



Superintendent, Anibal Soler, Jr.

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Message from Superintendent Soler

Dear Yonkers Families,

I hope you and your families are well.

Thank you again for your patience, flexibility, and partnership as we returned from February break and navigated the effects of the recent blizzard that swept through our region. Nothing beats the sound of students returning to our buildings. I had the pleasure of joining Principal Dr. Baez at School 5 to welcome students back, and seeing their smiling faces reminded me why we do this work every day.



Superintendent Soler Reading to Students at School 5

I want to express my **deepest gratitude to our incredible Buildings and Grounds team**. Their tireless efforts - often behind the scenes and in the toughest conditions - ensured that our campuses were safe, cleared, and prepared to welcome students and staff. Their dedication exemplifies the very best of Yonkers Public Schools and our shared commitment to Excellence under our Yonkers 2030 Strategic Plan.

As you know, our district calendar includes designated emergency closure days. We are currently in contact with the New York State Education Department to request an exemption from the 180-day requirement due to the severity of the blizzard. We will update you as soon as we receive further guidance. In the meantime, please plan accordingly for the makeup dates.

At the same time, in line with our Yonkers 2030 pillars of Empowerment and Advancement, we are collaborating closely with our teachers and administrators to explore thoughtful remote learning options. We aim to maintain continuity of learning while safeguarding pre-set vacations and family time. I appreciate our educators and union partners for their efforts in finding solutions that prioritize students and families.

Message from Superintendent Soler (Continued)

Our work on the district budget remains a top priority. We have entered the advocacy phase of the budget process. We are actively engaging with our elected officials to raise awareness of the longstanding structural funding challenges facing Yonkers Public Schools. Although this might be one of the most challenging fiscal years in over a decade, I am fully committed to safeguarding our progress, investments, and Yonkers Public Schools. Our efforts under Yonkers 2030 continue—because our students deserve nothing less.

Even during a shortened in-person week, Yonkers was full of achievement and celebration. We proudly announced additional Valedictorians and Salutatorians, highlighting the academic excellence that characterizes our students. Our boys' and girls' basketball teams brought energy to the playoff games, showcasing teamwork and resilience. Throughout the district, read-a-thons and literacy activities reinforced our focus on strong foundational skills—another essential part of our strategic plan.

This is the magic of Yonkers. Even in challenging weeks, we move forward. We celebrate. We advocate. And we stay aligned to a bold vision for 2030 and beyond.



Anibal Soler, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools



Special Thanks to Our Custodial Staff for Ensuring Our Schools Were Clear of Snow and Ready to Reopen!

DISTRICT Digest

From key moments with Superintendent Soler to exciting events across our schools, Yonkers Magic was on full display. Catch up on all the highlights and celebrations happening in YPS this week!

Story Time With the Yonkers Guardians



Everyday Heroes Enter the Classroom

Superintendent of Schools Anibal Soler, Jr., Yonkers Police Commissioner Christopher Sapienza, and members of the Yonkers Guardians Association joined the School 5 community this week for the *First Annual Honoring the Past, Inspiring the Future: School 5 Black History Read Aloud* event.

Their partnership and presence helped create a meaningful morning of read-alouds, reflection, and thoughtful conversations centered on identity, perseverance, and pride.

2026-27 Bus Transportation Applications Due April 1



Non-Public School Bus Transportation

Transportation applications for students who will attend a private, parochial, or charter school within the City of Yonkers for the 2026-27 school year are **due April 1, 2026**. Alternate school bus transportation requests are also due on April 1st. [Visit our website](#) to apply today.

Yonkers History Day Returns This Saturday, February 28!

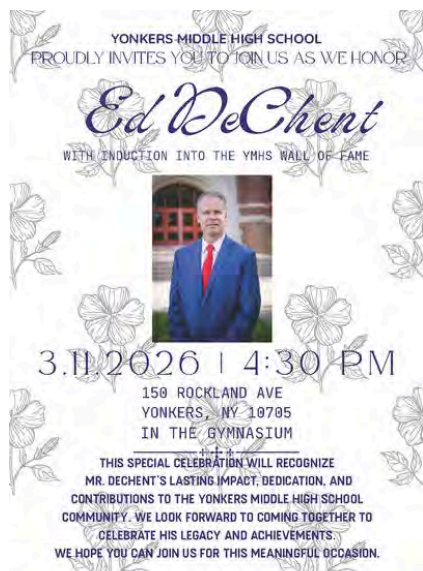


Learn the History of Our Wonderful City

The community is invited to support Yonkers Public Schools students as they explore the past, question the present, and imagine the future. **Yonkers History Day** is when curiosity sparks discovery - and discovery fuels inspiration.

Join us at Robert C. Dodson School from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on February 28, 2026. We look forward to seeing you there!

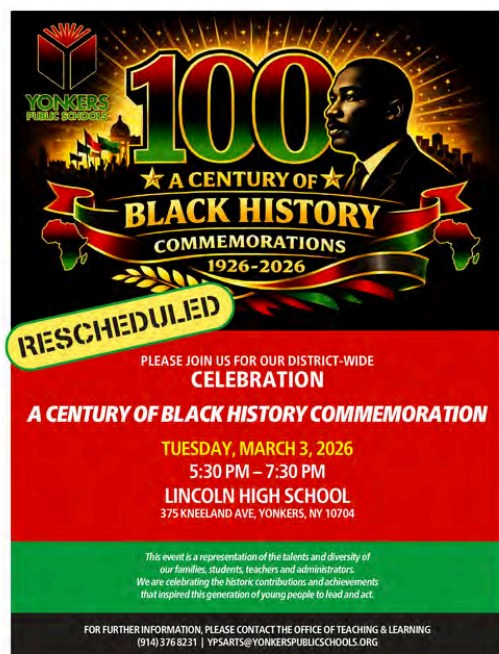
Honoring Yonkers Native Son Ed DeChent



Recognizing Dedication and Contributions to the Yonkers Community

Join us in celebrating Ed DeChent, a native son of Yonkers, a graduate of Yonkers High School, and recently retired principal of Roosevelt High School, as he is inducted into his alma mater's Hall of Fame on March 11, 2026.

Black History Celebration Now March 3, 2026



Celebrating Strong Culture And Student Achievement

With the blizzard behind us, don't miss the chance to experience the dynamic Black History Month celebration showcasing diverse creative expressions from students across the district. Students and staff look forward to welcoming you on **Tuesday, March 3, 2026**, at 5:30 PM in the Lincoln High School Auditorium.

Annual YCPTA Fundraising Gala



A Night of Celebration and Community

We are proud to join this celebration honoring Brenda Cardoza, President of the Yonkers Council of PTA/PTSAs, and RoseAnne Collins-Judon, Associate Superintendent of Yonkers Public Schools, in recognition of their outstanding leadership and unwavering dedication to our students, families, and school community.

Please join us on April 30, 2026, from 5:30-10:00 PM at Westchester Manor, 140 Saw Mill River Road, Hastings-on-Hudson. [Purchase tickets online here.](#)

Two High Schools Announce their Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the Class of 2026



Roosevelt High School (Valedictorian)



Roosevelt High School (Salutatorian)



**Yonkers Montessori Academy
(Valedictorian: Left, Salutatorian: Right)**

Recognizing Academic Achievement

Yonkers Montessori Academy and Roosevelt High School held events this week, proudly announcing their Valedictorian, Salutatorian, and Top 20 students. This outstanding group of leaders, scholars, and difference-makers worked hard, stayed focused, and rose to the top. Their dedication and resilience truly set them apart.

Yonkers Montessori Academy

Valedictorian: Lauren Restivo

Salutatorian: Monica George

Roosevelt High School Early College Studies

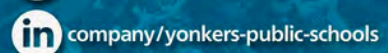
Valedictorian: Khloe Madison Nieto

Salutatorian: Ariana J Henry

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District Digest

Photos from Across the District



100 Days of School Celebration at Boyce Thompson School



100 Days of School Celebration at Yonkers Early Childhood Academy



100 Days of Learning and Growing at School 17



The Unified Yonkers Student Leadership Council (UYSLC)

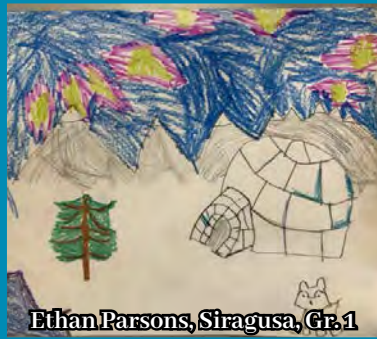


Dominican independence Day Celebration at Enrico Fermi School

YPS STUDENT ARTWORK



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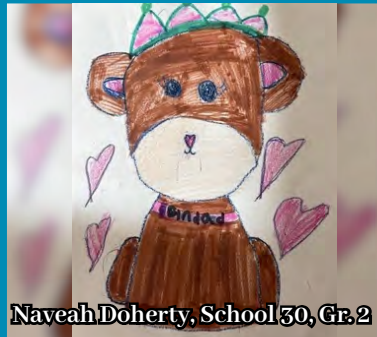
Ethan Parsons, Siragusa, Gr. 1



Saori Valek Murcia, Dodson, Gr. 7



Hayona Foye, School 23, Gr. 8



Naveah Doherty, School 30, Gr. 2



Emanuel Azulay, YMA, Gr. 8