

Superintendent's Week In Review Vol. 1 Issue 19: Jan. 17, 2025



Superintendent, Aníbal Soler, Jr.

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Message from Superintendent Soler

Dear Yonkers Public Schools Community,

As we step fully into 2025, this week has been one of planning, collaboration, and reflection on the values that bring us together. With the Governor's State of the State Address, we look ahead with hope and determination to work with our state partners to ensure Yonkers Public Schools remains a leader in educational excellence. Advocating for our district's needs



Staff at Family School 32 Came Together to Participate in one of the Many Professional Development Sessions Held across the District This Week

in the 2025 - 2026 school budget will be a priority as we focus on delivering the resources and opportunities our students and families deserve.

This week, I was proud to host the Superintendent's Student Leadership Advisory Council, where 40 outstanding student leaders came together to share their vision for improving our schools. These students are not only enhancing their leadership skills but also making a direct impact on their educational experience. Empowering student voices is central to our mission, and this council exemplifies the potential and promise of our future leaders.

We also celebrated the remarkable achievements of Elmer Hernandez, a Yonkers Middle High School Class of 2025 student, who was nominated as a 2025 U.S. Presidential Scholar for Academic Achievement. This prestigious recognition, recommended by New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, is one of the nation's highest honors for high school students. Elmer truly embodies the excellence and promise of Yonkers Public Schools.

This week's Board of Education Stated Meeting highlighted important discussions about our district's ongoing initiatives and policies. These meetings ensure we remain focused on providing the best possible resources and opportunities for our students, families, and staff.

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As we prepare for Regents Week, I want to remind families to support their high school students as they tackle these important exams. Regents exams play a key role in graduation and future success, and our schools are ready to provide the guidance and resources students need.

Monday is also a significant day, as we observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day, a time to reflect on Dr. King's enduring legacy of unity, justice, and service. As we reflect, let us carry with us his words: "The time is always right to do what is right." Let this day inspire us to focus on kindness, compassion, and the power of community as we continue to work together toward a brighter, more inclusive future for all.



School Administrators and Support Staff Attended the One Circle Foundation Workshop to Learn More About Yonkers My Brother's Keeper

Thank you for your continued trust and partnership. Together, we will keep creating opportunities, celebrating achievements, and fostering the Yonkers Magic that defines our schools.

Aníbal Soler, Jr. Superintendent of Schools

DISTRICT Digest

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!

Superintendent's Student Leadership Advisory Council



Empowering 40 Students to Shape Their Schools

This week, 40 outstanding students joined the Superintendent's Student Leadership Advisory Council, sharing their vision for improving Yonkers Public Schools. In this leadership role, students develop critical skills while having a direct impact on their educational journey. By amplifying student voices, we ensure their ideas and creativity play a central role in shaping the future of our district.

Budget Planning Across Yonkers Schools



Superintendent Reviews Needs of 40 YPS Campuses

Superintendent Soler kicked off a series of budget meetings across all 40 school campuses to hear directly from principals. These discussions help shape district's budget which takes into account the needs of each school and informs advocacy efforts at the state level.

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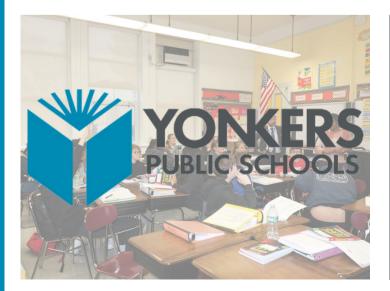
Elmer Hernandez: A Future Presidential Scholar



Yonkers Middle High School Student Earns Prestigious Nomination

Congratulations to Elmer Hernandez, a Yonkers Middle High School Class of 2025 student, for being nominated as a 2025 U.S. Presidential Scholar for Academic Achievement! Recommended by New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Elmer is one of just 20 students in New York State to receive this honor. Presidential Scholar recognition is among the nation's highest accolades for high school students, celebrating excellence in education and the promise of greatness. Way to go, Elmer!

Regents Week is Here!



Supporting High School Students During Exam Season

Families, please remember that Regents Week for high school students begins next week. These exams are a critical part of preparing students for graduation and future success. Be sure to check in with your child's teachers for resources and support to help them excel.

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Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.





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Education must enable one to sift and weigh evidence, to discern the true from the false, the real from the unreal, and the facts from the fiction.

-- Martin Luther King, Jr., student author Maroon Tiger Literary Journal Morehouse College, 1947

Reflecting on Unity, Justice, and Service

On Monday, schools will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, a time to reflect on the legacy of Dr. King. His words remind us of the power of service and community: "The time is always right to do what is right." Let's honor his legacy by coming together to support one another and work toward a brighter future for all.

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