

#### Superintendent's Week In Review Vol. 1 Issue 35: May 23, 2025



Superintendent, Aníbal Soler, Jr.

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Message from Superintendent Soler

Dear Yonkers Public Schools Families,

Every once in a while, you have a week that truly reminds you why this work matters. This was one of those weeks.

I had the chance to join so many incredible members of our school community – students, families, staff, city partners, and education leaders.



Superintendent Soler Joins Eugenio Maria De Hostos MicroSociety School for a Mental Health Awareness Event

From tree dedications and career fairs to budget hearings and student celebrations, the spirit of Yonkers magic was everywhere. I presented our 2025–2026 proposed school budget to both the Board of Education and the Yonkers City Council, outlining key investments in guidance counselors, art, music, technology, and student wellness. We've made real progress in my first full year and this budget is about protecting that progress and building on it.

We honored several teachers at the Annual Teachers of the Year ceremony, the outstanding students at YMA, and over 1,000 sophomores, juniors, and seniors at Club 90 who earned a 90+ GPA. I also had the pleasure of joining School 16 for DPW Day and a very touching tree planting in memory of Hira Anwar, a former student whose memory lives on through her peers. I gave a warm welcome to our newest Board of Education Trustee, Lorraine Lopez, whose deep roots in the Yonkers community and commitment to public service will serve our students well.

This week also marked important work for the future. We launched the MBK–Monroe Teacher Prep Partnership for over 300 high school students, gave families tools to support early learning at the Family Fun Learning Festival, and enjoyed a mental health event at Eugenio Maria de Hostos School.



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Message from Superintendent Soler (Continued)

To everyone who made this week what it was – thank you. As we wind down to the final month of the school year I thank you for being a part of the journey and making Yonkers Public Schools shine.

Wishing you all a restful weekend and a meaningful Memorial Day next week.

Aníbal Soler, Jr. Superintendent of Schools

PS: Reminder All schools and Central Office will be closed Monday, May 26 in observance of Memorial Day.



Student Celebrating Success at the 41st Annual Club 90 Award Ceremony



Superintendent Soler Joins Mayor Mike Spano for the Swearing-in of Lorraine Lopez to the Yonkers Board of Education

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!

#### **Protecting the Investment**



#### Superintendent Presents Budget to City Council

Superintendent Soler delivered his 2025–2026 school budget proposal to the Yonkers City Council, focused on protecting previous gains and investing in student success. The plan includes vital support for guidance counselors, technology, arts, and physical education across the district.

#### **Club 90 Celebration**



#### Over 1,000 High School Students Honored

We recognized over 1,000 high school students who earned a 90+ GPA in this year's Club 90 event. Their academic achievement, dedication, and school pride represent the best of YPS.

#### **A School That Shines**



#### Yonkers Montessori Academy Wins Mayor's School Spotlight

YMA was honored with the Mayor's School Spotlight Award for academic excellence, student achievement, and inclusive culture. A special shout-out to the Girls Varsity Basketball team for winning the NYS Class B Championship and the Girls Varsity Soccer team for winning the Yonkers City Championship!

#### The Basics YONKERS



#### Starting Early Has Never Been So EASY!

Families came together for a night of fun, learning, and early childhood development at this week's Family Fun Learning Festival. With giveaways, games, and "The Basics" workshops, it was a joyful event full of growth and connection.

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#### DPW Week Kicks Off at School 16

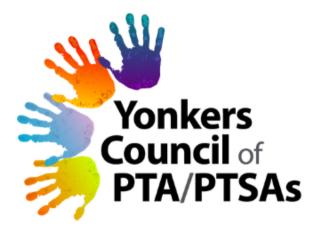


Students Learn About the Power Behind the Yonkers Muscle

Department of Public Works (DPW) Commissioner Thomas Meier and his team visited School 16 for DPW Day, showing students how the Department of Public Works keeps the city running.

Thank you to Commissioner Meier and Principal Dr. Vanessa Vasquez for making the event special!

#### **Building Partnerships**



EVERY CHILD. ONE VOICE.

Superintendent Joins Yonkers Council of PTAs

Superintendent Soler attended the YCPTA Executive Board meeting, where he shared the 2025–2026 budget proposal and engaged in meaningful dialogue with parent leaders about district priorities.



#### **Future Educators in the Making**



#### MBK & Monroe University Launch Teacher Prep Program

Over 300 MBK students from middle and high schools joined the kick-off of a powerful new pathway to teaching careers. Thanks to Monroe University, students can earn free high school and college credits while preparing to become future educators.

#### **Career Fair Success**



#### Over 100 People Attended YPS Career Fair

Thanks to everyone who came out to the Yonkers Public Schools Career Fair and a big welcome to all those interested in joining the YPS family.

Interested in joining team YPS? Visit: <u>www.yonkerspublicschools.org/careers</u>

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#### **Celebrating Excellence**

#### Three Teachers Named 2024–2025 Teachers of the Year



The Yonkers Board of Education officially honored three exceptional educators:

Jessica Marie O'Neill (Elementary) Tatiana Galasso (Middle) Cristina Doley (High School)

Thank you to the Kiwanis Club of Yonkers and the City of Yonkers for supporting this meaningful tradition! Learn more about this year's Teachers of the Year, <u>here</u>.

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#### **Upcoming Events**





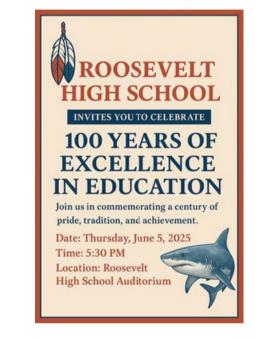






#### **Upcoming Events**





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Superintendent Soler's Week in Review Photos



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Byron Womack Leadership Scholarship Recipients from Barack Obama School

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Junior Achievement Partnership Between Martin Luther King Jr. Academy and Saunders High School

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Proud MBK students from Cesar Chavez and Boyce Thompson School Come Together

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Dodson School celebrates Mental Health Awareness Month

## **YPS STUDENT ARTWORK**

