



Superintendent, Anibal Soler, Jr.

Message from Superintendent Soler

Dear Yonkers Families and Community,

This was another productive week in Yonkers Public Schools.

Governor Kathy Hochul delivered her State of the State address and outlined a first look at the state's priorities. At the same time, our central office teams continued planning meetings, reviewing departmental needs and available resources.



Superintendent Soler with Bronx Community College President Dr. Larry Johnson, Jr. during his visit to Saunders High School

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The work ahead will not be easy, but we remain committed to strong advocacy in Albany to protect funding for our schools, core programs, and student supports.

I met with the Yonkers Council of PTAs to respond to questions from their units and to share how the District will partner with families throughout this budget season. We spoke about anticipated financial pressures, the importance of a unified message, and the role parents play in lifting up the needs of students and schools.

During the week, I participated in Board of Education workshop meetings focused on planning, policy, and student outcomes. These sessions help ensure that the decisions we make stay aligned with our long term goals for teaching and learning.

We also continued to build higher education partnerships. Bronx Community College President Johnson visited the district, spent time speaking with students, and learned more about the opportunities available in our schools. Our conversation centered on possible joint efforts and shared resources that support our strategic plan and create more pathways for students after graduation.

Message from Superintendent Soler (Continued)

Our My Brother's Keeper work moved forward as well. The Yonkers MBK team has been actively sharing strategic goals with the Obama Foundation, highlighting how we are working to elevate recognition and opportunity for our boys and young men of color. This includes targeted supports, leadership development, and public acknowledgment of their achievements.

I am proud to share a significant professional honor from within our staff. Erica DeJesus Corporan, school counselor at Roosevelt High School-Early College Studies, was chosen as one of only 27 counselors statewide for the first cohort of the Master Counselor Program. Master Counselors and Master Teachers serve as leaders in their fields, mentoring students and newer educators.

The program is hosted at SUNY campuses and connects participants with university faculty and local STEM and career experts. Erica's selection reflects both her skill and her dedication to Yonkers students.

A reminder to families that on Monday, January 19, all schools and central office will be closed.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support.



Anibal Soler, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools



*Saunders High School Architecture Students
Competing in Their Annual Bridge Building Contest*

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!

State Of The State And Budget Planning



District Reviews State of the State Address

Governor Kathy Hochul delivered her State of the State address. The District is actively reviewing what this means for YPS while departments continue to meet to assess needs and resources. The district now prepares its advocacy strategy to protect funding for schools, key programs, and student support services.

Yonkers Council Of PTAs Meeting



EVERY CHILD. ONE VOICE.

Families And District Align On Priorities

Superintendent Soler met with the Yonkers Council of PTAs to address questions from school communities and explain the district's financial outlook. PTA leaders heard how the district plans to partner with families during the budget process and how parent advocacy supports school needs. The meeting strengthened a shared focus on student outcomes and classroom resources.

Master Counselor Recognition For Erica DeJesus Corporan



Roosevelt Counselor Joins Inaugural Statewide Leadership Cohort

Roosevelt High School-Early College Studies counselor Erica DeJesus Corporan earned selection to the first Master Counselor Program cohort, one of only 27 counselors chosen statewide. In this role, she serves as a professional leader and mentor for students and early career educators. The SUNY hosted program connects her with university faculty and local STEM and career experts. Her recognition highlights strong counseling work in Yonkers.

Bronx Community College Partnership Conversation



Building College Pathways For Students

Bronx Community College President Dr. Larry Johnson, Jr. visited Yonkers Public Schools and met with students and staff. The visit included discussions about joint initiatives, shared resources, and programs that support the district's strategic plan. This work aims to create more clear pathways from Yonkers high schools to college and future careers.

January 19 Closure Reminder



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Attention Yonkers Public Schools Families

**SCHOOLS & CENTRAL OFFICE
CLOSED**

January 19, 2026

IN OBSERVANCE OF

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

Atención Familias de las Escuelas Públicas de Yonkers

**ESCUELAS & OFICINA CENTRAL
CERRADAS**

19 de enero de 2026

EN OBSERVANCIA DE

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

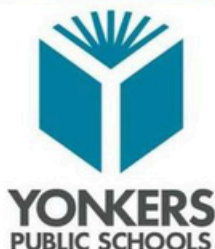
Schools And Offices Closed For Observance

Yonkers Public Schools reminds families that all schools and central office are closed on Monday, January 19. Classes and regular operations resume on the next scheduled school day, Tuesday, January 20. Families should review the district calendar for additional key dates and future closures.

View and download the calendar here:

[2025–2026 Calendar at a Glance](#)

MetroCard Purchases for High School Students



YONKERS
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

In Person Sales at the Board Of Education

High school students can purchase student MetroCards in person at the Yonkers Board of Education front desk, located at 1 Larkin Center, Yonkers, NY 10701. MetroCards are available every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Families are encouraged to plan ahead and bring any required documentation.

Saunders Annual Bridge Competition



Students Compete to Display Their Architectural Prowess

This week, Saunders Trades and Technical High School students in the Architecture Magnet held their annual Bridge Competition. Beginning as paper sketches, each bridge was thoughtfully designed and brought to life from start to finish by students in Mr. Mitrione's 12th-grade class. Students and teachers from all grades stopped by to vote for their favorite designs.

Congratulations to the first and second place winners!
1st place: Diana Torres Suarez (left) & Daniel Cedeno (right)

2nd Place Winners: Dayleen Isuiza (left) & Rina Krasniqi (right)

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District Digest

Photos from Across the District



6th Grade Virtual Field Trip at Cross Hill Academy



Robeert-Halmi Sr. Academy Launches Their First MBK Chapter



Extended Learning Time Fun at School 17



Professional Development for All of Our Principals



YPD (Yonkers Police Department) Visits Gorton High School's MBK Chapter

YPS STUDENT ARTWORK



Various Students and Staff, Siragusa, Gr. 1-6



Matias Gualipa, Siragusa, Gr. 6



Julia Escobar, YMA, Gr. 8



Aaliyah Guzman, LHS, Gr. 11



Joanna Sanchez, MLKA, Gr. 2



Aimee Orozco, Dodson, Gr. 7