YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Superintendent's Week In Review

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Superintendent, Aníbal Soler, Jr.

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Superintendent's Address

Dear Yonkers Families,

Welcome back! The first week of the school year may have been short, but it was packed with energy and momentum. I had the privilege of visiting eleven schools, greeting our new principals, and spending time with students in classrooms where teachers are doing what they love – teaching.



Superintendent Soler Discusses Yonkers' Approach to the Cell Phone Ban on Good Morning America

One of the highlights this week was the smooth launch of New York State's new policy on internet-enabled devices.

Yonkers is proud to lead with an approach that balances state requirements with student needs. By providing every secondary student with a Yondr pouch, we kept devices accessible while ensuring focus in the classroom. The rollout was seamless, and I heard directly from students who shared their appreciation. We even reached national attention with coverage on ***Good Morning America***. Be sure to check it out!

We also strengthened school safety. In partnership with the Yonkers Police Department, our School Safety Officers completed training focused on collaboration and student support. I thank Mayor Mike Spano for prioritizing safety as we reopened schools, including his commitment to assigning additional personnel to our campuses. This was only the beginning, and I am inspired by the way our students and staff launched the year. Together, we will continue to build on this strong foundation. Thank you for your trust, your energy, and your partnership in making this school year a success.

P.S. Families will be receiving parental consent forms for their child's one to one device. Please ensure you return it to your child's school so they can receive their device.

Aníbal Soler, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools

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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!

Starting the Year Off Strong





Superintendent welcomes students back

Mayor Mike Spano, Senator Shelley Mayer, Board of Education President, Dr. Del Vecchio, and Superintendent Soler joined students on the first day of school to celebrate their return! In addition to a warm welcome, secondary school students received Yondr pouches as the District follows the statewide bell-to-bell initiative ban on internet enabled devices. A special thanks to ***Good Morning America*** *for covering this amazing kick off to the year!*

Igniting Yonkers Magic



Campus Visits Continue

Superintendent Aníbal Soler, Jr. visited new principals across the district this week, who are putting their best foot forward and ensured a strong start to the year. His tour included stops at Montessori School 31, School 5, Paideia School 24, and Roosevelt High School-Early College Studies.

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Yondr Pouches Distributed



A Big Step Towards Distraction Free Classrooms

On their first day, all secondary school students received magnetic Yondr pouches to store their phones from bell to bell. This ensures compliance with the state mandated ban while allowing students to keep their phones with them.

*Want to see how it went? Check out the **NBC** and **Good Morning America** news segments.*

Public Safety Officer Training



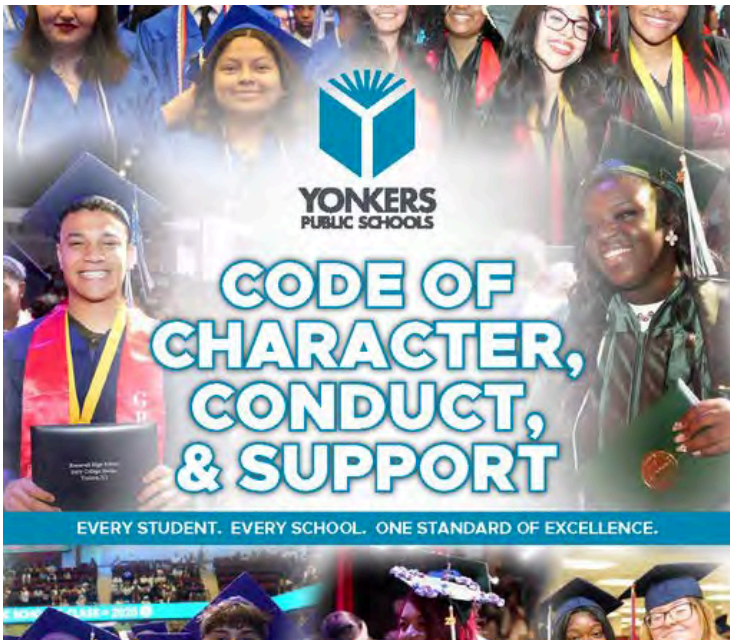


Ensuring a Safe and Secure Learning Environment

We proudly welcomed back our incredible Public Safety Officers at the retreat and training held at Great Point Studios! With a powerful session led in partnership with the Yonkers Police Department, our public school safety officers further explored emergency responses and readiness protocols as well as the new code of character, conduct and support!

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The Code of Character, Conduct, and Support Adopted by the Board of Education



One Standard of Excellence for Every Student and School

The Code of Conduct *is based upon education regulations, and Board of Education (BOE) policies. Its purpose is to set expectations that allow the Yonkers Public Schools to create and maintain a safe, civil, and caring environment in which teachers can provide high quality instruction and students can be fully engaged in learning.*

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 any central office 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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Six-Day Letter Day Schedule

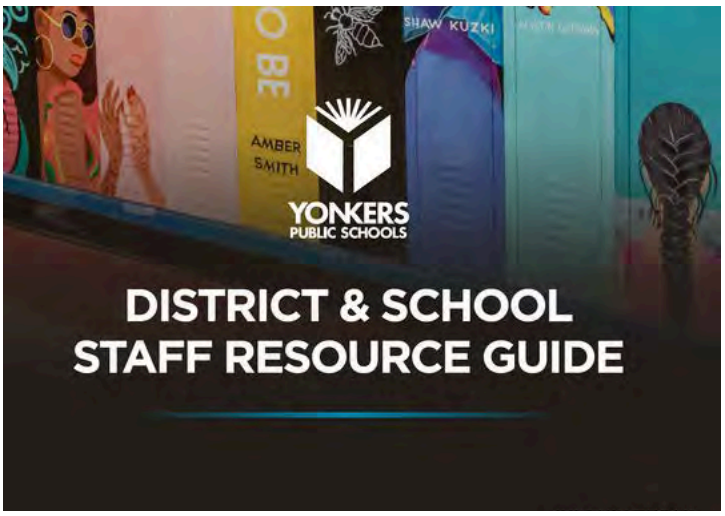


Ensuring Alignment Across the District

*As the school year comes to a start, **Yonkers Public Schools** is excited to introduce the new 6-Day Letter Schedule! Students can expect to rotate classes on a 6-day letter cycle, corresponding to A-F days. This change provides students with an opportunity to receive equal instructional time across all subjects.*

*Want to know more? **Visit our website** for additional information.*

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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2025–2026 School Calendar



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.

View and download the calendar here:
2025–2026 Calendar at a Glance

Important Dates This Month

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School Closings, Holidays, and More

September 11th - BOE Instructional Affairs Meeting at 1 Larkin Center, 4th Floor

September 17th - BOE Stated Meeting at Saunders Trades & Technical High School

September 23-24th - Rosh Hashanah (Schools/Central Office Closed)

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Yonkers Force Player Creates Yonkers Magic



Yonkers Force Player Recognized by Journal News

"#76 Lawrence Iyalekhue, Sr., OL, Yonkers Force, casts a long shadow. There simply is no equal and opposite force in Section 1 to slow the big man."

*Read the full article **here***

Did you know?



Feeding Families All Summer Long

Did you know this summer, close to 90,000 free meals were provided to families, ensuring all children 18 years and younger had healthy meals even while school was out?

We're grateful to our staff, volunteers, and community partners who made this possible.

Download the Mobile App to View the Breakfast & Lunch Menus

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Superintendent Soler's Week in Review Photos









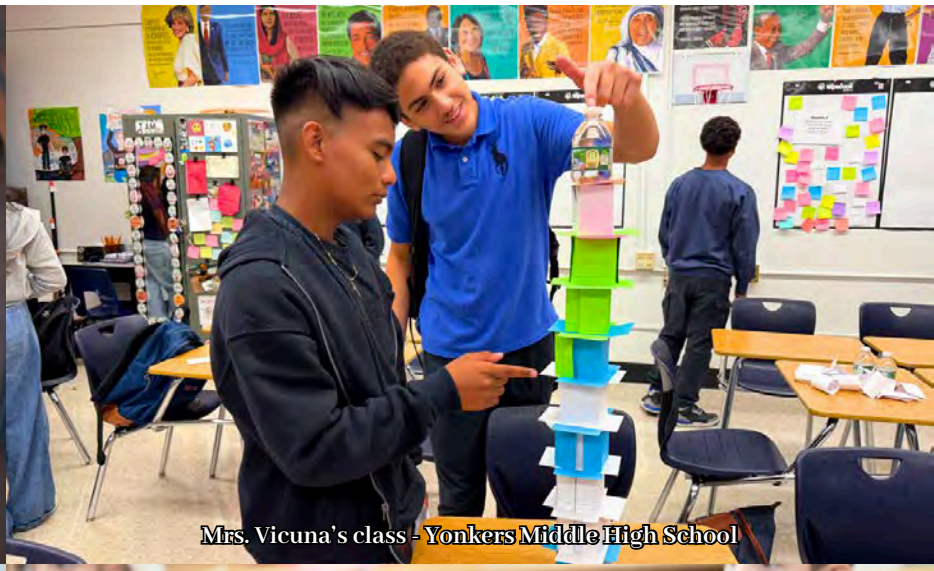


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Photos from Across the District



Public Safety Officer Retreat and Training



Mrs. Vicuna's class - Yonkers Middle High School



School 5 Scholars Enter the School Year Ready to Learn



Yonkers Montessori Academy Young Scholars Are Glad to Be Back



Roosevelt High School Students Receive Yondr Pouches for the First Time

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Photos from Across the District



Superintendent Soler Visits School 21



Students at Martin Luther King Jr. Academy



Welcoming New Families to William Boyce Thompson School



Welcome to a Brand New Year at School 16



Learning Various Shapes at Yonkers Montessori Academy