



Superintendent, Anibal Soler, Jr.

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Message from Superintendent Soler

Dear Yonkers Public Schools Community,

This week, we focused on partnerships, innovation, and advocating for the resources our district needs to continue delivering on the promise of a high quality education. As we approach the end of the year, it's moments like these that showcase the Yonkers Magic – the collective energy and commitment that make our



Superintendent Soler with Mayor Mike Spano at the City of Yonkers & NYS Delegation Meeting

schools a place of opportunity for every student. One of this week's highlights was hosting officials from the New York State Education Department (NYSED) at Saunders Trades & Technical High School - the first public trades school in New York State, opening in 1909. Saunders High School is a shining example of how Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs prepare students with in-demand skills for today's workforce while building a foundation for academic success. NYSED leaders engaged with students, teachers, and administrators to see firsthand the incredible work happening in Yonkers.

We also welcomed the New York State Delegation, and City of Yonkers to share our district's priorities for the 2025–2026 fiscal year. Historically Yonkers has had to face difficult budgets due to the current state funding formula, but thanks to the city of Yonkers and state legislature we got through it. Together, we will continue to advocate for the resources needed to support every child as we head into the new year.

This week also featured our My Brother's Keeper (MBK) Future Career Series, where presenters from diverse professional backgrounds shared inspiring stories with our young men of color. Their words of encouragement and career insights were invaluable, reminding our students that they can achieve greatness with perseverance and vision.

Message from Superintendent Soler (Continued)

I was also honored to participate in the CollegeBoard's Superintendent Advisory Council, where I joined district leaders from across the country to discuss strategies for increasing access to Advanced Placement (AP) courses. Did you know that taking college-level courses in high school can significantly change a student's trajectory, increasing the likelihood of graduating and succeeding in college? Yonkers Public Schools is proud to represent New York as the only large urban district in this important conversation.

Finally, I visited VIVE Pathways to Success, an Adult Education program focused on helping adults in high-need communities access resources to overcome challenges and achieve success. This visit was a powerful reminder of our impact on our families and community.

As always, thank you for your continued partnership and support. Together, we're making a difference in the lives of every child in Yonkers Public Schools.

Warm regards,



Anibal Soler, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools



*Saunders Trades & Technical High School
Cosmetology Seniors at the Annual Day of Beauty for
Cerebral Palsy of Westchester*

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!

Advocating for Yonkers Students: City of Yonkers & NYS Delegation Meeting



Superintendent Soler Hosts Meeting to Discuss District Needs

Superintendent Soler met with Mayor Mike Spano, the New York State Delegation, and the Yonkers Council of PTA President to outline Yonkers Public Schools' priorities for the 2025–2026 fiscal year. Acknowledging the challenging upcoming budget, they emphasized the district's commitment to supporting students and families. With collaboration between the city and state, Yonkers is determined to deliver the best for its students.

VIVE Pathways to Success: Building Bright Futures



Supporting Students and Families in High-Need Communities

Superintendent Soler visited VIVE Pathways to Success, an adult education program dedicated to adult students to overcome barriers to success. Through collaboration and access to resources, VIVE empowers communities with tools for literacy, employment, and lifelong learning.

My Brother's Keeper Future Career Series: Inspiring the Next Generation



Diverse Presenters Share Stories of Perseverance and Success

The MBK Future Career Series brought together speakers from various industries to share their journeys with Yonkers' young men of color. Their words of encouragement and insights into career opportunities inspired students to envision their own paths to success, reinforcing the message that hard work and determination lead to greatness.

Yonkers Represented at CollegeBoard's National Superintendent Advisory Council



Advancing Equity in Advanced Placement Courses

Superintendent Soler joined district leaders nationwide for the CollegeBoard's Superintendent Advisory Council to discuss increasing access to Advanced Placement (AP) courses. Research shows that AP courses significantly improve students' academic trajectories. Yonkers Public Schools proudly represented New York as the only large urban district at the table, ensuring our students have access to these transformative opportunities.

NYSED Visits Saunders: A Showcase of Excellence



State Education Department Leaders Witness Yonkers Magic at Saunders Trades & Technical High School

Officials from the New York State Education Department (NYSED) joined Superintendent Soler at Saunders Trades & Technical High School. Known for its exceptional Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs, Saunders prepares students for employment while building a foundation for college success. NYSED Deputy Commissioners Angelique Johnson-Dingle and Jason Harmon toured classrooms and shops, engaging with students and teachers to see firsthand the dynamic learning happening every day.

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Superintendent Soler's Week in Review Photos



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Photos From Across
The District



National Cookie Day @ Lincoln High School



Extended Learning @ Yonkers Montessori Academy



MBK Future Career Series Launch



PEARLS Hawthorne visits the New York Botanical Garden

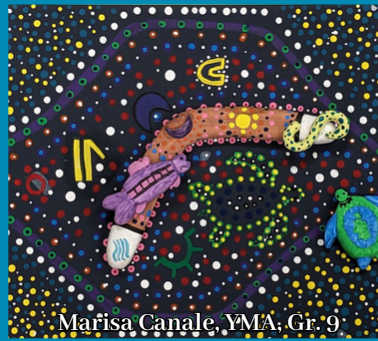


Saunders Annual Day of Beauty

YPS STUDENT ARTWORK



Gabriella Rodriguez, YMHS, Gr. 9



Marisa Canale, YMA, Gr. 9



Mia Martinez, Cesar Chavez, Gr. 4



Chloe Irene Rose, School 23, Gr. 6



Destiny Sutton, School 23, Gr. 8



Ruth Ochoa, LHS, Gr. 11



Brianna De Leon, Williams Boyce Thompson, Gr. 2