



Superintendent, Anibal Soler, Jr.

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Message from Superintendent Soler

Dear Yonkers Public Schools Families,

It's hard to believe we're already in April – summer will be here before we know it! As we enter the final stretch of the school year, I want to thank you for staying engaged and supporting our schools every step of the way.

This week, I had the opportunity to connect with our incredible school leaders during our Principals Meeting at Lincoln High School.



Superintendent Soler with Members of the Yonkers Special Education PTA

We talked a lot about student empowerment and the importance of listening to our families. That's why I launched the [Panorama Survey](#) – an easy, anonymous way for you to share how things are going in your child's school. Your voice helps us grow. It's one of the most important tools we have to make meaningful change. If you haven't yet, I encourage you to take a few minutes and complete it.

I also want to take a moment to congratulate Yonkers Middle High School whose high school team placed third in the New York State Stock Market Challenge – what an impressive accomplishment and the only team in Westchester County to place! We also held the final round of our districtwide Math Games Competition, and once again, our students blew us away with their problem-solving skills. Congratulations to the winners.

Our 9th Annual Autistic Artists Gala was another highlight – an inspiring evening where students showcased not just their creativity, but also the power of inclusion and emotional wellness. It was one of those moments that reminds you why we do this work.

This week, I had great conversations with the leadership of SIC Film Studios and the YMCA about new partnerships that could lead to exciting opportunities for our students – from internships to career exposure. It's all about giving our kids every chance to succeed.

Message from Superintendent Soler (Continued)

And speaking of success, a huge congratulations to our very own Associate Superintendent Lissette Colón-Collins, who will be honored by The Association of Hispanic Professionals for her incredible work supporting multilingual learners. Well deserved!

I want to shine a light on Principal Kim Davis and the entire Paideia School 24 team, who were recognized with the Mayor's School Spotlight Award. Their gains in reading and math and their deep community partnerships – are a great example of what's possible when everyone is rowing in the same direction.

Finally, yesterday we had the incredible honor of celebrating our "Sweet 16" – this year's valedictorians and salutatorians. Each of these remarkable students has worked tirelessly to earn this recognition, and it was moving to watch their families and school leaders celebrate right alongside them. Their success is a reflection of their dedication, their community, and the educators who helped them along the way. What an inspiring reminder of all that's possible here in Yonkers.

As always, I'm grateful for this community. Let's keep the momentum going strong through spring.



Anibal Soler, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools



*Mayor Mike Spano's School Spotlight shines
on Paideia School 24*

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!

Principal Meeting Focused on Family Engagement



**Your Voice. Your School.
Your Survey.**

This week's Principals Meeting at Lincoln High School was all about teamwork, student empowerment, and finding creative ways to hear directly from our families. We focused on the Panorama Survey – because if we want to improve, we have to listen. Principals shared strategies to boost responses and deepen connections with our school communities.

*Students and families – it's your turn! The District launched its School Climate Panorama Survey aimed at getting your input on the emotional support and culture at your child's school. **Different from other surveys this is focused your child individual school.** The survey is quick, anonymous, and goes straight to your **school leaders.***

Family Survey: [Click here](#)
Student Survey (Use Student ID as access code): [Click here](#)



SCHOOL CLIMATE PANORAMA SURVEY
THIS ISN'T JUST A SURVEY.
IT'S HOW CHANGE BEGINS.

FOR STUDENTS & FAMILIES

SPEAK UP. SHAPE YOUR SCHOOL.
This is your chance to be heard!

STUDENTS

What's working at school? What can schools improve on?
Your voice helps shape your education, from class experiences to school culture.
Log in with your Student ID at:
surveys.panoramaed.com/yonkersmy



FAMILIES

Your opinion influences real change.
When families share their experiences, schools adjust accordingly.
Your feedback helps improve communication, student support, safety, and engagement.
Take the anonymous survey here:
surveys.panoramaed.com/yonkersmy/Spring2025Family/surveys



SURVEY AVAILABLE APRIL 1 - APRIL 29

WHY IT MATTERS:
Because better schools start with honest conversations—and those start with you.

Yonkers Middle High Stock Market Superstars



Students Place Third in NYS Challenge – Only School in Westchester!

Big shoutout to our incredible high school team at Yonkers Middle High School! Bleart Ademi, Jonathan Lopez, Qasim Faisal, and Damian Ventura who earned 3rd place in the New York State 2025 Stock Market Challenge. The only school in Westchester County to place – we're so proud of their hard work and teamwork!

9th Annual Autism Artist Gala



A Night of Art, Expression & Inclusion

This week we celebrated creativity and inclusion at the 9th Annual Autism Artist Gala. The event featured stunning student artwork and reinforced the importance of emotional wellness and celebrating every learner's unique voice. It was a beautiful night to support our students and their individuality!

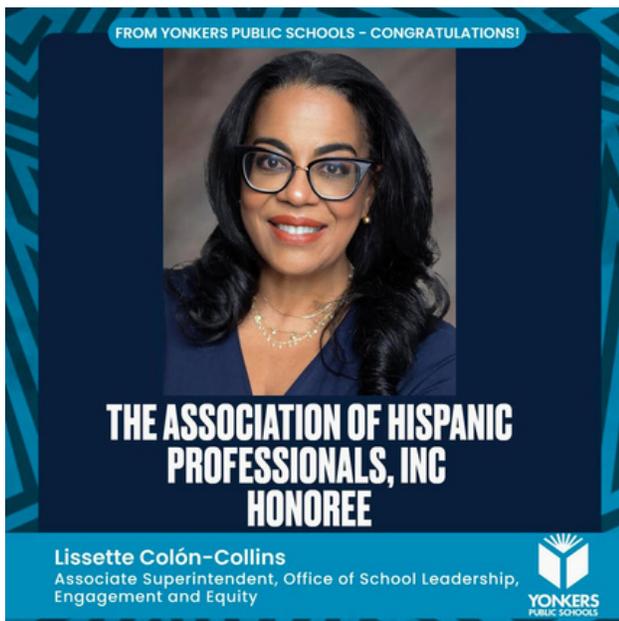
Building Stronger Connections



Meeting with YMCA President & CEO Jason Rodriguez

Superintendent Soler and YMCA President & CEO Jason Rodriguez had a productive conversation about how we can expand partnerships that support student well-being, physical health, and leadership development.

Recognizing YPS' Very Own



Lissette Colón-Collins Honored

We're incredibly proud to share that our very own Associate Superintendent Lissette Colón-Collins will be honored at the 39th Annual Scholarship Dinner hosted by The Association of Hispanic Professionals, Inc. Her leadership – especially for multilingual learners, has touched so many lives across Yonkers. Congrats, Ms. Colón-Collins!

[Learn more or attend the event](#)

Mayor's School Spotlight: Paideia School 24



Academic Gains, Community Partnerships, and Student Growth

This week, Paideia School 24 received Mayor Mike Spano's School Spotlight Award – and for good reason! Under Principal Kim Davis' leadership, the school has:

- Raised ELA scores by 5%*
- Made strong math gains*
- Built meaningful partnerships with the community: Kiwanis Club and K-Kids*

This recognition reflects the heart and hard work of an entire school community committed to student success. See the photos [here](#)

Math Games: Final Round Complete!



Winners and Problem-Solvers Take the Stage

The final round of our district-wide Math Games Challenge was held this week, and the competition was fierce! Congratulations to the winners and all the student participants who continue to sharpen their critical thinking skills and challenge themselves.

Sweet 16 Scholars Shine Bright!



Celebrating Yonkers' Valedictorians and Salutatorians,

We proudly celebrated the accomplishments of our "Sweet 16" – the valedictorians and salutatorians of Yonkers Public Schools' Class of 2025. These exceptional students were honored in a heartfelt ceremony surrounded by their families, teachers, and administrators. Their resilience, discipline, and academic excellence embody the best of #YonkersMagic.

Congratulations to each of these scholars – you make us all proud! See [photos](#) from the event.

Film & Future Opportunities for YPS Students



Superintendent Meets with SIC Film Studios

Superintendent Soler met with Hezues R., President of SIC Film Studios, to discuss exciting new opportunities for students – internships, workshops, and more hands-on experience in the world of film and TV. Stay tuned.

Lincoln Students Open Clothing Closet



Students at Lincoln HS are driving change in their community

We're shining a light on two incredible Lincoln High School students, Aldijana Srdanovic and Nashelly Mendoza Martinez, who saw a need and took action - opening a clothing closet to provide free clothing and essentials to classmates who may need it.

Their initiative is a powerful example of student leadership, and community service in action. We're so proud of these young changemakers.

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Superintendent Soler's Week in Review Photos



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Photos From Across The District



School 17 Staff Recognizes Autism Awareness Month



6th Annual Research Fair @ Riverside High School



Henna Tattoos @ YMHS's South Asian Students Association Eid Party



Our School Principals Hard at Work During This Weeks Principal's Meeting



A Small Fraction of the Wonderful Artwork on Display at This Week's Autism Art Gala

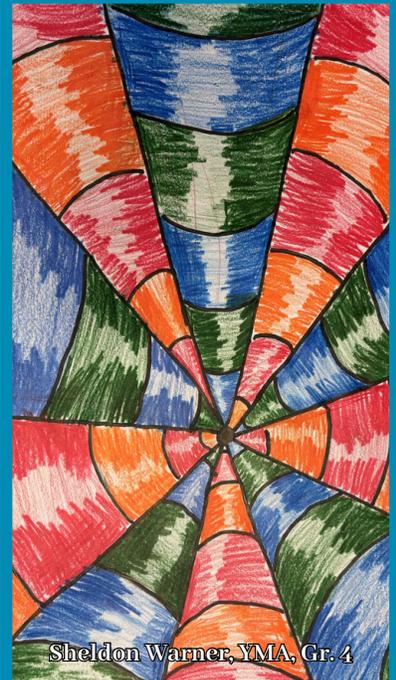
YPS STUDENT ARTWORK



Daniel Clarke, Yonkers Montessori Academy, Gr. 12



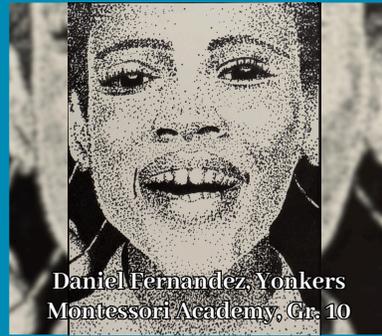
Liam Romero, YMA, Gr. 5



Sheldon Warner, YMA, Gr. 4



Nathaly Gutierrez, School 23, Gr. 5



Daniel Fernandez, Yonkers Montessori Academy, Gr. 10



John Fermin Mendoza, School 23, Gr. 6