



Superintendent, Anibal Soler, Jr.

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Message from Superintendent Soler

Dear Yonkers Public Schools Community,

I know that many families have concerns regarding the future of Museum School 25 and the broader financial challenges facing Yonkers Public Schools. Discussions about potential school closure and budget shortfalls are never easy, and I want to assure you that our priority remains providing the best possible education for all students.



A Justice Sonia Sotomayor Community School Student Dressed as the Supreme Court Justice for Career Day

As part of our ongoing efforts to right-size our schools, we are carefully evaluating grade configurations, enrollment trends, and our aging infrastructure to ensure that our district remains sustainable and that students have access to high-quality learning environments. Earlier this week, we met with staff and families to make them aware that the Board of Education will be considering the closure of Museum School 25 for the school year 2025 – 2026 at the February 26th meeting. As a new Superintendent, the last thing I want to do is propose a closing of a school, but the data shows that Museum School 25 has the lowest enrollment in the district, with only 12 families selecting it as their first choice this year, and the building itself requires over \$5.4 million in repairs.

While no final decision has been made, we are committed to working closely with families and staff to ensure a smooth transition should the Board of Education move forward with this plan. Should you have questions, [we want to hear from you](#), reach out to my office at any time.

At the same time, we are continuing to improve our school choice process and need your input. With Yonkers Public Schools facing a \$68 million budget deficit difficult budgetary decisions may have to be made. That is why I encourage all families to complete the Yonkers Public Schools Community Survey – your feedback will help us make informed recommendations that reflect the priorities of our families and community. I present the Yonkers Public Schools 2025 - 2026 school year budget at the next Board of Education stated meeting on February 26th at 5:30 PM. [Click here to take the survey](#).

Message from Superintendent Soler (Continued)

This week, I had the opportunity to meet with Assemblyman Gary Pretlow to continue advocating for funding for Yonkers Public Schools. I also met with the Board of Education Audit, Budget & Finance Committee and the Policy & Instructional Affairs Committee to discuss financial planning and instructional priorities.

On a lighter note, I had the chance to visit Justice Sonia Sotomayor Community School, where students were celebrating their 100th day of school – a milestone filled with learning, creativity, and, of course, fun! I also welcomed former colleagues from Schenectady My Brother's Keeper (MBK) Program, sharing best practices from our nationally recognized MBK program supporting our young men of color.

As we move further into Black History Month, I want to remind students that submissions for the Martin Luther King Jr. Poem & Essay Contest are still open. This is a great opportunity to reflect on Dr. King's legacy and share your voice.

Finally, a reminder that schools will be closed for Winter Recess from February 17-21, with Central Office also closed on February 17-18 in observance of Presidents Holidays. I hope everyone takes this time to rest, recharge, and spend time with loved ones.

Thank you for your continued support as we navigate these challenges together. Let's remain focused on protecting the progress, advocating for equity, and ensuring that every Yonkers Public Schools student receives the education they deserve – similar to their peers across Westchester County.



Anibal Soler, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools



*Congratulations to the Athlete of the Week,
Kaelyn De La Cruz, Saunders Trades &
Technical High School*

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!

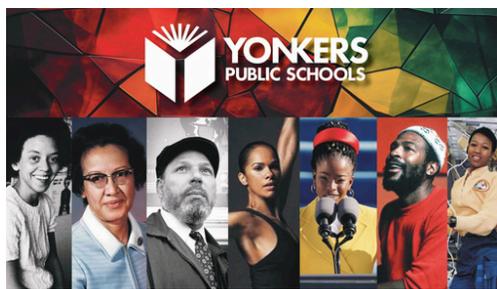
Sharing Success: Yonkers MBK Meets with Schenectady MBK



Exchanging Best Practices & Strengthening Opportunities

As a nationally recognized MBK Model Community, Yonkers continues to lead in closing opportunity gaps and ensuring student success. This week, Superintendent Soler met with the Schenectady My Brother's Keeper (MBK) Program to share best practices and discuss ways to strengthen MBK's impact in their district.

Celebrating Black History Month



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR DISTRICT-WIDE
BLACK HISTORY
Celebration
AFRICAN AMERICANS AND LABOR

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2025
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL
375 KNEELAND AVE, YONKERS, NY 10704
SNOW DATE: Friday, February 28, 2025

THIS EVENT IS A REPRESENTATION OF THE TALENTS AND DIVERSITY OF OUR FAMILIES, STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS. WE ARE CELEBRATING THE HISTORIC CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS THAT INSPIRED THIS GENERATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE TO LEAD AND ACT.

A Celebration of Black History and Excellence

Yonkers Public Schools proudly celebrates Black History Month with an inspiring evening at Lincoln High School. Join us as we honor the achievements, talents, and contributions of African Americans throughout history, showcasing the diversity and excellence of our students, families, and educators. Let's come together to reflect, celebrate, and inspire the next generation of leaders!

Advocating for Yonkers Schools: Meeting with Assemblyman Gary Pretlow

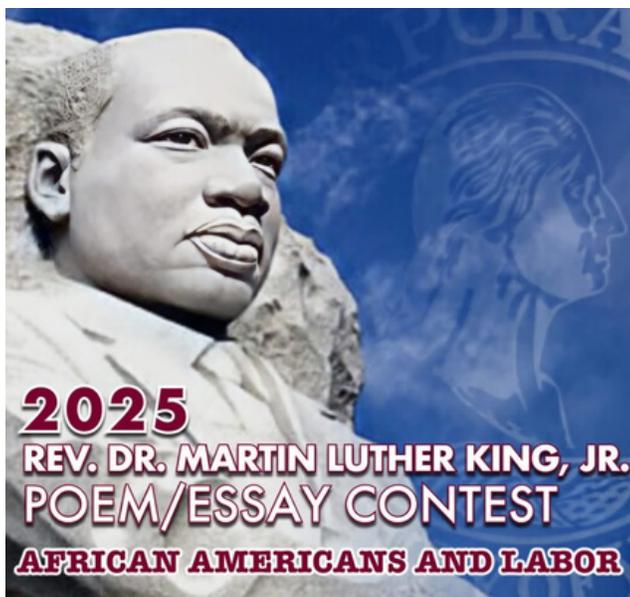


Fighting for Fair Funding

Superintendent Soler met with Assemblyman Gary Pretlow this week to discuss the urgent need for additional funding for Yonkers Public Schools. With a \$68 million budget deficit, it is critical that our schools receive fair and adequate resources.

Our fight for fair funding continues; we need our state representatives to protect the progress, protect the investment and protect Yonkers Public Schools.

2025 MLK Poem & Essay Contest: “African Americans and Labor”



Celebrating the Contributions of African American Workers Throughout History

Mayor Spano and Superintendent Soler are proud to launch the 2025 Martin Luther King Jr. Poem & Essay Contest, inviting students to reflect on this year's theme: “African Americans and Labor.”

Submissions are due soon! [Click here](#) for contest rules and submission details

Celebrating 100 Days of School at Justice Sonia Sotomayor Community School



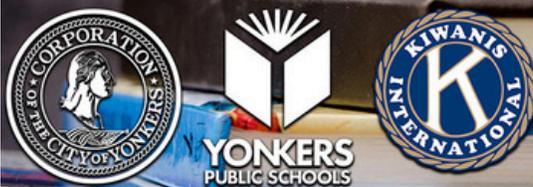
Students Celebrated the 100 Day Milestone

Students at Justice Sonia Sotomayor Community School celebrated a major milestone this week – their 100th day of school! The day was filled with exciting activities, creative projects, and plenty of smiles as students reflected on all they’ve learned so far this year.

Superintendent Soler stopped by to join in the fun, witnessing the enthusiasm and joy of our youngest learners. Here’s to even more growth, discovery, and #YonkersMagic!

Teacher of the Year Nominations Are Now Open!

**NOMINATE
A TEACHER
OF THE YEAR**



Recognizing Excellence in Education

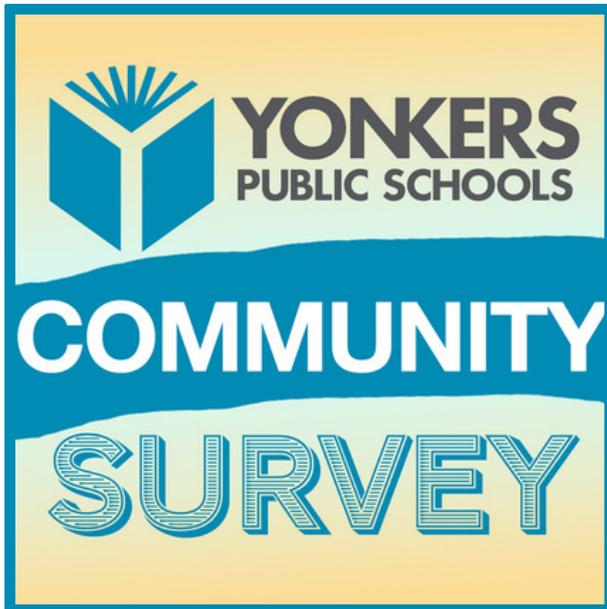
Do you know a Yonkers Public Schools teacher who goes above and beyond for their students? Nominations for Teacher of the Year are now open!

We are seeking nominations for:
Teachers from all subject areas
Nominations from students, parents, staff, and community members

Deadline: March 3, 2025

[Submit a nomination here](#)

Yonkers Public Schools Community Survey We Need Your Input!



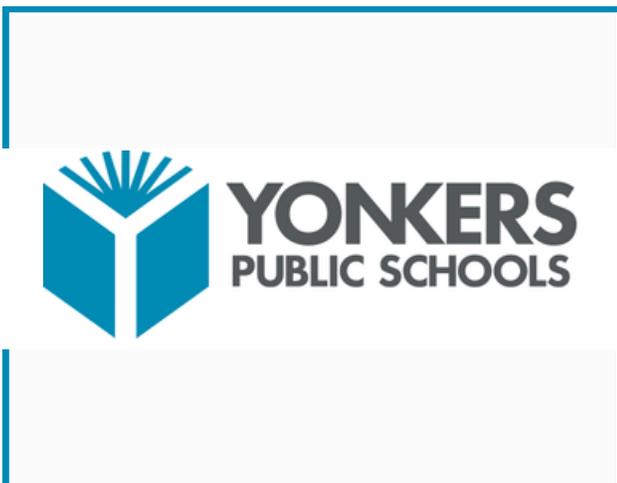
We Want to Hear from YOU, Your Voice Matters

Yonkers Public Schools is facing a \$68 million budget deficit, and we must explore cost-saving measures to ensure we continue providing a high-quality education for all students.

As we work to strengthen schools, improve efficiency, and maintain financial sustainability, we want to hear from YOU. Your feedback will help shape our recommendations to the Board of Education to reflect the priorities of our families and community.

Take the survey: [Click here to participate](#)

Mark Your Calendars: Winter Recess & Presidents Holidays



Schools & Offices Closed Next Week

Reminder:

Schools Closed: February 17-21 (Winter Recess)
Central Office Closed: February 17-18 (Presidents Holidays)

We hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved break – take time to rest, recharge, and spend time with family!

Math Carnival: Fun & Learning for the Whole Family!

YONKERS' FAMILY MATH CARNIVAL

Join us for an evening of family fun and math excitement!

YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Wednesday, March 12, 2025
William Boyce Thompson School
1061 N Broadway, Yonkers NY 10701
5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

- Fun Math Games
- Win Prizes
- Family Workshops
- Free Admission!
- RSVP Today!

Scan the QR Code to Register!

Register to attend by March 1st

914-376-8068 ECenteno@yonkerspublicschools.org

YONKERS' FAMILY MATH CARNIVAL

Acompañenos para disfrutar una tarde de Matematicas y diversion familiar.

YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Miercoles, 12 de Marzo del 2025
William Boyce Thompson School
1061 N Broadway, Yonkers NY 10701
5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

- Juegos de Matematicas
- Gana Premios
- Talleres para Familias
- Entrada Gratis
- Confirma tu asistencia Hoy!

Escanea el codigo QR para registrarte!

Registrate antes del 1 de Marzo

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Interactive Workshops to Explore Math in a New Way

Join us for an exciting Math Carnival, where families can learn, play, and explore math together!

Through interactive workshops, parents and children will discover fun, hands-on ways to build math skills using everyday tools and games. [Click here](#) to sign up!

District Digest

Superintendent Soler's Week in Review Photos



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Photos From Across The District



Cheerleading Senior Night @ Saunders High School



Lincoln High School's Top 20 Class of 2025 Students



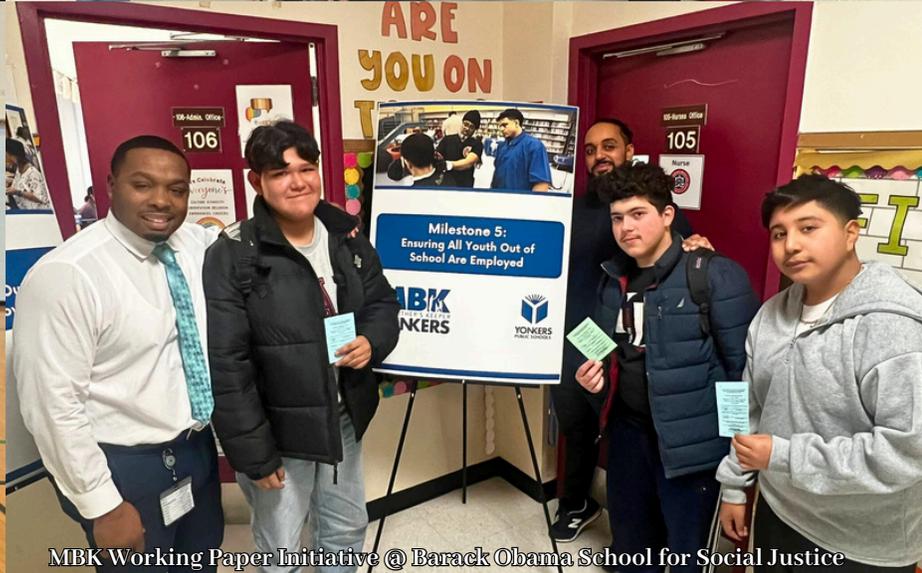
School 29 Students Celebrate Valentine's Day



Roosevelt-International Discovery Club is ready for Costa Rica!



Paideia School 15 Basketball Champions



MBK Working Paper Initiative @ Barack Obama School for Social Justice

YPS STUDENT ARTWORK



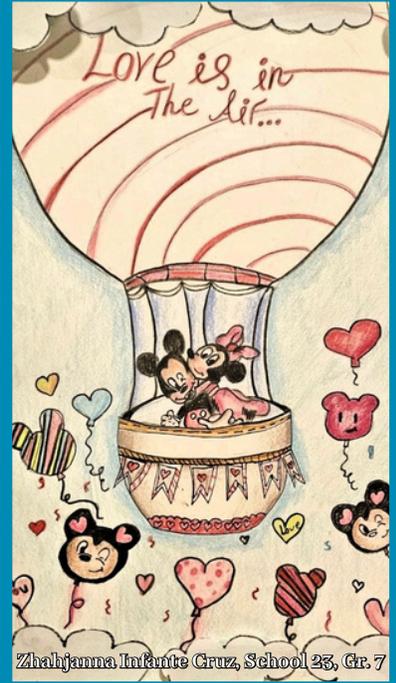
Joshua Adaramola, Boyce Thompson, Gr. 5



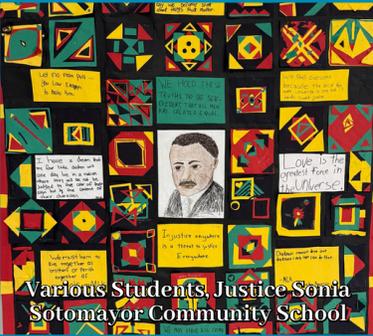
Abigail Sanchez Severo, LHS, Gr. 10



Haide Hernandez, YMHS, Gr. 9



Zhaljanna Infante Cruz, School 23, Gr. 7



Various Students, Justice Sonia Sotomayor Community School



Ryan Garcia Angeles, Justice Sonia Sotomayor Community School, Gr. 1



Marisa Canale, Yonkers Montessori Academy, Gr. 9