planning

November 2025
Budget Meetings

Planning & Staffing Meetings

- Big 5 Meeting with NYS Division of Budget – 10/22/25
- YCPTA Executive Board Meeting – 11/3/25
- Budget Forms to Central Office Managers – 11/3/25
- BOE Stated Meeting Presentation – 11/19/25
- Staffing/Budget Meetings with Principals – 11/20/25
- NYS Delegation Meeting – 11/25/25
- Meetings with C.O. to discuss staffing

January 2026
Initial Advocacy

Initial Advocacy

- BOE Stated Meeting Budget Update – 1/21/26
- 2026-27 Joint Legislative public hearing on the Executive Elementary & Secondary Education Budget – 1/29/26

February 2026
Board and Community Presentations

Preliminary Budget

- NYS Delegation Meetings – 2/9/26 and 2/10/26
- Mayor's Budget Press Conference 2/10/26

March and April 2026
Advocacy Meetings

Advocacy Phase

- NYS Council of School Superintendent – Lobby Days 3/1 - 3/2/26
- Big 5 Legislative Conference – 3/3 - 3/4/26
- YCPTA Rally in Albany – 3/10/26
- BOE Stated Meeting - Preliminary Budget Presentation – 3/18/26
- Budget Town Hall – 4/13 and 4/16

May 2026
Yonkers City Council Budget Hearing

Final Budget Review

- BOE Stated Meeting Presentation - Proposed Budget - 5/20/26
- Budget Presentation to the Yonkers Council of PTA's
- Yonkers City Council Budget Hearing

June 2026
Board Approval

Budget Adoption

- BOE Stated Meeting - Adoption of 2026/27 Budget - 6/17/26

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YONKERS STUDENTS AT A GLANCE

23,483 Students attend 39 public schools:

PK - 12th Grade Students

1,263 - Prekindergarten 3 & 4 years old

22,220 - Kindergarten to 12th Grade

5,157 Students with Disabilities attending our schools (22%)

748 Students with Disabilities attending out of district schools

3,118 Multilingual Learners (13%)

77 Languages spoken - (34% Spanish speakers)

14,864 Hispanic (63%)

3,556 African American/Black (15%)

3,029 White (13%)

2,035 Asian/Pacific Islander, American Indian, Multi-Racial (9%)

1,104 Students attending charter schools:
832 within Yonkers and 272 out of Yonkers

1,991 Students attending private and parochial schools:
1,444 within Yonkers and 547 out of Yonkers



2026/27 BUDGET STRESSORS



Portrait of a Graduate

Special Education Mandates

Broken Foundation Aid Formula

Transportation Cost

Charter Schools

Out of District Tuitions

Alyssa's Law

Internet Enabled Bill

Reading Curriculum

Outdated Technology

Expiring Labor Contracts

Universal PK

Maintenance of Effort

CTE Reimbursement for 7th & 8th Grades

Bullet Aid and Fund Balance

Unflexible SSBA Process

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PK-12 SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

2016–17 through 2026–27 | BEDS Day Enrollment + Projection

26,598
Peak Enrollment — 2016-17

23,483
Current Enrollment — 2025-26

–3,115 Students
Total decline from peak (–12%)



Yonkers has lost over 3,100 students since peak enrollment in 2016-17

2026/2027 Proposed Expenditures

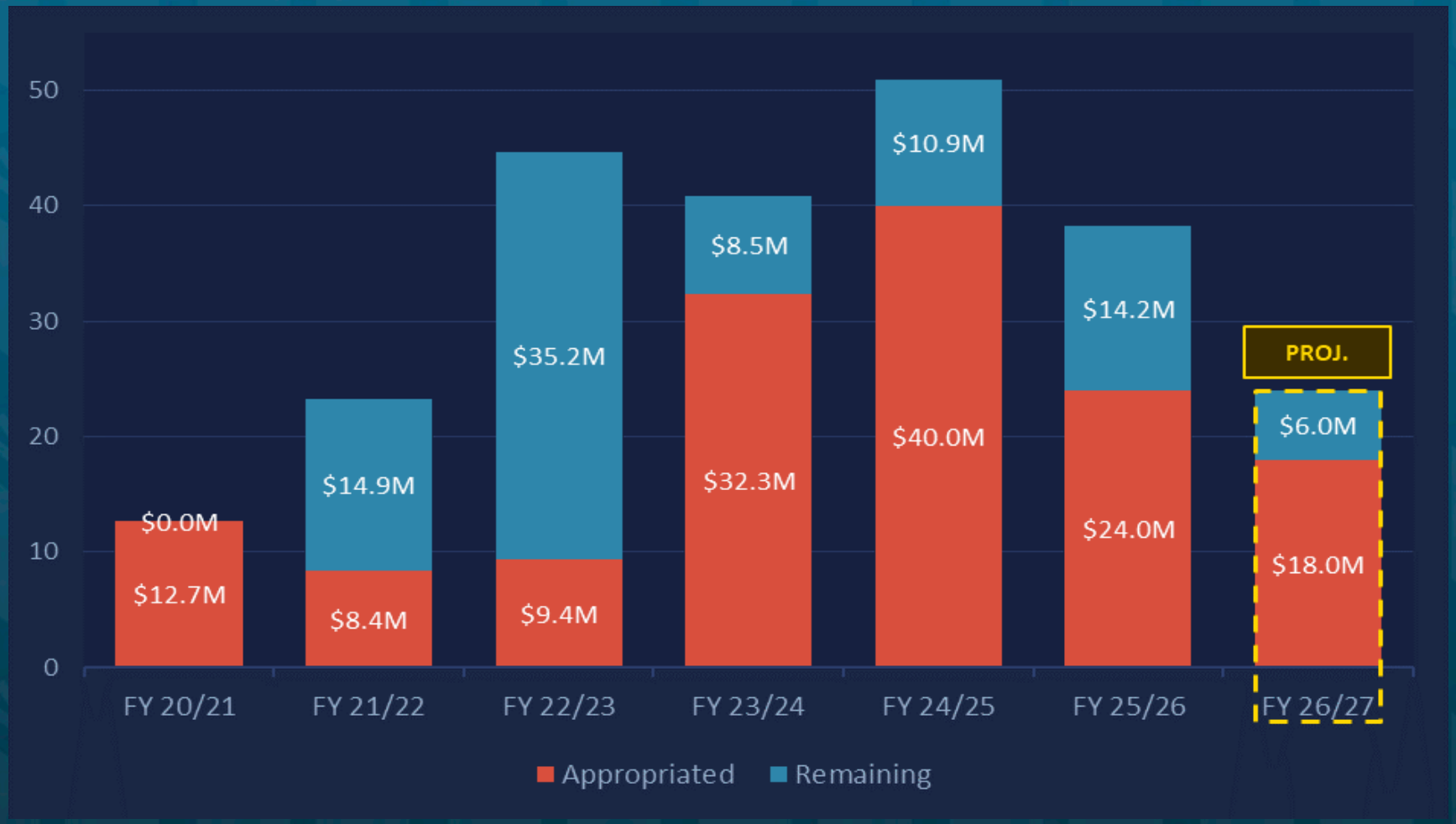
Expenditures	24-25 Actuals	25-26 Adopted	25-26 Amended	26-27 Proposed	$ Variance Proposed vs. Adopted	% Variance Proposed vs. Adopted
Salary	361,873,241	374,484,079	372,693,484	390,538,219	16,054,140	4.29%
Employee Benefits	199,362,198	208,366,500	207,584,381	220,028,127	11,661,627	5.60%
Transportation	56,146,586	59,396,755	59,388,755	69,565,720	10,168,965	**17.12%**
Tuitions	42,853,167	43,933,801	43,155,791	51,680,000	8,524,209	**19.75%**
Debt Service	38,451,619	36,933,801	36,933,801	35,229,964	(1,703,837)	(4.61%
Contractual	25,020,495	24,558,276	24,514,084	27,998,517	3,440,241	14.01%
BOCES	18,367,012	19,461,934	19,461,934	21,796,697	2,334,763	**12.00%**
Charter School Tuitions	18,686,201	21,767,541	21,767,541	24,503,576	2,736,035	12.57%
Utilities	9,771,992	10,239,497	10,239,961	11,906,778	1,667,281	16.28%
Materials & Supplies	4,519,850	4,528,932	4,862,074	10,142,719	5,613,787	123.95%
Building Repairs	3,733,687	3,163,100	3,387,418	2,885,823	(277,277)	(8.77)%
Transfers	2,462,324	2,450,000	2,450,000	2,800,000	350,000	14.29%
Insurance	2,025,848	1,999,183	1,999,183	1,967,000	(32,183	(1.61)%
Postage	240,595	150,600	225,600	250,000	99,400	66.00%
Travel	47,147	67,024	75,509	83,810	16,786	25.04%
Equipment	211,521	0	0	261,000	261,000	0
Textbooks	636,871	0	470	5,267,120	5,267,120	0
Library Books	42,745	0	0	205,000	205,000	0
Computer Software	152,209	0	9,000	839,0114	839,11	0
Total Expenditures	**784,605,310**	**810,723,013**	**808,748,985**	**877,949,081**	**67,226,068**	**8.29%**

2026/2027 Proposed Revenue

Revenue	2025/26 Adopted	2025/26 Amended	2026/27 Proposed Budget (Executive Runs)	$ Variance Proposed vs. Adopted
State Funding - Basic	437,950,889	437,950,889	445,677,604	7,7269,715
State Funding - Categorical	14,176,286	11,720,989	14,139,813	(36,473)
Video Lottery Terminal Revenue Sharing	19,600,000	19,600,000	19,600,000	0
State Funding - Other / Bullet Aid	12,000,000	12,000,000	0	**(12,000,000)**
Proceeds from State Loan	0	0	0	
Federal Funding	1,164,100	1,164,100	1,164,100	0
Departmental Revenue	531,000	531,000	1,001,000	470,000
Indirect Cost	150,000	150,000	150,000	0
Miscellaneous Departmental	1,290,000	1,290,000	960,000	(320,000)
BOE Revenue and State Aid	**486,862,275**	**484,406,978**	**482,692,517**	**(4,169,758)**
Maintenance of Effort Base	247,749,896	247,749,896	247,749,896	0
Maintenance of Effort Sales Tax	21,047,041	21,047,041	21,600,342	562,301
Debt Service Contribution	29,501,122	29,501,122	24,600,000	(4,901,122)
City of Yonkers	**298,298,059**	**298,298,059**	**293,959,238**	**(4,338,821)**
Reserve for Encumbrances	0	488,500	0	
Appropriated General Fund Balance	24,000,000	24,000,000	0	**(24,000,000)**
Appropriated Debt Service Fund Balance	1,562,679	1,562,679	0	(1,562,679)
Appropriated Fund Balance	25,562,679	26,051,179	0	(25,562,679)
Total Revenue	**810,723,013**	**808,756,216**	**776,651,755**	**(34,071,258)**

Fund Balance: Appropriated vs. Remaining

Prior Year Audited Fund Balance | FY 2020/21 – 2025/26



FY 20/21 — 100.0%
Prior bal: $12.7M (June 2019)
$12.7M appr. — none left

FY 21/22 — 36.0%
Prior bal: $23.3M (June 2020)
$8.4M appr. — $14.9M left

FY 22/23 — 21.0%
Prior bal: $44.5M (June 2021)
$9.4M appr. — $35.2M left

FY 23/24 — 79.2%
Prior bal: $40.7M (June 2022)
$32.3M appr. — $8.5M left

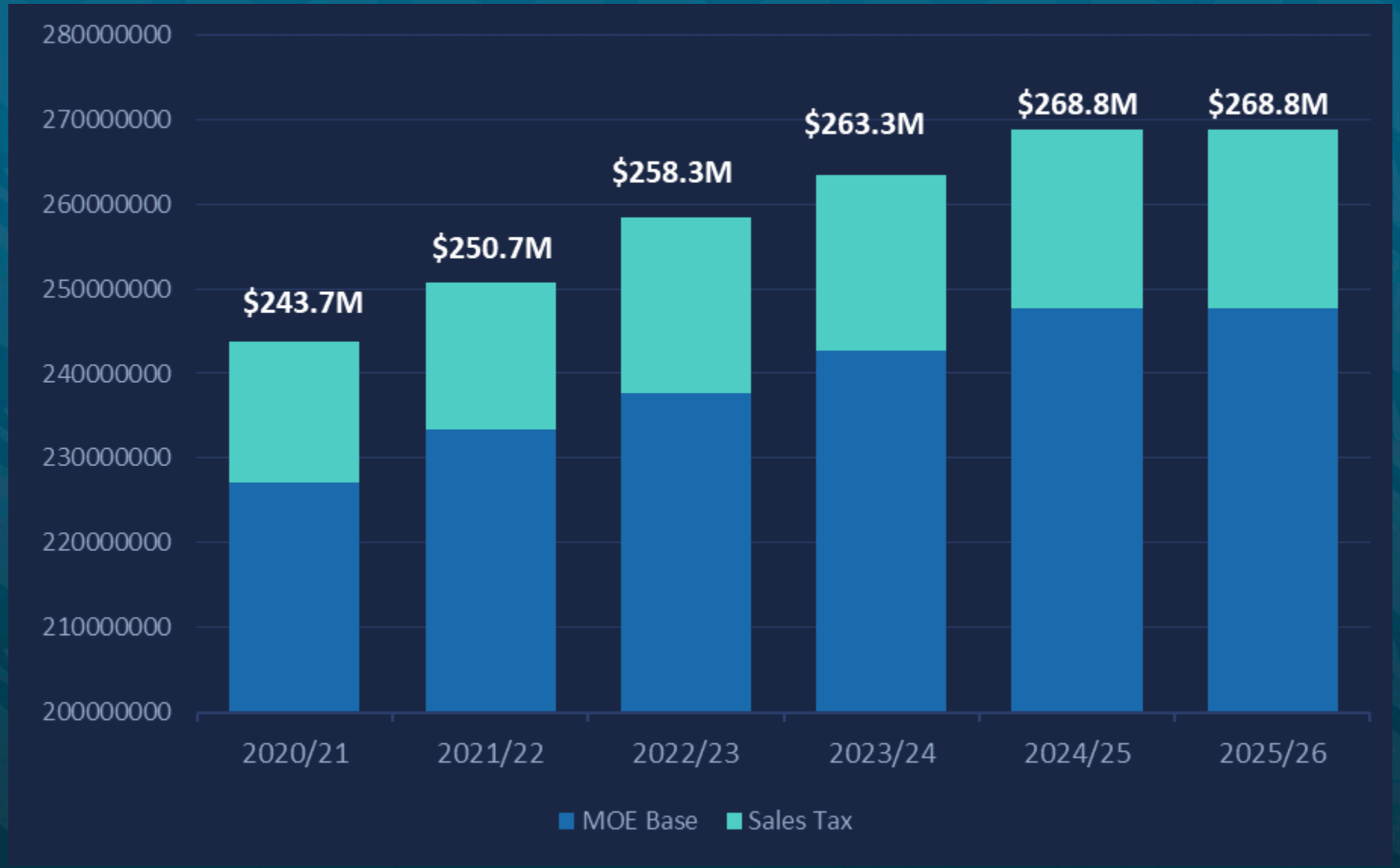
FY 24/25 — 78.6%
Prior bal: $50.9M (June 2023)
$40.0M appr. — $10.9M left

FY 25/26 — 62.9%
Prior bal: $38.2M (June 2024)
$24.0M appr. — $14.2M left

FY 26/27 — 75.0%
Prior bal: $24.0M (Unaudited Est.)
$18.0M appr. — $6.0M left

Growing Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Support

MOE Base & Sales Tax Contributions | FY 2020/21 – 2025/26



+$25.1M

Total MOE Growth Since 2020/21

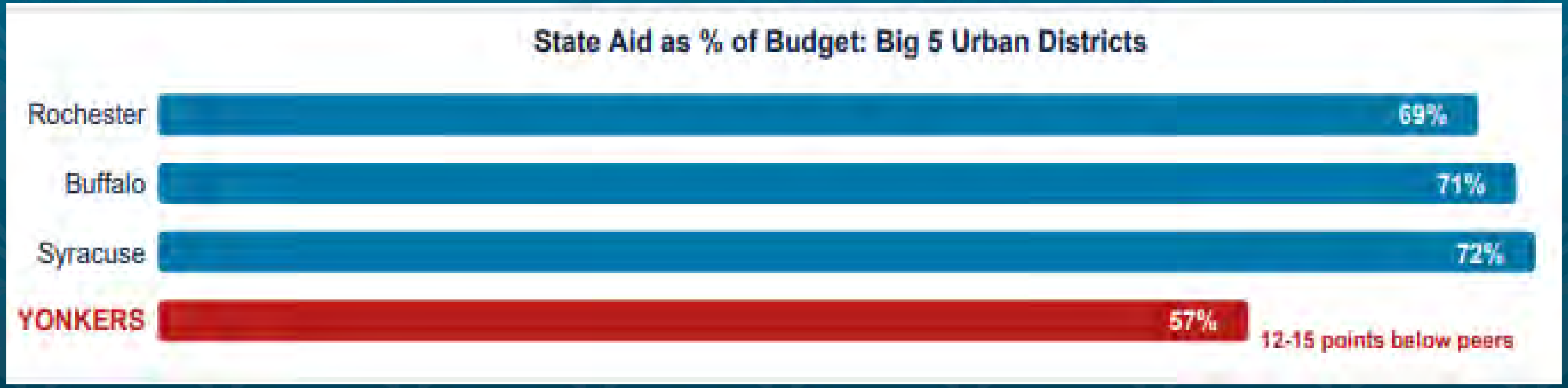
+10.3%

Percentage Increase (6-Year Period)

$268.8M

Total MOE Commitment — 2025/26

BIG 5 STATE AID COMPARISION



FY 2026–27 Revenue vs. Expenditures

REVENUE	
City of Yonkers	
Maintenance of Effort Base	$ 247,749,896
Maintenance of Effort Sales Tax	21,609,342
Debt Service Contribution	24,600,000
City of Yonkers - Total	293,959,238
State of New York	459,817,417
State Funding - Other / Bullet Aid	-
Video Lottery Revenue	19,600,000
Proceeds from State Loan	-
Federal Funding	1,164,100
Departmental Revenue	1,001,000
Indirect Cost	150,000
Miscellaneous Departmental	960,000
Appropriated General Fund Balance	-
Appropriated Debt Service Fund Balance	-
Total FY 26/27 Proposed Revenue	**$ 776,651,775**

EXPENDITURES	
Salary	$390,538,219
Employee Benefits	220,028,127
Transportation	69,565,720
Tuitions	51,680,000
Debt Service	35,229,964
Contractual	27,998,517
BOCES	21,796,697
Charter School Tuitions	24,503,576
Utilities	11,906,778
Materials & Supplies	10,142,719
Building Repairs	2,885,823
Transfers	2,800,000
Insurance	1,967,000
Postage	250,000
Travel	83,810
Equipment	261,000
Textbooks	5,267,120
Library Books	205,000
Computer Software	839,011
Total FY 26/27 Proposed Expenditures	**$ 877,949,081**

Revenue vs. Expenditures — BUDGET GAP: ($101,297,326)

Structural Budget GAP

Yonkers has carried a budget gap every year. This is a structural inequity in the NYS Aid formula



FY	Proposed Budget GAP (Millions)
2018/19	$51.7
2019/20	$59.6
2020/21	$46.7
2021/22	$50.6
2022/23	$9.3
2023/24	$93.3
2024/25	$86.3
2025/26	$68.2
Projected 2026/27	$101.2

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding

221 Staff Members | Budget Gap Contributor

FISCAL IMPACT: ARPA funding was exhausted. The positions were moved to the District's operating budget — contributing to the FY 2026/27 structural budget gap.

FULL TIME EMPLOYEES	TITLE	PROJECTED COST
	Health and Safety	
3.00	Public Safety Officer	.3 M
5.00	Registered Professional Nurse	.5 M
	Learning	
6.00	Assistant Principal	1.3 M
17.00	School Aide	.9 M
12.00	Teacher - Art	1.8 M
8.00	Teacher - Career and Technical Education	1.1 M
5.00	Teacher - Foreign Language	.3 M
10.00	Teacher - Instrumental Music	1.6 M
7.00	Teacher - Library Media Specialist	.9 M
7.00	Teacher - Physical Education	1.2 M
5.00	Teacher - Reading	.8 M
14.00	Teaching Assistant	1.0 M
	Other Areas	
1.00	Clerk	.1 M
5.00	Custodial Worker	.5 M
1.00	Facilitators	.2 M

FULL TIME EMPLOYEES	TITLE	PROJECTED COST
	Social Emotional Support	
1.00	Program Specialist	.1 M
40.70	Psychologist	7.2 M
36.40	School Counselor	7.1 M
14.00	Social Worker	3.4 M
	Support for Special Populations	
2.00	Lifeguard/Swim Instructor	.2 M
1.00	Pool Maintenance Worker	.1 M
1.00	Pool Operator Day	.1 M
1.00	Teacher - Aquatics Program	.1 M
7.00	Teacher - English as a New Language	1.2 M
3.00	Teacher - Special Education	.5 M
4.00	Teacher - Speech	.6 M
	Technology	
4.00	PC Technician	.5 M

221.10	FULL TIME EMPLOYEES	PROJECTED COST	$33.4 M

2026/2027 Budget GAP

Proposed Expenditures vs. Revenues

EXPENDITURES	**$877,949,081**
REVENUE	**$776,651,755**

GAP
$101M

BUDGET GAP

$(101,297,326)

Expenditures
$877.9M

Revenue
$776.7M

13% shortfall in revenue

⚠ **Without new source of revenue or significant expenditure reductions, the district faces a $101M structural deficit**

EXAMPLE OF POSITIONS TO CLOSE THE GAP

Position	Avg. Salary Cost	Current Staff	How We Get to $1M
Teacher	$99,217	1,696.51	10
Social Worker	$99,217	20	10
Psychologist	$99,217	40.70	10
Guidance Counselor	$99,217	58	10
Teaching Assistant	$35,869	119	27
School Aide	$20,194	1,011	50
Public Safety Officer	$49,719	80	20
Clerk I	$45,296	76	22
Central Office Admin	$142,000	43	7
School Level Admin	$151,697	108	7

GAP Closing Measures Implemented Last Year

Closed One School Facility

Facility closure generated operational savings across utilities, maintenance, and staffing.

Reconfigured Multiple School Locations

Improved grade-level efficiency and reduced overhead through strategic school reconfigurations.

Utilized $24M from Unassigned Fund Balance

Drew down $24 million in reserves to bridge the prior-year budget gap.

Reduced Staffing Through Attrition & Restructuring

Eliminated vacancies, reduced headcount through attrition, and restructured roles.

Reduced Prep Substitutes — $1.2M Savings

Targeted reduction in prep substitute usage generated $1.2 million in savings.

Reviewed & Reduced All General Fund Spending

Line-by-line review and reduction of discretionary general fund expenditures district-wide.

Realized Savings from Employee Retirements

Salary savings captured from retiring employees — positions held vacant or restructured.

Decreased Overtime Expenditures

Tightened overtime controls and approval processes to reduce excess expenditure.

Closing the FY 2026-27 GAP requires new revenue and systemic solutions.

Closing the Budget Gap & Maintaining Programs

Strategic Approach: "Addition by Subtraction"

01 Transportation — School Start & End Times

02 Enrollment & Student Placements (Community School Model)

03 Early Childhood Program Consolidation

04 Central Office Restructuring

05 Exploring Retirement Incentive Offerings

06 Special Education Programming

07 Reduction-In-Force

08 Intra-Municipal Agreement — Shared Services

09 Professional Service Contracts

10 Explore School Reconfigurations/Consolidation

Goal: Protect the student experience — every dollar saved through operations is a dollar preserved for students.

Obama School for Social Justice – Middle School

Grade Reconfiguration / Middle School (Grades 7–8) Proposal

Current Enrollment (2025–26)

566

Students — Grades 7–12

NYSED Accountability Status

RECEIVERSHIP

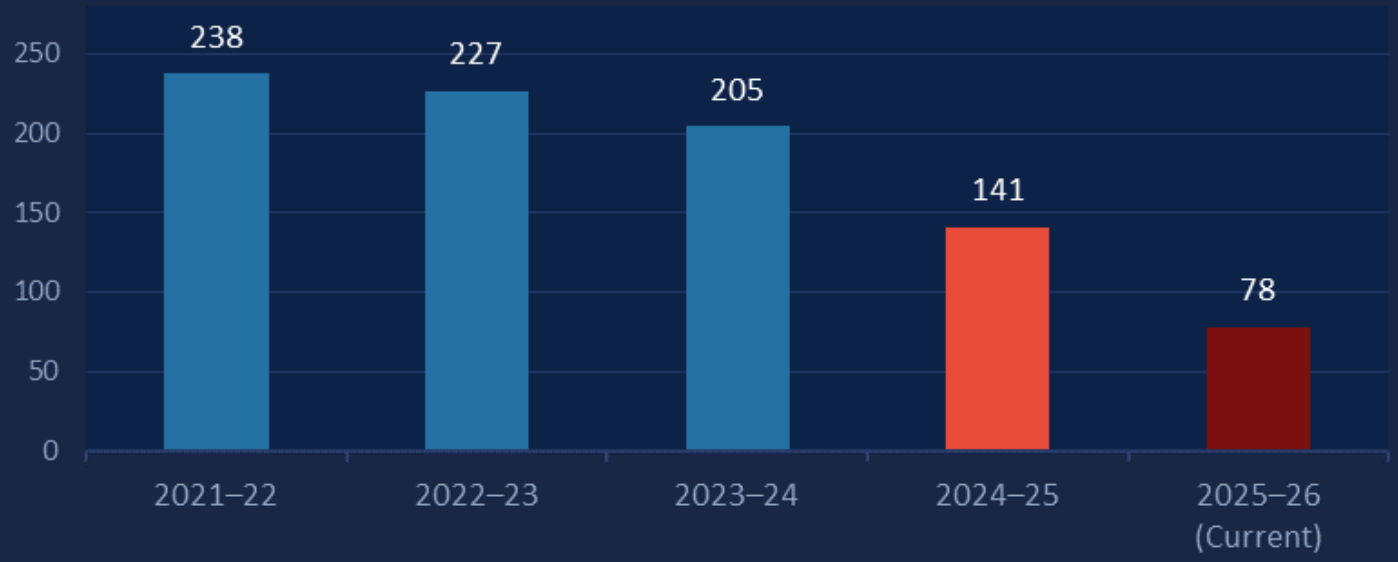
Persistently low-performing — state oversight

Potential Savings by reconfiguring the Middle School

$2M

Reduce Staff and Transportation Cost

Grades 7–8 Enrollment Decline



⚠ Board Vote Required

The Board must vote on this proposal to avoid the disruptive and state-controlled process of NYSED Receivership intervention.

✓ Transition Plan: 7th & 8th Graders

22 - 7th Grade Students will transition to another campus
55 – 8th Grade Students will transition to 9th Grade at Barack Obama High School

Enrollment in steady decline | **Currently under NYSED Receivership** | **Proactive Board action avoids state takeover**



ADVOCACY

OUR STUDENTS & PARENTS ARE SPEAKING



YONKERS STUDENTS & PARENTS AT THE STATE CAPITOL



FIGHTING FOR EQUAL SCHOOL FUNDING



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Advocacy Timeline

Oct 22, 2025
Big 5 Meeting with NYS Division of Budget

Nov 3, 2025
YCPTA Executive Board Meeting

Nov 25, 2025
NYS Delegation Meeting

Jan 29, 2026
Joint Legislative Public Hearing on Executive Elementary & Secondary Education Budget

Feb 9–10, 2026
NYS Delegation Meetings

Feb 10, 2026
Mayor's Budget Press Conference

Mar 1–2, 2026
NYS Council of School Superintendents – Lobby Days

Mar 3–4, 2026
Big 5 Legislative Conference

Mar 10, 2026
YCPTA Rally in Albany

Mar 18, 2026
BOE Stated Meeting – Preliminary Budget Presentation

Apr 13 & 16, 2026
Budget Town Hall

May 20, 2026
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TBD
Budget Presentation to the Yonkers Council of PTAs

TBD
Yonkers City Council Budget Hearing

Jun 17, 2026
BOE Stated Meeting – Adoption of 2026/27 Budget

Q&A

Questions & Answers

We welcome your questions and thank you for your support and commitment of our schools.

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BUDGET TOWN HALLS

REGISTRATION

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