



Superintendent, Anibal Soler, Jr.

Message from Superintendent Soler

Dear Yonkers Public Schools Family,

I hope this message finds you well as we approach the weekend. I want to take a moment to reflect on this past week and share a few important updates with our community.

This week, I had the privilege of attending the 11th Annual New York Fathering Conference. We heard from many inspiring speakers who highlighted the vital role that fathers and father figures have in raising children. Their message was both impactful and meaningful.



Superintendent Soler Addresses Administrators at This Week's Principals Meeting

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This work closely aligns with our My Brother's Keeper initiative, where we remain dedicated to supporting and uplifting young men through mentorship, opportunities, and strong relationships. I left the conference feeling inspired and proud of the work we are doing here in Yonkers.

I also presented a preliminary [2026-2027 budget to our Board of Education](#). **This budget outlines the ongoing challenges we face, including a significant structural gap.** Rising costs and ongoing financial pressures are affecting our district. Additionally, the Foundation Aid formula in New York State continues to underfund Yonkers Public Schools.

We are still in the advocacy stage of the budget process, and there is time for our voices to be heard. I remain confident that our city and state leaders will work together to find a long-term solution for our district. Without that solution, the effects will be felt across our schools, and we may need to make difficult decisions as a community.

I encourage all our families, staff, and community members to [contact our elected officials](#). Please thank them for their ongoing support of Yonkers Public Schools and urge them to work toward a long-term solution to this persistent challenge.

Message from Superintendent Soler (Continued)

This week also brought sadness to our Yonkers community. The Robert C. Dodson Elementary School community experienced the loss of one of their students. Our hearts go out to the student's family, classmates, and loved ones. Please keep Principal Ramirez and the entire school community in your thoughts during this difficult time.

Additionally, many of you may have seen recent national news regarding Latino civil rights leader Cesar Chavez. We acknowledge the seriousness of these allegations and recognize the potential impact on our community, especially with one of our schools named after him. As a district, we will follow [Board Policy 7500](#) and take a careful, thoughtful approach. We remain true to our values and committed to doing what is right for our students and community.

Yonkers Public Schools Community, please check your emails regarding our Emergency Make-Up Days, which will include remote instruction. As it has been more than ten years since these days were last utilized—and because this change affects our customary spring break—we have developed an approach that allows us to monitor student participation while accommodating family plans. Schools and teachers will provide specific details; therefore, please remain attentive to updates from your child's school.

Finally, as we head into the weekend, please join me in wishing the Yonkers Montessori Academy Lady Eagles varsity basketball team the best of luck as they compete for a New York State title.

Go Lady Eagles!



Anibal Soler, Jr.

Superintendent of Schools



**Yonkers Varsity and JV Girls Flag Football Teams
at the 5th Annual Section 1 Kickoff Event**

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!

District Leadership in Action



Another Productive Principal's Meeting

Earlier this week, principals and central office administrators met for their monthly meeting to focus on the district's budget, accountability, and what matters most - our students. Superintendent Soler opened with budget updates, emphasizing the importance of moving forward with hope while championing our students, families, and staff at every step.

Young Learners Take Initiative



5th Grade Spelling Bee

The 60th Anniversary of the 5th Grade Spelling Bee is not until June, but youngsters throughout the District are working hard to build vocabulary skills. Former Yonkers Public School Teacher of the Year Ms. Spagna is helping Las Hermanas Mirabal Community School students prepare for this cherished tradition.

Board of Education Adopts 2026-2027 Calendar



Plan Ahead for the Upcoming School Year

The First Day of School is Before Labor Day

Sept 1-2 Superintendent's Conference Days

Sept 3 First Full Day of School for Students K-12
Half-Day for PreK

Sept 4 Half-Day for PreK (Full Day K-12)

Sept 7 Labor Day: Schools & Central Office Closed

Sept 21 Yom Kippur: Schools & Central Office Closed

[Download the Full Calendar Here](#)

Varsity Athletes Shine



Congratulations!

Let's celebrate Madison White, whose outstanding performance in February's Girls Varsity Bowling Championship earned her a berth at the 2026 NYS High School Athletics Association state tournament where she opened with a 683 and surged to a 774 in the second half, finishing 53rd in the state. Thanks to Coach Faria for her guidance and support!

Superintendent's Budget Town Hall Virtual Meetings



2026/2027 SUPERINTENDENT'S BUDGET TOWN HALL

You are invited to the virtual
2026/2027 Superintendent's Budget
Town Hall English (Zoom webinar)

**MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2026
6:00 P.M.**

Public link to register in advance for this webinar:
<https://bit.ly/budget-041326>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email
containing information about joining the webinar



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SEMINARIO DEL PRESUPUESTO ESCOLAR DEL SUPERINTENDENTE 2026/2027

Están cordialmente invitados a unirse
al seminario virtual para conversar sobre
el presupuesto del nuevo año fiscal.

**lunes, 13 de abril del 2026
6:00 P.M.**

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Addressing Budget Challenges

Join Superintendent Aníbal Soler, Jr. for a closer look at the budget challenges facing
Yonkers Public Schools. Both sessions will be held at 6:30 PM via Zoom:

Monday, April 13, 2026
Click [here](#) to register

Thursday, April 16, 2026
Click [here](#) to register

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Educational Opportunities Await!

Start a new chapter today with FREE classes with the Yonkers Public Schools Adult Education Program, Pathways to Success.

Open to Yonkers residents 18 and over, this program offers a practical first step toward your goals. Choose from the new New York State GED preparation course, computer skills, culinary arts, retail sales, and medical billing and coding, with options designed to support a range of interests and career paths.

[Please register here](https://bit.ly/pathways-registration)

High School Students Win the Market



Recognizing Financial Accomplishment

Congratulations to Yonkers Middle High School for earning both 1st and 2nd place in the Junior Achievement Stock Exchange Challenge at Iona University, Principal Hattar's alma mater. A special thank you to Mrs. Gojani and Mr. Bayon for their leadership, guidance, and commitment in making this achievement possible.

They Found Themselves at the Wall of Fame



Honoring Gorton Alumni

Three Charles E. Gorton High School alumni were inducted into the school's Wall of Fame last evening, bringing joy to their families and pride to the school. Congratulations to alumni Robert Collarile and Martis Davis, and to faculty honoree Joseph J. Palya.

Upcoming YPS Events



The Association of Hispanic Professionals, Inc.
Cordially invites you to join us
in the celebration of the

40th Annual Scholarship Dinner

Thursday, May 21, 2026
5:30pm Cocktails
6:30pm Dinner and Program

The Westchester Manor
140 Saw Mill River Road
Hastings-on-Hudson, New York 10706

RSVP April 30, 2026

We Honor and Recognize
for their service and dedication to our students:

Lourdes Cruz

2026
Retired Principal
Yonkers Public Schools

Marlene Lara

2026
Monroe University
Director of Undergraduate Admissions



Scan QR Code to Purchase tickets online or send a check to:
The Association of Hispanic Professionals, Inc.
P.O. Box 411, Yonkers, N.Y. 10703

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO
THE YONKERS COUNCIL OF PTA/PTSAs

Annual Fundraising Gala

Honoring
Brenda Cardoza
YCPTA President

And
Rose Anne Collins-Judon
Associate Superintendent, Yonkers Public Schools

THURSDAY 30 AT 5:30 PM
2026

Westchester Manor
140 Saw Mill River Road
Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706

\$100 Per Person • Includes Dinner & Entertainment.

Please RSVP by April 10, 2026
to Narisaleem@YCPTA.org

Office of Student Support Services
10th Annual Autism Art Gala
Thursday, April 23, 2026 | 5:30 PM
Yonkers Riverfront Library | One Larkin Center | Yonkers, NY 10701

This exhibit will showcase artwork created by
Yonkers Public Schools Students with Autism.

MBK
Charles E. Gorton High School

TOUCH-A-TRUCK

GHS FIELD
100 SHONNARD PL
12PM-3PM

Saturday, May 2nd
*Rain Date May 16th

PARTNERS INCLUDE:
YPD, YFD, DPW, COUNTY
POLICE, U.S. MARINES,
WE ART 1 FOOD TRUCKS,
SALSA DANCING, LIVE MUSIC,
GAMES, FACE PAINTING, AND
MORE.

Meet Me On McLean

YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS MARCHING BAND



We cannot wait for the McLean Ave St. Patrick's Day Parade 2026 Saturday, March 21, 2026! The fabulous Yonkers Public Schools Marching Band featuring musicians from Yonkers Montessori Academy, Yonkers Middle High School, Lincoln High School and PEARLS Hawthorne will be stepping down McLean Avenue in one of our City's most beloved traditions. Hope to see you there!

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.

District Digest

Photos from Across the District



March Madness Math Edition at School 30



Yonkers Middle High School Bulldogs "Senior Skate Night"



School 16 Students Celebrate Eid



Yonkers Early Childhood Academy Celebrates St. Patrick's Day



Say Hello to the Smiling Students and Staff of School 17



Work Based Learning at Roosevelt High School's Auto Magnet

YPS STUDENT ARTWORK



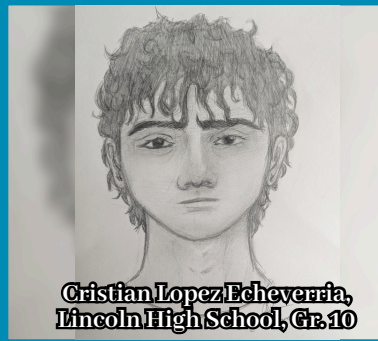
Analia Fuentes, Dodson, Gr. 7



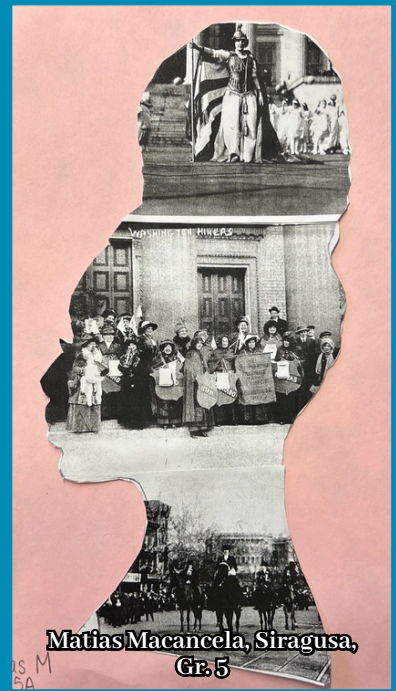
Waqas Virk, School 23, Gr. 8



Various Students, School 23, Gr. 4-6



Cristian Lopez Echeverria,
Lincoln High School, Gr. 10



Matias Macancela, Siragusa,
Gr. 5



Itzell Mendoza Rosete, School 23, Gr. 8