YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Superintendent's Week In Review
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Superintendent, Aníbal Soler, Jr.

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Message from Superintendent Soler

Dear Yonkers Families,

This week exemplified the core strengths of our district: what makes our district strong – progress, purpose, and people who truly care about our students.



YMHS Student Presents Board Trustee Ms. Greenwald with Art Piece

We began School Board Recognition Week, honoring a group that works quietly behind the scenes. Our Board of Education Trustees make decisions that shape every corner of our district – approving millions in capital projects that bring new turf fields, gymnasiums, air conditioning, windows, and learning spaces to life. Their commitment is seen in every improvement. I thank them for standing behind the work that moves Yonkers Public Schools forward.

To show appreciation to the Board of Education Trustees, Yonkers Middle High School students, led by Principal Dr. Sandy Hattar and art teacher Ms. Kelly Finlaw created artwork to thank our trustees for their support, especially their investment ensuring every student has access to art, music, and physical education. The artwork was presented at the Board of Education stated meeting.

Later in the week, Yonkers Middle High School hosted our annual College Fair, welcoming over 60 colleges, universities, and nonprofit organizations. Watching students engage with admissions representatives and explore their options for life after high school was a proud moment for our district. Thank you to Executive Director Ms. Kendrick-Jones and the team for organizing such a successful event.

I also visited Family School 32, where Administrator of the Year, Mr. Andrew Cohen, continues to build a strong school community centered on learning and care.

Message from Superintendent Soler (Continued)

There is always more work ahead, but weeks like this remind us that our progress is steady and shared.

A reminder that Monday, October 20th, is a Superintendent's Conference Day. There will be no school for students and staff will report as scheduled.

Wishing a joyful and bright Diwali to all who are celebrating!

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.



VIVE Pathways to Success Had a Successful Job Fair this Week

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!

School Board Recognition Week



Celebrating Leadership that Drives Progress

Yonkers Public Schools joined districts across New York in celebrating School Board Recognition Week. Our trustees are the quiet force behind much of our progress - reviewing budgets, approving capital projects, and ensuring our schools have what they need to thrive.

Their impact is visible throughout our schools: newly installed turf fields filled with students, classrooms cooled by central air conditioning, and gymnasiums alive with activity. Each vote they take translates into tangible improvements that shape the learning experience for thousands of students.

During this week's recognition, we took a moment to reflect on how their leadership sustains the momentum of Yonkers Public Schools. It is a reminder that progress happens not only in classrooms but also around the table where decisions are made with care and conviction.

View a message inspired by Principals for our Trustees.

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Family School 32 Visit



Leadership in Action

Superintendent Soler visited Family School 32, where Assistant Principal, Mr. Ivan Rozan, supports a learning community rooted in care and collaboration. Walking through classrooms, the sense of focus and belonging was clear. Students were engaged, teachers were energized, and the school culture reflected consistency and pride.

The visit highlighted what strong leadership looks like – not only in results but in relationships. Family School 32 continues to model what's possible when schools and families work together toward shared goals.

Superintendent's Conference Day

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Attention Yonkers Public Schools Families

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Monday, October 20, 2025

DIWALI/

SUPERINTENDENT'S CONFERENCE DAY

Investing in Professional Learning

A reminder that Monday, October 20th, is a Superintendent's Conference Day. Students will not have classes, but staff will engage in professional learning and collaborative planning sessions.

College Fair 2025





Former MBK Fellow Jason Martinez and Superintendent Soler at the College Fair

Opening Doors to Life After High School

The district-wide College Fair at Yonkers Middle High School brought together more than 60 colleges, universities, businesses, and nonprofit organizations.

Students met with representatives, asked questions, and picked up materials – each table offering a different vision for the future. For some, it was their first conversation about college. For others, it was the final step in choosing where they will apply. The energy in the room reflected possibility.

Thank you to Executive Director Ms. Kendrick Jones and her team for organizing an event that connected students to real options for what comes next – whether college, career, or community service.

Board Appreciation Through Art







Creativity Inspired by Gratitude

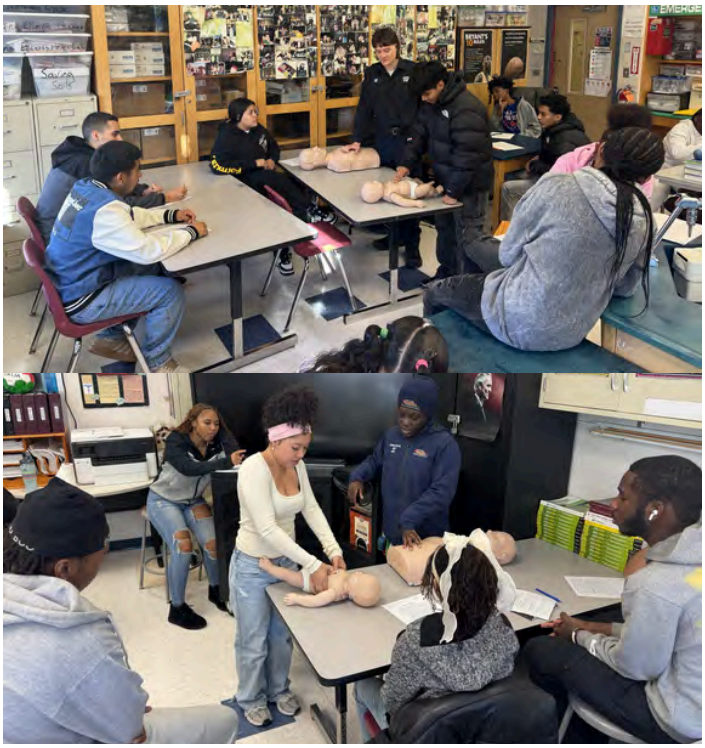
At Yonkers Middle High School, the arts was featured. Under the leadership of Principal Dr. Sandy Hattar and art teacher Ms. Kelly Finlaw, students created original pieces to honor the Board of Education's ongoing support for the arts and the district's first fully funded Career and Technical Education (CTE) program in decades.

The artwork filled the room with color and perspective - portraits, abstract designs, and pieces reflecting how art give students new ways to express themselves.

The moment was personal. It wasn't about awards or recognition but about students showing how much it matters to be seen and supported.

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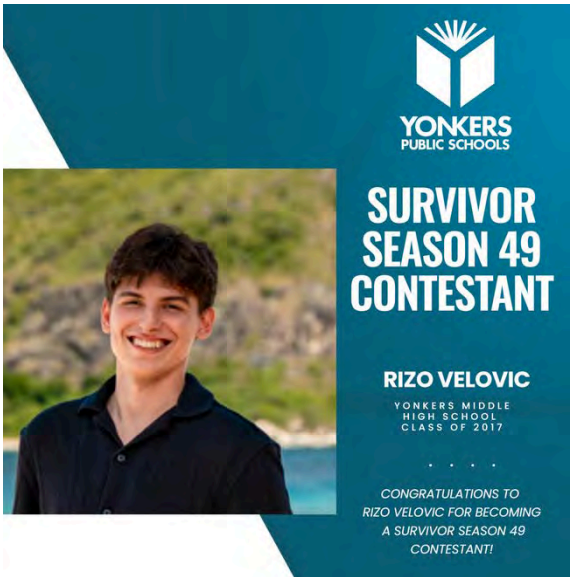
Empress EMT School Visit



Training the Next Generation of Medical Professionals

Empress EMT visited Barack Obama School for Social Justice to help students strengthen their understanding of the EMS system, including its policies and procedures. During the visit, students learned how to perform CPR on both adults and infants through a hands-on practice session. They also reviewed the signs and symptoms of an unresponsive person, gaining valuable insight into real-life emergency response situations.

YPS Alumni On the Big Screen



Congrats to Rizo Velovic

Big congrats to Yonkers Middle High School graduate, Rizo Velovic for making it on Survivor Season 49! We're proud to see one of our own out on the island!

Your Yonkers Public Schools family is cheering you on all the way—alongside your mom, a valued member of our district.

Save the Date!







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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:*

App Store Download
Play Store Download

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

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Important Dates This Month

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School Closings, Holidays, Meetings, and More

Mon. October 20th - Superintendent's Conf. Day, Diwali (Schools Closed for Students)

Tues. November 4th - Superintendent's Conf. Day, Election Day
(Schools Closed for Students)

Tues. November 11th - Veterans' Day
(Schools/Central Office Closed)

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 Character, Conduct, and Support** 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.*

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Six-Day Letter Day Schedule

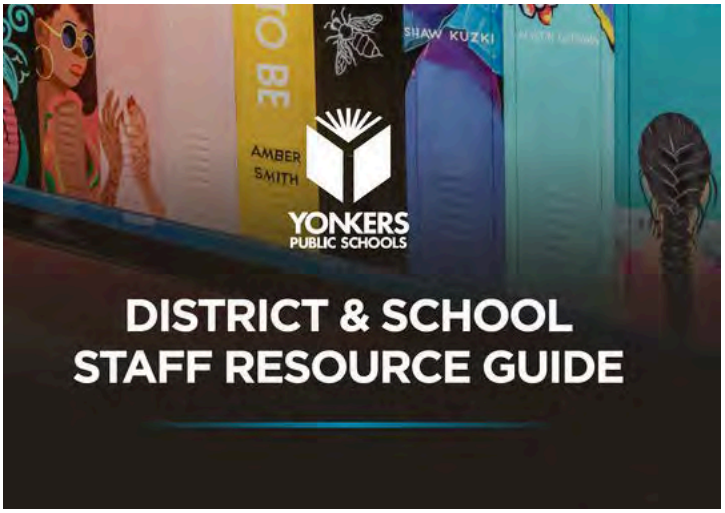


Ensuring Alignment Across the District

Yonkers Public Schools shares the 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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Superintendent Soler's Week in Review Photos











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Photos from Across the District



YMHS Girls Soccer Team Celebrates Their Senior Players



YMA Future Producers Explore Film at Jacob Burns Film Center



Justice Sonia Sotomayor Community School Student Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month 2025



Congratulations to Gorton High School's Boys Varsity Soccer Team



Fire Safety Event @ Casimir Pulaski School



Associate Superintendent Dr. Eileen Rivera Hosts Coaching Mentoring Modeling Meeting with Principals

YPS STUDENT ARTWORK

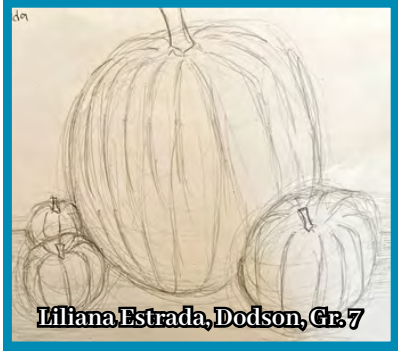


Laoise Gilhooley, School 30, Gr. 7


Aiko Burnett, MLKA, Pre-K



Julia M. Rashkin , DiChiaro School, Gr. 8


Liliana Estrada, Dodson, Gr. 7



Alany Garcia, School 23, Gr. 2


Suhaan Khan, School 23, Gr. 3


Avari Huggins, YMA, Gr. 9