

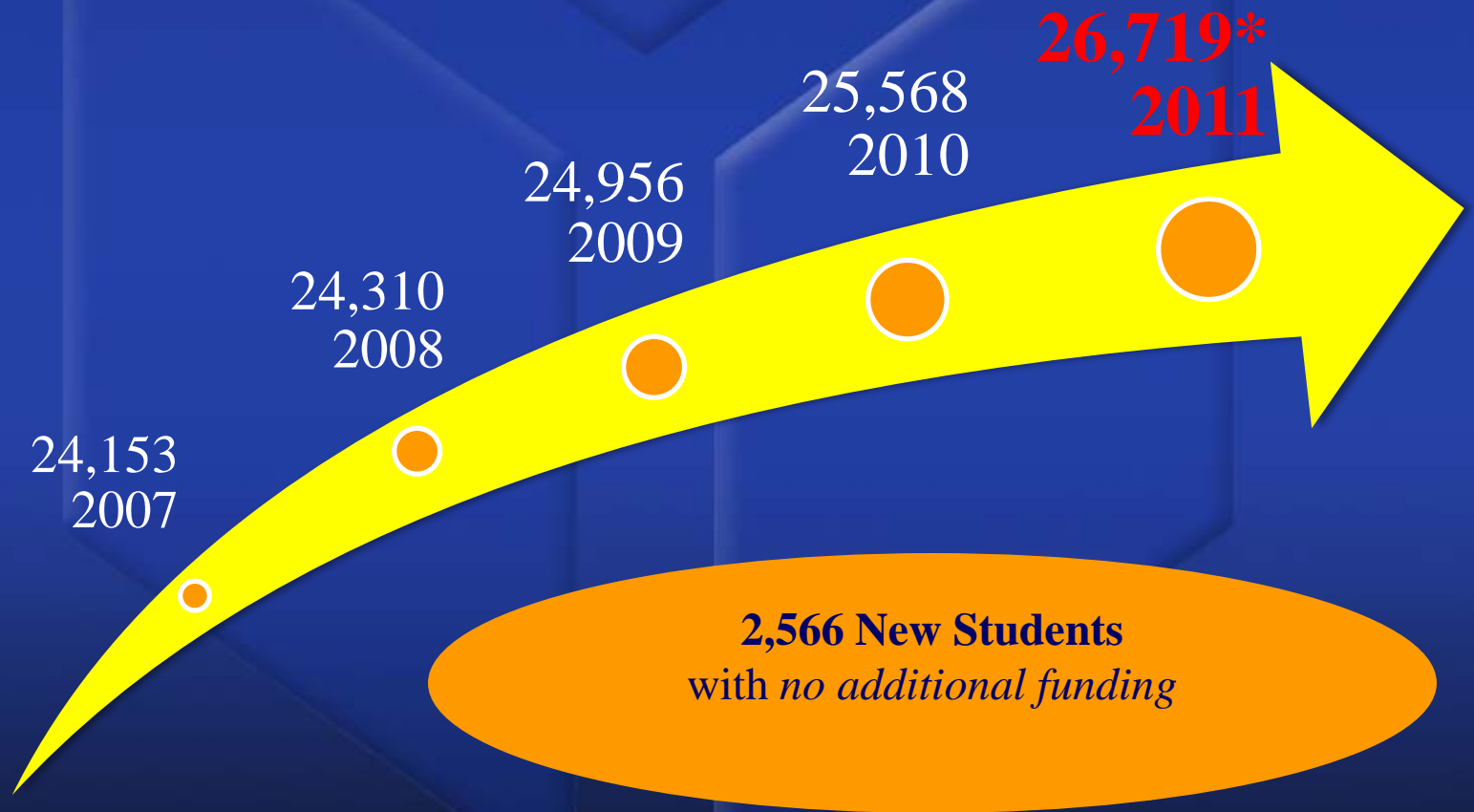
Superintendent's Address to Parents

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July 20, 2011

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Yonkers Public Schools Student Enrollment Increases Prekindergarten – Grade 12



* Projected enrollment for September 2011

Yonkers Public Schools Student Enrollment (K-12) Increases

\$14.1 Million Potential State Aid



* Projected K-12 enrollment for September 2011

Yonkers Public Schools Efforts for Equity

Increase State Aid for Prekindergarten

*Equalize Yonkers aid to the level used for high needs
school districts across the State*

High Needs Districts

\$5,800 per pupil

Yonkers

\$2,700 per pupil

*1972 registered for PreK - only 1581 to be enrolled
391 not offered seats (July 20, 2011)*

Positions Presently Not Restored

Personnel – Layoffs

	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
Teachers and Teaching Assistants	322	242
Administration	18	1
Civil Service (Full Time)	37	2
Civil Service (Hourly)	331	0
Total Layoffs:	<u>708</u>	<u>245</u>

Restored Funding

City of Yonkers/Board of Education

Description

Yonkers Raceway – Additional Funding	\$3,400,000
City of Yonkers – Additional Funding	<u>\$2,500,000</u>
	\$5,900,000
UPK NYS Reimbursement	\$4,269,388
BOE Fund Balance (2010-2011)	\$4,015,612
Chapter One Accrual	\$6,492,443
TRS Bill (vetoed)	<u>(\$5,892,443)</u>
	\$8,885,000
Added Income COY/BOE	\$14,785,000

Priority Build-Backs - Completed 2011-2012

Program/Category	Employees	Cost	Total Cost
Kindergarten	45	5,374,647	5,374,647
Pre-Kindergarten (Half-Day)	35	4,283,778	4,283,778
School Bus Monitors	232	1,825,425	
CSEA Restorations	23	1,386,983	
School Aides (4 Hours)	95	2,194,959	5,407,367
Building/CO Administrators	17	2,446,797	<u>2,446,797</u>
			\$17,512,589
Union Give Backs			<u>(3,441,441)</u>
			\$14,071,148

Cuts for 2011-2012

Transportation

- Students walk up to 2 miles to and from school (1200 Families)
- Three Schools change school day schedule (7:35 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.)
- Yellow bus service to high school students eliminated

Cuts for 2011-2012

Early Childhood & Elementary Instruction

- Pre-Kindergarten reduced to half-day;
Limited to 1,581 students
- Grades 1-3 classes expand to
30 students per class
- Reduction of reading teachers limits
enrichment and remediation

Cuts for 2011-2012

Middle Years & High School Education

- Class sizes increased to capacity
- Elective (art, music, magnet, vocational) and enrichment courses significantly reduced

Cuts for 2011-2012

Pupil Support Services

- Only 10 psychologists remain to service 26,000 students - 2,500 to 1 ratio
- High schools reduced to 2 guidance counselors per building - 650 to 1 ratio
- Elementary schools limited to once-a-week visits

Cuts for 2011-2012

Library Services

- Elimination of librarians in the elementary schools
- Reduction of library in PK-8 schools to 1 day a week
- Reduction of library in High Schools to 2.5 days a week

Cuts for 2011-2012

Special Education

- Classes combined to service similar classifications
- District falls further behind in monitoring IEPs, testing and classifying students

Cuts for 2011-2012

Interscholastic Sports

- All Interscholastic Athletics eliminated
- Elementary Physical Education classes further reduced
- The Yonkers Montessori Academy pool turned over to the City of Yonkers

Cuts for 2011-2012

Elementary School – *Grades PK - 6*

- Transportation limited - 2 miles from school
- Class size increases
- Fewer reading teachers
- Reductions in art/music remain
- Further reduction in physical education
- Pupil Support visits limited to once-a-week
- No librarians
- Special Education classes combined to service similar classifications

Cuts for 2011-2012

Middle Years – *Grades 7 & 8*

- Transportation limited - 2 miles from school
- Class sizes increase
- Reduction in electives and enrichment courses
- Limited Pupil Support services
- Library reduced to once-a-week
- No extracurricular activities
- No modified or intramural sports
- Special Education classes combined to service similar classifications

Cuts for 2011-2012

High School – *Grades 9 -12*

- Elimination of Yellow Bus Service for grades 9-12
- Increased class sizes
- Reduction in elective and enrichment courses
- Limited Pupil Support services
- Reduction to 2 Guidance Counselors per building
- No extracurricular activities
- No varsity, junior varsity, modified sports
- Special Education classes combined to service similar classifications

Moving Forward - Restoration Priorities

1. “New School” Academy

Grades PreK – 8

PreK – 3 September Enrollment: 334

Build-Back:

\$1,886,887

Priority rationale: increased enrollment

Moving Forward - Restoration Priorities

2. **Secondary Teachers: Growing PK – 8 Schools**

*Foxfire School, DiChiaro School,
School 30, Kahlil Gibran School*

Build-Back:

10 secondary teachers \$1,030,577

Priority rationale: increased enrollment

Moving Forward - Restoration Priorities

3. Transportation

Restore 1.5 mile radius – 1,200 families

Build-Back:

\$2,100,000

Priority rationale:

Distance; burden on families

Moving Forward - Restoration Priorities

4. **Psychologists (5)**

Build-Back: \$767,558

Priority rationale: State Mandate IEP

5. **Resource Teachers (5)**

Build-Back: \$711,640

Priority rationale: State Mandate IEP

Moving Forward - Restoration Priorities

6. Guidance Counselors - High School (9)

Build-Back:

\$1,383,643

Priority rationale: Graduation Rates

Moving Forward - Restoration Priorities

7. Sports – Varsity Only

Fall - football, soccer \$927,649

Winter - basketball \$344,630

Spring - baseball, softball \$277,292

Build-Back: \$1,549,571

Priority rationale: Scholarships, College Adm.

Priority Restorations

1.	New School Academy (11)	\$1,886,887
2.	Teachers New PK – 8 Schools (10)	\$1,030,577
3.	Transportation Restore (1.5 miles)	<u>\$2,100,000</u>
	Sub Total	\$5,017,464
4.	Psychologists (5)	\$767,558
5.	Resource Teachers (5)	\$711,640
6.	Counselors High School (9)	\$1,383,643
7.	Sports – Varsity Only	<u>\$1,549,571</u>
	Sub Total	\$4,412,412
	Total	\$9,429,876

Potential Strategies for Priority Restorations

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| • Restored Funding | \$ 713,852 |
| • Hold Textbooks/Technology | \$2,000,000 |
| • Possible Additional Savings | <u>\$2,300,000</u> |
| | \$5,013,852 |
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| • Teacher Union Step Freeze | \$4,400,000 |
| Or | |
| • Staff Pays Welfare Fund Payments
(\$80.00 per check) | \$4,000,000 |