

## YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS AT A GLANCE

**24,825 Children attend YPS including 773 Charter Students**

- 39** ..... Public Schools
- 19** ..... Pre-K-8 Schools
- 8** ..... Pre-K-6 Schools
- 5** ..... Grade 9-12 Schools
- 2** ..... Pre-K-5 Schools
- 1** ..... Early Childhood Center
- 1** ..... Pre-K -12 School
- 1** ..... Grade 3-8 School
- 1** ..... Grade 7-12 School
- 1** ..... Grade 6-12 School
- 88%**..... Communities of Color
- 67%**..... Economically Disadvantaged Students
- 20%**..... Special Education Students
- 20%**..... Students with Disabilities
- 14%**..... English Language Learner Students



## CONSIDER THESE VIABLE SOLUTIONS FOR THE SUCCESS OF YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS



**EARLY CHILDHOOD** Appropriate an additional \$10 million to Yonkers to fully fund Universal Prekindergarten. Stop treating it as expense-based aid depending on enrollment.



**SPECIAL EDUCATION** Make a \$20 million investment to Yonkers for special education services due to the increase in the number of students being identified and the complex services they require.



**CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION** Appropriate an additional \$5 million for Yonkers to further develop and create new Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs. Increase the per pupil appropriation that has been flat for over a decade at \$3,900 and include 9th grade students.



**INFRASTRUCTURE** Increase Yonkers' Building Aid Ratio from 69.5% to 90% to address infrastructure upgrades needed for school buildings that average over 80 years old and 25% were built over 100 years ago. Yonkers 2020 Building Condition Survey indicates \$520 million is needed to address health and safety issues in schools across the district.

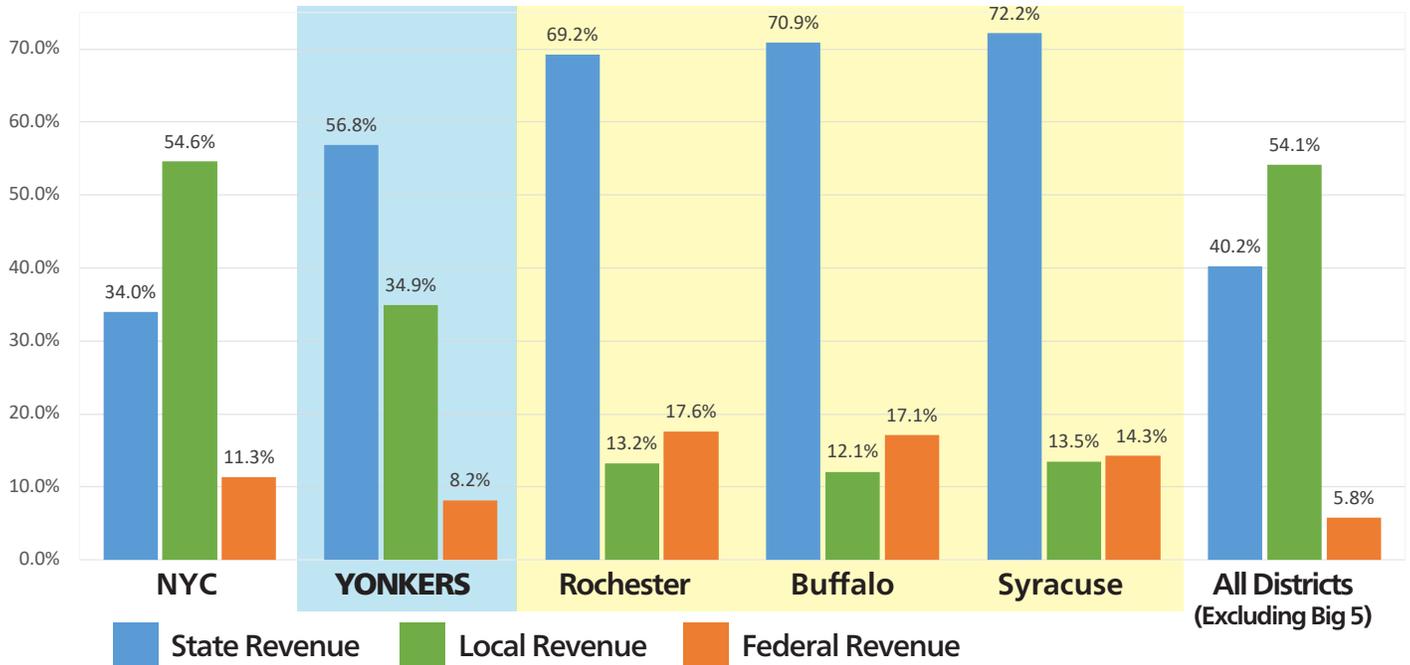


**HEAT INDEX BILL** Invest in the heat index bill which requires schools to address extreme heat. It will cost Yonkers \$6.8 million to install air conditioning and improve ventilation in older buildings.



**PROPOSED CELL PHONE BAN** Provide additional support to the \$13.5 million allocated state-wide for implementation of the proposed cell phone ban. The current funding isn't enough to support all New York State school districts.

# State, Local, Federal Revenue Sharing New York State School Districts, 2022-23



Yonkers relies heavily on local funding for its schools, with 34.9% of revenue from Yonkers taxpayers, about 22% more than Buffalo, Rochester, and Syracuse. Meanwhile, Yonkers receives only 56.8% from the state, compared to over 69% given to Rochester, Syracuse and Buffalo. This imbalance highlights the disproportionate burden on Yonkers taxpayers and the need for equity to align with other large urban school districts.

## Big 4 Comparison 2023-24

*Revenue Source	Buffalo	% of Total	Rochester	% of Total	Syracuse	% of Total	Yonkers	% of Total
City	\$65,278,424	5.0%	\$112,619,881	9.7%	\$64,088,014	9.6%	\$271,332,938	33.6%
STAR	\$5,544,334	0.4%	\$6,584,095	0.6%	\$3,857,709	0.6%	\$19,823,673	2.5%
State	\$961,004,519	73.3%	\$754,880,090	65.2%	\$490,926,674	73.3%	\$415,634,599	51.5%
County	\$58,999,554	4.5%	\$5,848,639	0.5%	\$992,167	0.1%	---	0.0%
Federal	\$190,742,025	14.5%	\$229,050,822	19.8%	\$105,051,060	15.7%	\$74,296,850	9.2%
Other	\$29,788,106	2.3%	\$48,055,040	4.2%	\$4,406,079	0.7%	\$26,325,648	3.3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,311,356,962</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$1,157,038,567</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$669,321,703</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$807,413,708</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

\* Source: Conference of Big 5 School Districts

	Buffalo	Rochester	Syracuse	Yonkers
**2022-23 Enrollment	29,795	23,478	19,022	24,242
**Per Pupil Expense	28,891	30,715	26,807	28,847

\*\* Source: Rockefeller Institute of Government Study December 2024

	Buffalo	Rochester	Syracuse	Yonkers
***2023 Graduation Rate	79%	67%	69%	90%

\*\*\* Source: data.nysed.gov

Despite receiving 51.5% of funding from the state far less than Rochester (65.2%), Buffalo and Syracuse (73.3%), Yonkers has achieved a 90% graduation rate, the highest among the Big Five. Yonkers taxpayers contribute 33.6% of funding locally, far exceeding its urban peers. With fair state aid, Yonkers could build on its success while easing the local tax burden.