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Dear Yonkers Public Schools Staff,

Across the country this week, communities will herald the importance of quality education and the invaluable work of educators. In Yonkers, we take this opportunity to acknowledge every adult in our school district for your uncompromising commitment to the students we serve. From schools to Central Office, your work contributes to children's lives and future. **Thank you!**

Student achievement in the Yonkers Public Schools remains on a positive trajectory. The evidence is our graduation rate that continues to surpass every large city in New York State. The foundation of each child's academics and social/emotional growth begins in our elementary schools, is reinforced in the high schools and is supported by central administration. Together, we plan, implement, review and improve our work to meet the needs of each student.

The power to mold the future is not a cliché, it is quite simply what you do, and do magnificently day in and day out. On behalf of the Trustees of the Yonkers Board of Education, our students and our families, it is our privilege to celebrate your dedication, professionalism, and impact on the future. **We salute you!**

Sincerely,

Rev. Steve Lopez
President

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Dr. Edwin M. Quezada Superintendent of Schools

"Until we get equality in education, we won't have an equal society."

- Sonia Sotomayor, Associate Justice, United States Supreme Court