



Superintendent, Anibal Soler, Jr.

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Message from Superintendent Soler

As we settle into the school year, I want to reflect on a week filled with the incredible energy and spirit of what I call Yonkers Magic.

The week began on a historical note as we had the honor of welcoming Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor to the ribbon cutting of the Justice Sonia Sotomayor Community



Superintendent Soler Meets Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court Sonia Sotomayor

School. This momentous occasion marked the first time in over 20 years that a brand-new school has been built in Yonkers – a state-of-the-art dual language school. Justice Sotomayor's presence, cutting the ribbon herself, was a powerful testament to the transformative power of education, community, and

perseverance. It was more than just a ribbon-cutting – it was a celebration of our unwavering commitment to excellence in education for all, a moment that fills us all with pride and inspiration.

The theme of many first continued throughout the week, with a visit to the Yonkers Council of PTA's first meeting of the year, where I was a guest speaker. I enjoyed engaging with families and sharing my vision for the 2024-2025 school year. I also visited several schools, including Saunders Trades and Technical High School, Gorton High School, Riverside High School, Museum School 25, and School 5, connecting with families, students, and staff and ensuring that our schools are equipped for success. These school visits aim to check in with school leaders and staff informally and see how things are going. Being visible in schools is important as allows me to inspect what is expected across our district.

On Wednesday, I joined our dedicated Board of Education Trustees at their stated meeting, where we honored the late Ms. Elaine Shine with a special dedication of the Barack Obama School for Social Justice's Library, renaming it to, *The Elaine Shine Memorial Library*.

Message from Superintendent Soler (Continued)

The week culminated with an inspiring event at the Mayor's 182 Pledge event at Yonkers Early Childhood Academy led by Principal Stefanie Felidi. This initiative, which encourages students to commit to attending all 182 days of the school year, is a crucial step in addressing chronic absenteeism and ensuring our students stay on the path to success. I am immensely proud to stand alongside Mayor Spano in supporting this initiative, which is a key part of our collective effort to ensure every student in Yonkers receives the best education possible. Your support and engagement in such initiatives are what make our community strong and united.

This weekend, the excitement continues with the highly anticipated Yonkers Brave vs. Force football game, taking place at Roosevelt High School Early College Studies this Saturday at 1:30 PM.

It's the hottest ticket in town, as both teams have started the season undefeated, but only one will take home the Superintendent's Cup. The anticipation is palpable, and I can't wait to see which team rises to the challenge! Your support and enthusiasm for our students' achievements make all the difference.

From welcoming a Supreme Court Justice to cheering on our students on the field, this week indeed held up to the standard of Yonkers Magic that is alive in our schools.

Thank you for being a part of this journey. Together, we will continue to do magical things. Enjoy your weekend! Go Yonkers!!!



Anibal Soler, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools



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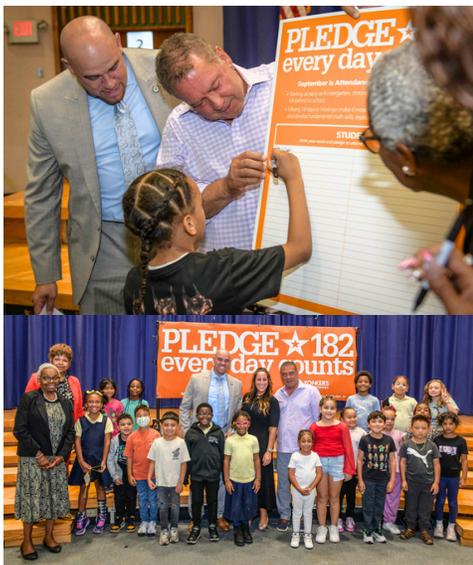
Get a front-row seat to what Superintendent Soler has been up to this week as he connects with the Yonkers Public Schools community. From his key moments to exciting activities across our schools, it's all right here!

Justice Sonia Sotomayor Community School Ribbon Cutting: A Historic Moment



A New Era of Learning Begins!

We celebrated the grand opening of the Justice Sonia Sotomayor Community School, Yonkers' first brand-new school in over 20 years. This state-of-the-art dual language school is dedicated to excellence and innovation, with Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor herself joining the ribbon-cutting. A momentous occasion for our community!



Mayor's Pledge 182 Ceremony: Commitment to Attendance

A Pledge for Success

At Yonkers Early Childhood Academy, Superintendent Soler and Mayor Spano encouraged our first-and second-grade students to commit to attending all 182 days of school. This powerful initiative is part of our mission to improve attendance and reduce chronic absenteeism.

Welcoming New Hires!

New Faces, New Energy

At this week's Board of Education meeting, we welcomed several new hires who are joining the Yonkers Public Schools family. These talented educators and staff members bring fresh energy and expertise to our district, helping us continue our mission of delivering excellence in education. We're excited to see the impact they will have on our students and community!



Nigel Shoulders

Yonkers Middle High School, Assistant Principal



Roselyn Kendrick-Jones

Office of Student Support Services, Director



Victoria Lewis

Barack Obama School for Social Justice, Assistant Principal



Deborah Bryant

Office of Teaching & Learning, Director of Literacy



**Dennis Wolfe,
Jr.**

*Health, Physical Education,
Athletics & Intramurals,
Executive Director*



Yonkers Council of PTA Meeting: Vision for the Year

Setting the Stage for Success

At the first Yonkers Council of PTA meeting, Superintendent Soler shared his vision for the 2024-2025 school year, addressing important initiatives and answering questions from families. A powerful start to another great year!

Superintendent School Visits: Connecting with Families, Students & Staff

Building Strong School-Home Partnerships

This week, Superintendent Soler attended several schools, including Museum School 25, Riverside High School, Martin Luther King, Jr. Academy, Gorton High School, Saunders High School, and School 5. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with families and ensure our schools are ready for an exciting year ahead!



Yonkers Board of Education Meeting: Honoring Ms. Elaine Shine

In Memory of a Beloved Educator

During this week's Board of Education meeting, we dedicated The Elaine Shine Memorial Library in honor of Ms. Shine, whose legacy continues to inspire our students and staff. A touching tribute to a cherished member of our Yonkers community.



International Day of Peace: Celebrating Unity at Yonkers Montessori Academy

A Day of Peace and Reflection

Superintendent Soler joined Principal Dr. Eileen Rivera-Shapiro and students at Yonkers Montessori Academy to celebrate International Day of Peace which is one of the pillars of the Montessori model.

Full-Day Pre-Kindergarten: A Strong Start for Our Youngest Learners

Yonkers Welcomes Our Littlest Scholars!

Yonkers Public Schools is proud to offer full-day PreKindergarten for all 4-year-olds. These programs focus on building a solid academic and social-emotional foundation, ensuring every student is set up for success in the years to come.



Science Barge Exploration: Hands-On Science Learning

Discovering the World of Plants

Middle school students had the chance to explore the Science Barge this week! They conducted hands-on investigations into plant anatomy, learning how the food they eat connects to the plants they see. From hydroponics to soil, students explored what plants need to grow and thrive.





2024 Hispanic Heritage Essay Contest: Share Your Story!

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage and Win Big

We're excited to share the 17th Annual Hispanic Heritage Essay Contest, open to middle and high school students. This year's theme is all about how you connect with Hispanic culture. Prizes include a \$3,000 scholarship and iPads – don't miss out!

Submissions accepted through October 31.

Yonkers Brave vs. Force Football Game: The Hottest Ticket in Town!



7TH ANNUAL BRAVE VS. FORCE FOOTBALL GAME
Superintendent's Cup
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024 ★ 1:30 PM
ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL EARLY COLLEGE STUDIES



Admit One - \$5.00

TICKET NO.

Who Will Take Home the Superintendent's Cup?

This Saturday, join us for the biggest game of the season at Roosevelt High School Early College Studies! Yonkers Brave and Force, both undefeated, will go head-to-head for the Superintendent's Cup. Win or lose, both teams have made us proud!

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