



Superintendent, Anibal Soler, Jr.

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Message from Superintendent Soler

Dear Yonkers Public Schools Community,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a restful holiday break. This week, we welcomed families, students and staff back to school on Thursday, January 2, and hit the ground running as we began 2025 with energy and purpose.



Superintendent Soler Participates in this Morning's MBK Roundtable Discussion

This week, we focused on planning and collaboration, starting with key discussions around the upcoming school year budget. Addressing the structural deficit facing Yonkers Public Schools requires teamwork, and we are working closely with our colleagues in the City of Yonkers and across all departments to implement cost-saving measures. With the Governor's proposed budget announcement just weeks away, we remain committed to finding solutions that prioritize our students and families.

I also had the pleasure of participating in a Yonkers My Brother's Keeper roundtable discussion, alongside Mayor Mike Spano, Police Commissioner Christopher Sapienza, and representatives from the Yonkers Workforce Development Agency. Last year, Yonkers was designated a Model Community for Milestone 3, thanks to our exceptional graduation rates. This year, we're focused on Milestones 5 and 6, which emphasize employment and building a stronger workforce, as well as ensuring public safety. The ideas shared during this discussion were inspiring, and I look forward to putting them into action with our partners.

I also want to give special recognition to Alonzo Rose, a former safety officer at Roosevelt High School who became a Yonkers Police Officer yesterday. He was one of seventeen people selected in this class and I could not be prouder of this young man who will go on with his public service to the residents and families of Yonkers.

As we move through January, I'd like to remind our families that Regents exams for high school students begin on January 21. Please ensure your children are prepared and ready to ace their exams.

Message from Superintendent Soler (Continued)

Thank you for your continued support as we start the new year with renewed commitment to creating opportunities for every student.

Let's make 2025 another year of Yonkers Magic!



Anibal Soler, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools



*Las Hermanas Mirabal Community School Students
Are Ready to Take On 2025!*

Get a front-row seat to what Superintendent Soler has been up to and what Yonkers Public Schools is celebrating this week. From his key moments to exciting activities across our schools, it's all right here!

Welcome Back to School!



Starting the New Year with Purpose

Yonkers Public Schools reopened on Thursday, January 2, and students and families returned to classrooms filled with energy and excitement. As we move into 2025, the District is focusing on planning, collaboration and creating new opportunities for success.

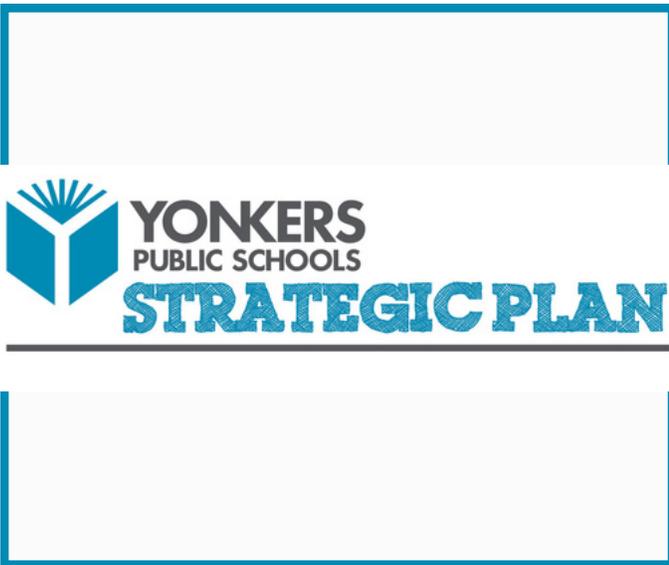
Building on Success: My Brother's Keeper Roundtable



Focusing on Employment and Public Safety in 2025

Superintendent Soler participated in a My Brother's Keeper roundtable discussion, alongside Mayor Mike Spano, Yonkers Police Commissioner Christopher Sapienza, and the Yonkers Workforce Development Agency. While Yonkers was recognized as a Model Community for Milestone 3 last year for its exceptional graduation rates, this year the focus shifts to Milestones 5 and 6, emphasizing employment and public safety. The discussion sparked innovative ideas and exciting plans for the year ahead.

Shape the Future: Yonkers Public Schools 2030 Strategic Plan



Your Voice Matters – Share Your Feedback!

Yonkers Public Schools is committed to growth, improvement, and meaningful community engagement. We need your feedback to shape our 2030 Strategic Plan. Take a few minutes to share your thoughts on areas for improvement, successes to celebrate, and the changes you'd like to see.

Your input will guide the district's vision for the next decade. Together, we can ensure Yonkers Public Schools remains a pillar of excellence and opportunity for all.

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From School Safety to a Life of Public Service: A Proud Moment for Yonkers



Celebrating a Former School Safety Officer's Entry to the Yonkers Police Department

This week, we proudly recognize Alonzo Rose, a former Safety Officer at Roosevelt High School, who was sworn in as a Yonkers Police Officer. Selected as one of seventeen recruits, he embodies the spirit of dedication and service that defines our community. His journey from supporting our students to protecting the residents and families of Yonkers is truly inspiring. Congratulations, Officer Rose, on this incredible achievement! Your Yonkers Public Schools family is cheering you on.

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Elira Rugova, YMHS, Gr. 9



Jayla Velez, Museum 25, Gr. K



Daniel Clarke, Yonkers Montessori Academy, Gr. 12