

## Message from Superintendent Soler

Dear Yonkers Public Schools Community,

As we enter the final month of summer vacation I wanted to provide you an update of our busy July month and reflect on some of the work that took place across our district.

This summer, nearly 1,500 students participated in our [Summer Enrichment](#) Academies. From reading and writing to math games, engineering projects, and film production, students were actively engaged and supported by dedicated teachers and mentors. Our Extended School Year program, which provides continued learning for students with special needs, is still underway and will conclude on August 12.

Looking ahead, the first day of school is Wednesday, September 3rd. Families can find school supply lists by visiting their school's website or by downloading our Yonkers Public Schools mobile app and subscribing to your child's school page for timely updates. If you are registering a new student or need to complete a withdrawal form, that process can be done online at [yonkerspublicschools.org](https://yonkerspublicschools.org) under the [Registration](#) and [Withdrawal section](#).

The Board of Education has approved the [2025–2026 school calendar](#), which is now available for families to view and will be mailed. I encourage everyone to take a moment to review the calendar to stay informed about key dates throughout the school year.

In addition, the Board adopted a [new policy](#) regarding student use of internet-enabled devices. Internet enabled devices and devices capable of connecting to an internet enabled device are not allowed to be used during the school day, following guidance from New York State. The policy is available on our website, and I encourage families to read it in full so we can work together to support a focused, distraction-free learning environment.



*Superintendent, Aníbal Soler, Jr.*



*Associate Superintendent  
RoseAnne Collins-Judon Attends  
Yonkers Middle High School's  
Summer Enrichment Culminating Event*

## Message from Superintendent Soler (Continued)

We've also published two resources, I hope you'll take the time to explore. Our [Yonkers 2030 Strategic Plan](#) reflects the voices of students, families, staff, and community partners and outlines a clear path forward for our district. We also released the [District and School Staff Resource Guide](#), which offers families an easy to understand look at how our schools and departments are staffed and supported.

We proudly celebrate our Summer 2025 graduates – students who showed great perseverance to complete their journey. At our most recent Board of Education meeting, we also welcomed newly appointed administrators who will help lead our schools into the new school year. And I'm pleased to share that we've welcomed two new student trustees to the Board for the 2025–2026 school year [Rafael Diaz](#) and [Margaret Ennin](#). Their perspectives and leadership will be valuable as we continue shaping the future of Yonkers Public Schools.

If you have questions or need support, please don't hesitate to reach out using [Let's Talk](#), our family communication platform, available on the district website. And if you haven't already, download our [mobile app](#) to stay connected to your school community all year long.

Thank you for your continued partnership. I look forward to a strong and successful start to the school year.



**Anibal Soler, Jr.**  
Superintendent of Schools



*Board of Education Trustees and Superintendent Soler welcomed newly appointed administrators*

# District Roundup

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## Summer Enrichment Highlights

**Nearly 1,500 Students Engaged with Hands-on Learning Across Yonkers**



*This summer, students across the district took part in enrichment programs that combined academics with creativity and real-world skills. At School 16, students explored ELA themes and built math skills through the Math For Love curriculum, supported by mentors from MBK and SMART Scholars.*

*Siragusa students showcased their math games and writing at a family celebration, while Hostos focused on multilingual learners with culturally responsive lessons in reading, math, and language development. At Yonkers Middle High School, middle schoolers explored engineering, film production, and crime scene investigation through engaging, project-based tasks.*

*See [photos](#) and an inside look of programming at the celebration event at [Yonkers Middle High School](#).*



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## New Policy: Internet-Enabled Devices

IMPROVED BEHAVIOR  
**STRONGER  
COMMUNITY**



### **NEW YORK STATE POLICY: Bell-to-Bell Restrictions on Internet-Enabled Devices**



Starting school year 2025-2026, New York State's **"bell-to-bell" ban on internet-enabled devices** aims to minimize classroom distractions, allowing students to concentrate better and engage more deeply.



Internet Enabled Devices **NOT Allowed** include but are not limited to:

- Smartwatches
- Smartphones
- Tablets
- Laptops
- Wireless earbuds
- Gaming devices
- Devices with messaging, video, or web-browsing



### **Limiting Distractions, Promoting Safety**

A new policy concerning student use of personal internet-enabled devices (phones, tablets, etc.) devices capable of connecting to a internet-enabled device has been adopted. The policy sets clear expectations to limit distractions and protect the learning environment. [Read the full policy here](#) and discuss it with your child ahead of the first day of school.

A school's storage plan may include, but is not limited to, one or more of the following storage options:

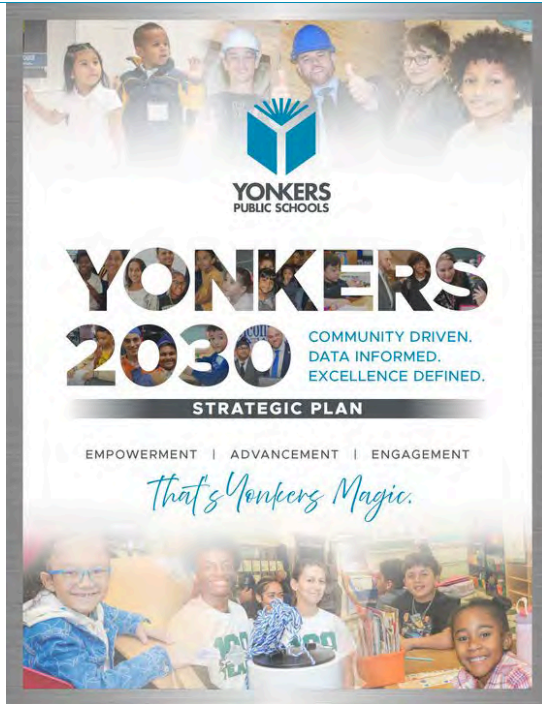
- the classroom teacher's storage container
- individual cubbies in classrooms
- the school office or other area designated by the Building Principal
- student lockers
- all-day storage in centralized device holders and/or caddies
- individual pouches

More information will be made available in the coming weeks.

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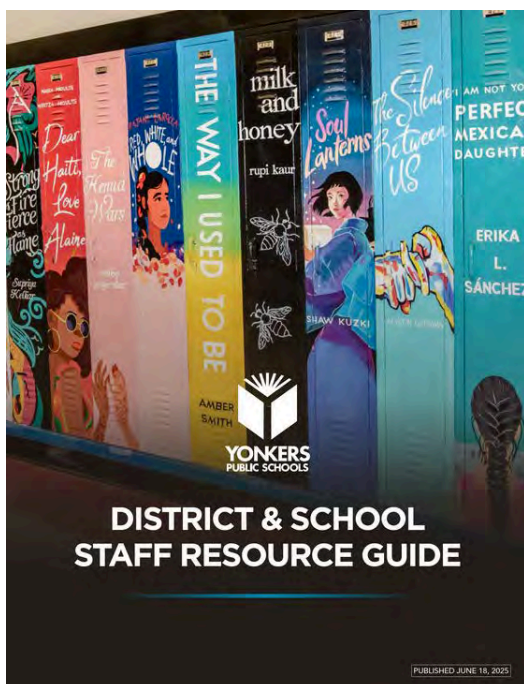
## Yonkers 2030 Strategic Plan



### Community-Driven. Data-Informed. Excellence Defined.

The new [Yonkers 2030 Strategic Plan](#) is live and ready for review. It was created with feedback from students, families, teachers, administrators, and community partners. This easy-to-read plan outlines our mission, goals, and future-focused commitments. Read it today and see how your voice helped shape the path forward.

## District & School Staff Resource Guide



### Clarity and Transparency at Your Fingertips

The [YPS Staff Resource Guide](#) simplifies how our schools and central office departments are structured and resourced. This document is concise, to the point, and gives a high level overview to how schools are supported.



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## Registration & Withdrawal Reminder



### IMPORTANT REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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Visit [yonkerspublicschools.org/register](https://yonkerspublicschools.org/register)

- Prekindergarten students must be 4 years-of-age on or before December 1, 2021
- Kindergarten students must be 5 years-of-age on or before December 1, 2020



#### WITHDRAWAL INFORMATION

Visit [yonkerspublicschools.org/withdraw](https://yonkerspublicschools.org/withdraw)

- If you've had a change in plans, moved, or intend to move visit <https://bit.ly/417eJhQ> to access the withdrawal link



**Make sure your  
child is registered  
or officially  
withdrawn before  
the school year  
begins**



*Whether your child is joining Yonkers Public Schools for the first time or transitioning to a new district, it's important that all [registrations](#) and [withdrawals](#) are completed before the first day of school.*

*Families can complete the process online through our website. The form is available in both English and Spanish and should be submitted as soon as possible to ensure school placements and student records are up to date.*

[Student Registration & Withdrawal](#)

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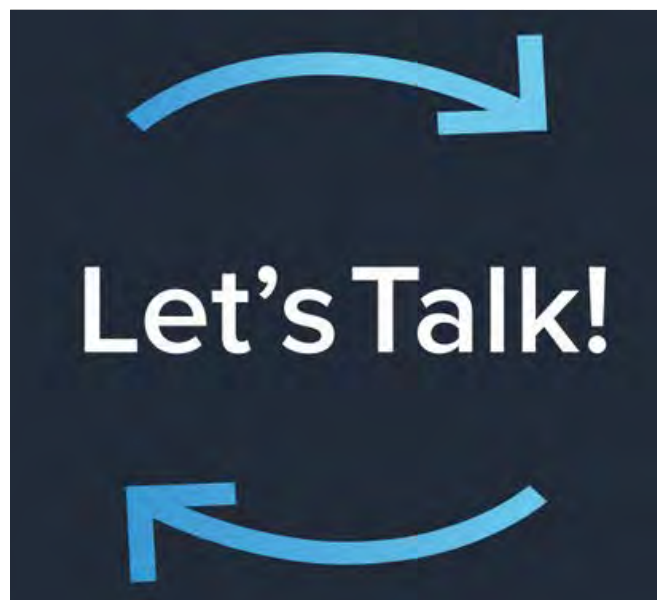
2025-26 SCHOOL CALENDAR	
<b>SEPTEMBER 2025</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 2026</b>
<b>OCTOBER 2025</b>	<b>MARCH 2026</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 2025</b>	<b>APRIL 2026</b>
<b>DECEMBER 2025</b>	<b>MAY 2026</b>
<b>JANUARY 2026</b>	<b>JUNE 2026</b>

### Plan ahead with key dates for the upcoming school year

The 2025–2026 Yonkers Public Schools calendar is available for families to view online. This easy to follow, one-page view helps families stay organized and informed all year long. The first day of school is Wednesday, September 3, 2025.

View and download the calendar here:  
[2025–2026 Calendar at a Glance](#)

## Stay Connected with Let's Talk and Our Mobile App



### Communication Made Easy

Need support or have a question? Use [Let's Talk](#) to reach my office or any department. It's fast, easy, and ensures timely responses. Also, be sure to download the Yonkers Public Schools mobile app to receive everything YPS in your pocket:

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# Scenes from Summer 2025

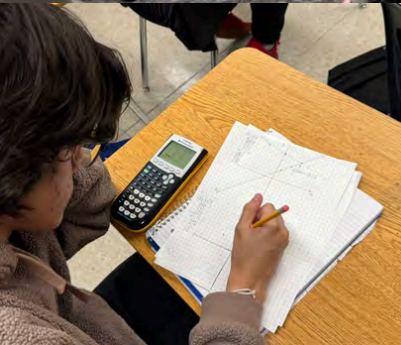
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