YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2026-2027 PROPOSED BUDGET

PROTECT OUR PROGRESS - PROTECT THE INVESTMENT - PROTECT YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education Stated Meeting
May 20, 2026

Aníbal Soler, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools

YONKERS Magic

YONKERS
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

OUR VISION

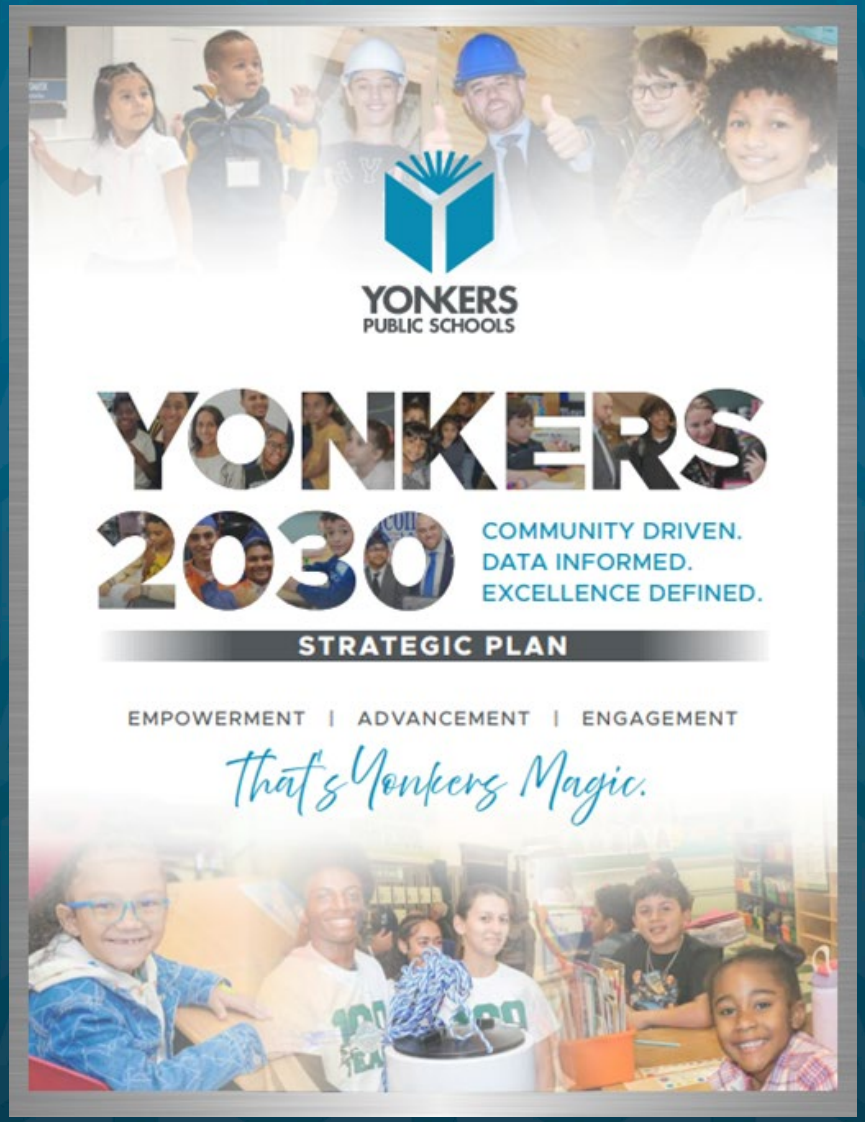
Creating a Foundation for Success:
Innovation, Inspiration, Critical Thinking,
and Excellence for All

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.

YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

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- 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 – 4/16

May 2026
Yonkers City Council Budget Hearing

Final Budget Review

- BOE Stated Meeting Presentation - Proposed Budget - 5/20/26
- Yonkers City Council Budget Hearing 5/26/26

June 2026
Board Approval

Budget Adoption

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

YONKERS STUDENTS AT A GLANCE

23,393
Students

38 Public Schools | PK–12th Grade

1,200 PreK (age 3–4)
22,193 Kindergarten – 12th Grade

5,167
Students with Disabilities (22%)
740 out-of-District students

3,115
Multilingual Learners (13%)
81 Languages | 38% Spanish

1,104
Charter Schools
832 in Yonkers | 272 Outside of Yonkers

1,991
Private and Parochial
1,444 in Yonkers | 547 outside



RACE / ETHNICITY

63%	15%	13%	9%
Hispanic 14,813 Students	African Am. / Black 3,537 students	White 3,017 students	Asian/PI / Other 2,026 students

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PK-12 SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

UPDATED NUMBERS

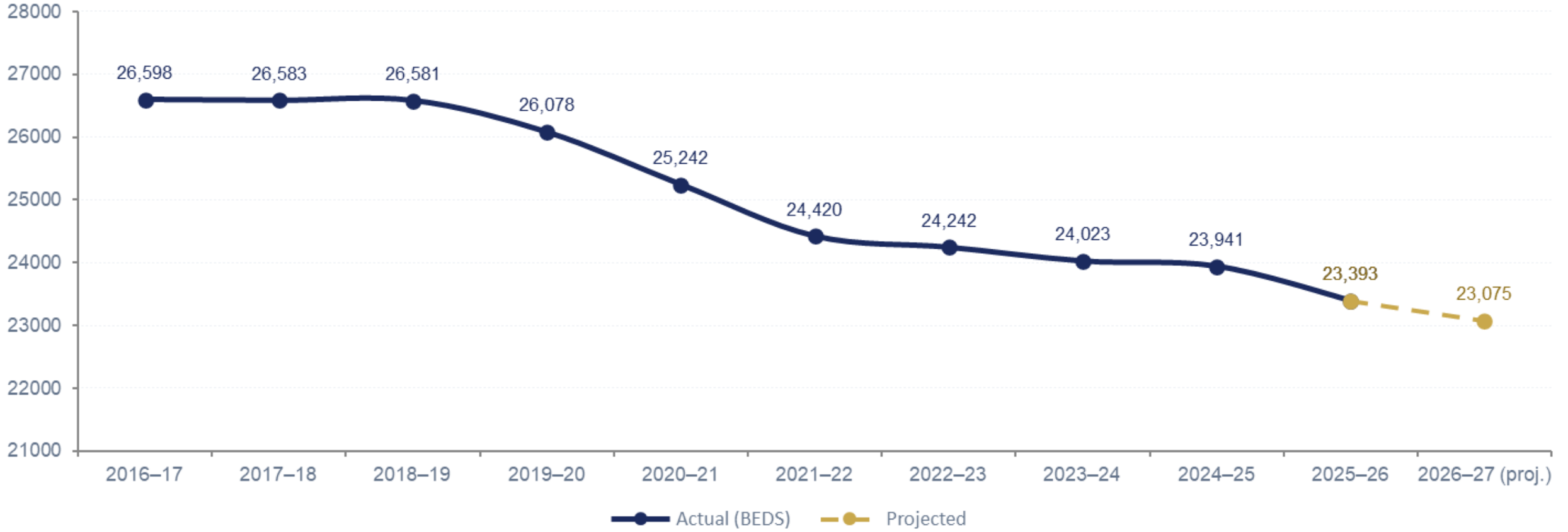
Enrollment has been on a steady decline. Lost over 3,200 students since peak enrollment in 2016-17

Peak Enrollment
2016-17
26,598

Current Enrollment
BEDS refresh May 8, 2026
23,393

Decline Since Peak
Over -12,1% over 9 years
-3,205

2026-27 Projected
Est. -318 from prior year
23,075



Enrollment Decline by Grade Level K-12

2016–17 to 2025–26 (BEDS) & 2026–27 Projection

Grade	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26 (BEDS 05/26)	2026-27 (Proj.)	Net Change '16->'26	%Change '16->'26
Pre-Kindergarte	1,249	1,441	1,453	1,445	1,311	1,447	1,390	1,322	1,295	1,200	1,181	-49	-3.9%
Kindergarten	1,963	1,811	1,911	1,811	1,699	1,535	1,612	1,532	1,540	1,484	1,446	-479	-24.4%
Grade 1	2,000	1,913	1,823	1,872	1,768	1,651	1,582	1,622	1,562	1,573	1,538	-427	-21.4%
Grade 2	1,987	1,982	1,888	1,808	1,864	1,685	1,663	1,609	1,628	1,562	1,509	-425	-21.4%
Grade 3	2,083	1,967	1,955	1,827	1,756	1,789	1,664	1,681	1,615	1,632	1,609	-451	-21.7%
Grade 4	2,047	2,053	1,972	1,916	1,789	1,685	1,765	1,674	1,697	1,607	1,574	-440	-21.5%
Grade 5	1,997	2,042	2,035	1,933	1,890	1,724	1,713	1,796	1,696	1,735	1,708	-262	-13.1%
Grade 6	1,948	1,996	2,045	2,000	1,912	1,830	1,740	1,747	1,800	1,713	1,677	-235	-12.1%
Ungraded Elem.	200	182	183	176	148	146	135	110	108	78	69	-122	-61.0%
Grade 7	1,863	1,900	1,954	2,014	1,967	1,843	1,821	1,734	1,780	1,802	1,772	-61	-3.3%
Grade 8	1,852	1,880	1,858	1,959	1,972	1,912	1,860	1,810	1,747	1,739	1,696	-113	-6.1%
Grade 9	1,817	1,768	1,807	1,684	1,787	1,827	1,800	1,750	1,723	1,673	1,651	-144	-7.9%
Grade 10	1,853	1,838	1,798	1,807	1,687	1,739	1,847	1,828	1,782	1,719	1,727	-134	-7.2%
Grade 11	1,795	1,832	1,820	1,752	1,738	1,658	1,733	1,855	1,837	1,789	1,801	-6	-0.3%
Grade 12	1,768	1,794	1,883	1,879	1,762	1,745	1,713	1,769	1,949	1,902	1,933	134	7.6%
Ungraded Sec.	176	184	196	195	192	204	204	184	182	185	184	9	5.1%
Grand Total PK-	26,598	26,583	26,581	26,078	25,242	24,420	24,242	24,023	23,941	23,393	23,075	-3,205	-12.0%

% Change Key: Gain / Stable | 0% to –5% | –5% to –10% | –10% to –15% | > –15%

UPDATED NUMBERS

2026/2027 Proposed Expenditures

Expenditures	24-25 Actuals	25-26 Adopted	25-26 Amended	26-27 Proposed	$ Variance Proposed vs. Adopted
Salary	361,873,241	374,484,079	368,196,115	388,254,811	13,733,551
Employee Benefits	199,362,198	208,366,500	207,584,381	218,835,738	10,506,419
Transportation	56,146,586	59,396,755	58,588,755	68,538,139	9,141,384
Tuitions	42,853,167	43,155,791	45,555,791	54,639,909	11,484,118
Debt Service	38,451,619	36,933,801	36,933,801	35,102,521	(1,831,280)
Contractual	25,020,495	24,558,276	26,493,417	29,296,064	4,737,788
BOCES	18,367,012	19,461,934	19,461,934	21,896,697	2,434,763
Charter School Tuitions	18,686,201	21,767,541	21,767,541	24,503,576	2,736,035
Utilities	9,771,992	10,239,497	11,089,497	11,906,778	1,667,281
Materials & Supplies	4,519,850	4,528,932	4,805,195	7,303,826	2,774,894
Building Repairs	3,733,687	3,163,100	3,297,686	2,885,823	(277,277)
Transfers	2,462,324	2,450,000	2,450,000	2,800,000	350,000
Insurance	2,025,848	1,999,183	1,999,183	1,967,000	(32,183)
Postage	240,595	150,600	225,600	250,000	99,400
Travel	47,147	67,024	75,509	83,810	16,786
Equipment	211,521	0	0	0	0
Textbooks	636,871	0	0	0	0
Library Books	42,745	0	0	0	0
Computer Software	152,209	0	9,000	839,011	839,011
Total Expenditures	**784,605,310**	**810,723,013**	**808,533,405**	**869,103,703**	**58,380,690**

UPDATED NUMBERS

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	445,333,2024	7,382,313
State Funding - Categorical	14,176,286	11,720,989	11,691,931	(2,484,355)
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	12,000,000	0
Proceeds from State Loan	0	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	1,140,000	(150,000)
BOE Revenue and State Aid	**486,862,275**	**484,406,978**	**492,080,233**	**5,217,958**
Maintenance of Effort Base	247,749,896	247,749,896	247,916,563	166,667
Maintenance of Effort Sales Tax	21,047,041	21,047,041	21,550,806	503,765
Debt Service Contribution	29,501,122	29,501,122	28,903,422	(597,700)
City of Yonkers	**298,298,059**	**298,298,059**	**298,370,791**	**72,732**
Reserve for Encumbrances	0	265,689	0	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	181	(1,562,498)
Appropriated Fund Balance	**25,562,679**	**25,828,368**	**181**	**(25,562,498)**
Total Revenue	**810,723,013**	**808,533,405**	**790,451,205**	**(20,271,808)**

2026/2027 REVENUE VS. EXPENDITURES

UPDATED NUMBERS

REVENUE	
City of Yonkers	
Maintenance of Effort Base	$ 247,916,563
Maintenance of Effort Sales Tax	21,550,806
Debt Service Contribution	28,903,422
City of Yonkers - Total	298,370,791
State of New York	*457,025,133*
State Funding - Other / Bullet Aid	12,000,000
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	1,140,000
Appropriated General Fund Balance	-
Appropriated Debt Service Fund Balance	181
Total FY 26/27 Proposed Revenue	**$ 790,451,205**

EXPENDITURES	
Salary	$388,254,811
Employee Benefits	218,835,738
Transportation	68,538,139
Tuitions	54,639,909
Debt Service	35,102,521
Contractual	29,296,064
BOCES	21,896,697
Charter School Tuitions	24,503,576
Utilities	11,906,778
Materials & Supplies	7,303,826
Building Repairs	2,885,823
Transfers	2,800,000
Insurance	1,967,000
Postage	250,000
Travel	83,810
Equipment	0
Textbooks	0
Library Books	0
Computer Software	839,011
Total FY 26/27 Proposed Expenditures	**$ 869,103,703**

Revenue vs. Expenditures — Budget Gap: ($78,652,498)

UPDATED NUMBERS

Budget Closing *Assumptions* FY 2026-27

- Gap Reduction
- Potential / Pending
- Remaining Gap

Note: Figures are estimates and subject to change based on final state budget and legislative action.

Starting Budget Gap (February)	**$101M**
-Bullet Aid *(Anticipated State Aid)*	**($12M)**
-Adjusted FY27Expenses	**($2.3M)**
-Adjusted FY27 Revenue	**($1.9M)**
-City Council Bonding Request *(Anticipated)*	**($6.5M)**
Adjusted Gap *(After initial offsets)*	**$78.3M**
Potential: Senate Bill	**($40M)**
Recommending: Use of Fund Balance	**($18M)**
Remaining Gap to address	**$20.3M**

Closing the Gap

A Shared Responsibility

SUPPORT RECEIVED

The City and State are providing support with additional funds to help address the district's budget shortfall.

City of Yonkers
Additional municipal support:
Transfer to Education - $16.3M

New York State
Increased state aid contribution:
Bullet Aid - $12M
Potential Senate Bill - $40M

THE REMAINING GAP

Even with this support, a significant gap remains — one that cannot be closed by additional funding alone.

Workforce Restructuring
Aligning staffing to current enrollment

Strategic Alignment of Our Schools
Schools & central office reconfiguration and facility optimization

Declining enrollment requires strategic alignment of schools, staffing, and resources centered on student need.

School Capacity Realignment

The District Has Enough Seats — But They're in the Wrong Buildings

OVERCROWDED (21 Schools)

School 16 (PK-6)	+290	97% over
DiChiaro (PK-8)	+256	88% over
School 22 (PK-6)	+166	76% over
School 30 (PK-8)	+187	52% over
Siragusa School (PK-6)	+163	55% over
Westchester Hills (PK-8)	+179	42% over
School 17 (PK-6)	+74	32% over
Pulaski School (PK-8)	+110	24% over
Gibran School (PK-8)	+102	24% over
Family School 32 (PK-8)	+96	21% over
Gorton High School (9-12)	+157	18% over
School 5 (PK-8)	+88	19% over
MLK (PK-8)	+67	14% over
Paideia School 15 (PK-8)	+74	15% over
Cedar Place CS (PK-8)	+49	9% over
Montessori School 31 (PK-6)	+41	15% over
PEARLS (PK-8)	+11	1% over
Paideia School 24 (PK-6)	+10	4% over
Montessori School 27 (PK-6)	+10	3% over
Las Hermanas (PK-8)	+7	1% over
School 23 (PK-8)	+5	1% over

UNDER-UTILIZED (15 Schools)

Yonkers Middle/High (7-12)	−513	25% under
Saunders High School (9-12)	−444	29% under
Halmi (7-12)	−364	63% under
Lincoln High School (9-12)	−341	24% under
Barack Obama School (9-12)	−326	37% under
Cross Hill/YECA (PK-8)	−306	33% under
Roosevelt High School (9-12)	−279	22% under
YMA (PK-12)	−233	15% under
Dodson (PK-8)	−169	19% under
Ella Fitzgerald (PK-8)	−122	22% under
Sonia Sotomayor (PK-8)	−93	14% under
Riverside High School (9-12)	−88	10% under
Boyce Thompson (PK-8)	−87	21% under
Hostos (PK-8)	−42	7% under
Fermi (PK-8)	−2	< 1% under

Summary of Changes

1 Closing School 21

School 21 will be closed.

2 Middle School Reconfiguration

Three schools are having their 7th and 8th grade programs consolidated into receiving schools: **School 16, School 23, and Kahlil Gibran → Cross Hill Academy, Yonkers Middle School, and Robert C. Dodson School**

3 Pre-Kindergarten Reductions (1 section per school) Due to Low Enrollment

- School 5
- School 23
- Montessori 31
- Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Ella Fitzgerald Community School
- Robert C. Dodson School

4 Adding Over 20 Special Education Classrooms

Over 20 special education classrooms will be added district-wide.

5 Barack Obama Middle School Closed

Barack Obama Middle School will be closed and changed to **Barack Obama High School**, serving grades 9–12.

School Realignment: The Actions We Must Take

- We cannot continue to return year after year seeking additional funding without making the structural changes our enrollment numbers demand
- This reflects a commitment to fiscal responsibility

Where we were in January:

450

ANTICIPATED POSITIONS

Where we are now:

146

RECOMMENDING POSITIONS

WORKFORCE RESTRUCTURING

Employee Group	Total Membership	Total Reduced Positions	Projected Available Positions (Vacancies & Retirements)	Estimated Total RIF	Percent Reduction (of Total Membership)
Civil Service Employee Association (CSEA)	1,806	-63	63	0	4%
Yonkers Federation of Teachers (YFT)	2,021	-75	50	-25	3%
Yonkers Council of Administrators (YCA)	112	-3	3	0	3%
Central Office Administration	57	-5	3	-2	9%
Total Positions Identified:	3,996	-146	119	-27	

Projected available positions — including retirements and vacancies — are subject to change through June 30th and may affect the number of employees impacted by a Reduction in Force (RIF).

This Budget Includes...

- Athletic Sports
- School Counselors
- Psychologists
- Social Workers
- Art and Music Programs
- Extended School Day
- Health Services
- Summer Enrichment
- Safety and Security
- Core Curriculum Programs
- All Extracurricular Activities
- Career & Technical Education
- School-Level Administration
- Technology Upgrades
- Special Education Classes
- Advanced Placement Classes
- College Link Courses
- Dual Credit Courses



Planning for 2027–28 and Beyond: The Budget Work Starts Now

School Community

- School choice/enrollment process needs review
- Community School Model - Integrates wraparound social, health, and academic support services within the school building
- Parent and Family Engagement

Operations

- Explore busing eligibility to general education students residing within two miles of their assigned school.
- Review and renegotiate vendor contracts to reduce costs and improve service delivery for all students.
- Expiring Labor Contracts
- Impact of Potential Tier 6 Changes

Instructional Landscape

- Portrait of A Graduate – Roll-Out
- Yonkers 2030 Strategic Plan
- Increased Special Education Population
- Multilingual Learners

Facility Optimization

- As enrollment continues to decline, the district will strategically realign schools and workforce to ensure staffing reflects our current student population and enrollment trends.
- Yonkers Joint School Construction Board

THANK YOU



Governor Kathy Hochul
Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins
Senator Shelly Mayer
Assembly Members: Nader J. Sayegh, Gary Pretlow and MaryJane Shimsky

Mayor Mike Spano
Yonkers City Council Members

Yonkers Council of PTAs/PTSAs

Student Advocates

YFT, YCA, CSEA and Teamsters

Your partnership, advocacy, and commitment to our students make all the difference.

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