



**YONKERS**  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

# **2025-2026 PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

**PROTECT OUR PROGRESS - PROTECT THE INVESTMENT - PROTECT YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Board of Education Stated Meeting  
February 26, 2025

**Mr. Aníbal Soler, Jr.**  
**Superintendent of Schools**

YONKERS *Magic*



## OUR VISION

Creating a Foundation for Success:  
Innovation, Inspiration, Critical Thinking,  
and Excellence for All

## OUR MISSION

Yonkers Public Schools is committed to creating a culturally responsive and sustaining environment that ensures all learners in our school community are equitably prepared with critical thinking skills, able to lead, inspire, and succeed in the world of today and tomorrow.

"Creating a Foundation  
for Success"

"Ensuring all learners  
in our school  
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# YONKERS STUDENTS AT A GLANCE

24,035 Students attend 39 public schools:

## PK - 12th Grade Students

1,293 - Prekindergarten 3 & 4 years old

22,742 - Kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

16,987 Economically Disadvantaged (71%)

4,839 Students with Disabilities (20%)

3,369 Multilingual Learners (14%) (83 Languages spoken)

15,175 Hispanic (63%)

3,690 African American/Black (15%)

3,177 White (13%)

1,993 Asian/Pacific Islander, American Indian, Multi-Racial (8%)

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## 2,617 Students attend:

- Charter Schools - 773 students
- City of Yonkers Parochial/Private Schools – 1,844 students

*District is responsible for transportation, textbooks, library resources, nursing services, pupil support services, Title I, II, III and IV funds and special education services.*



# 2025-2026 Proposed Revenue

Revenue	FY 24-25 Adopted Budget	FY 25-26 Proposed Budget (Executive Runs)	\$ Variance Proposed vs. Adopted
State Funding - Basic	\$401,259,889	\$419,339,512	\$18,079,623
State Funding - Categorical	14,176,286	14,176,286	-
Video Lottery Terminal Revenue Sharing	19,600,000	19,600,000	-
State Funding - Other / Bullet Aid	12,000,000	-	(12,000,000)
Proceeds from State Loan	5,000,000	-	(5,000,000)
Federal Funding	1,204,100	1,244,100	40,000
Departmental Revenue	531,000	531,000	-
Indirect Cost	300,000	300,000	-
Miscellaneous Departmental	1,585,000	1,310,000	(275,000)
<b>BOE Revenue and State Aid</b>	<b>455,656,275</b>	<b>456,500,898</b>	<b>844,623</b>
Maintenance of Effort Base	247,749,896	247,749,896	-
Maintenance of Effort Sales Tax	21,047,041	21,129,777	82,736
Debt Service Contribution	29,712,767	24,908,784	(4,803,983)
<b>City of Yonkers</b>	<b>298,509,704</b>	<b>293,788,457</b>	<b>(4,721,247)</b>
<b>Appropriated General Fund Balance</b>	<b>40,000,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(40,000,000)</b>
Appropriated Debt Service Fund Balance	149,355	1,562,679	1,413,324
<b>Appropriated Fund Balance</b>	<b>40,149,355</b>	<b>1,562,679</b>	<b>(38,586,676)</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$794,315,334</b>	<b>\$751,852,034</b>	<b>\$(42,463,300)</b>

# 2025-2026 Proposed Expenditures

Expenditures	FY 23-24 Actuals	FY 24-25 Adopted	FY 24-25 Amended	FY25-26 Proposed	\$ Variance Proposed vs. Adopted	% Variance Proposed vs. Adopted
Salary	\$334,907,563	\$371,453,693	\$369,635,645	\$378,314,700	\$6,861,007	1.85%
Employee Benefits	180,198,959	206,369,973	203,132,130	210,420,442	4,050,469	1.96%
Transportation	53,869,845	54,395,474	56,895,474	59,611,755	5,216,281	9.59%
Tuitions	34,065,923	35,317,282	36,317,282	38,802,125	3,484,843	9.87%
Debt Service	36,546,493	40,180,078	39,920,078	37,007,142	(3,172,936)	-7.90%
Contractual	21,812,492	25,769,899	24,630,913	25,136,316	(633,583)	-2.46%
BOCES	16,385,840	17,911,161	17,911,161	18,816,934	905,773	5.06%
Charter School Tuitions	16,576,601	18,200,000	18,200,000	20,739,014	2,539,014	13.95%
Utilities	9,521,318	11,065,061	11,070,250	10,639,497	(425,564)	-3.85%
Materials & Supplies	4,068,246	5,032,135	5,160,194	4,819,200	(212,935)	-4.23%
Building Repairs	2,626,424	4,130,600	4,587,269	3,163,100	(967,500)	-23.42%
Transfers	2,375,000	1,990,000	1,990,000	2,850,000	860,000	43.22%
Insurance	1,976,631	2,146,139	2,146,139	2,220,931	74,792	3.48%
Postage	264,176	267,600	267,600	150,600	(117,000)	-43.72%
Travel	37,670	86,239	91,906	75,024	(11,215)	-13.00%
Equipment	723,122	-	212,087	1,126,000	1,126,000	
Textbooks	2,188,530	-	706,821	5,141,639	5,141,639	
Library Books	174,536	-	46,561	206,000	206,000	
Computer Software	424,778	-	166,376	830,000	830,000	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$718,744,147</b>	<b>\$794,315,334</b>	<b>\$793,087,885</b>	<b>\$820,070,420</b>	<b>\$25,755,086</b>	<b>3.24%</b>

# Consolidated Budget Potential Gap



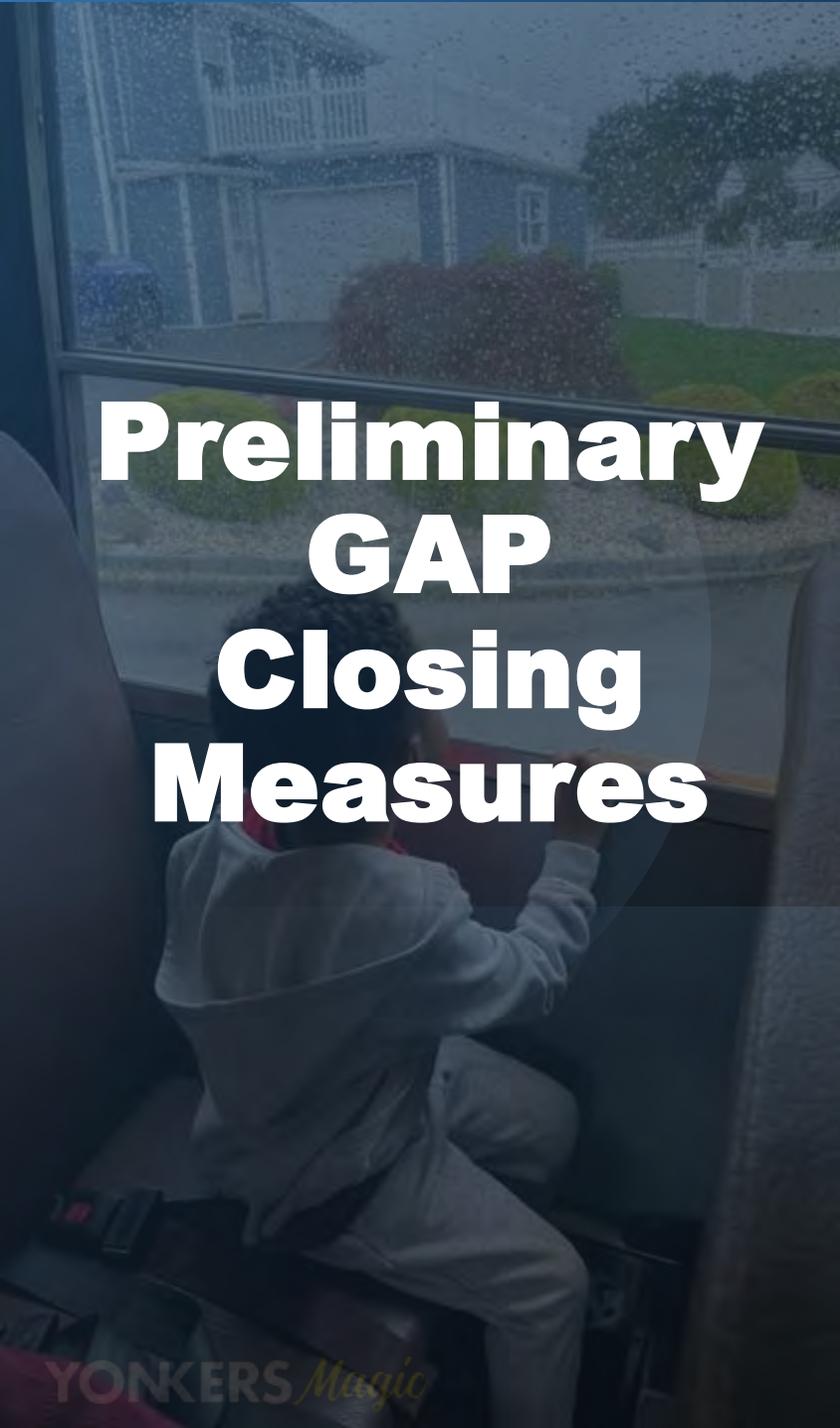
Proposed Revenue  
**\$751.85**  
Million



Proposed Expenditures  
**\$820.07**  
Million



Potential Gap  
**(\$68.22)**  
Million



# **Preliminary GAP Closing Measures**

**Rightsizing: Closure of Museum School 25**

**Academic Restructuring: Grade Reconfiguration at School 17 and Robert Halmi, Sr. Academy of Film and Television**

**Strategic Resource Allocation: Proposed Use of Unassigned Fund Balance**

**Workforce Optimization: Potential Reduction of Staff**

**Retirement Management: Leveraging anticipated staff retirements**

**Contract Evaluation: Comprehensive Review of All General Fund Vendor Contract Agreements**

# **Community Survey Results**

## **Educational Preferences**

**43% of families consider bilingual or dual-language education very important.**

**54% of families are aware of the special education programs available for students.**

**66% would support in-district special education programs to reduce the need for out-of-district placements.**

**53% prefer their child to attend a neighborhood school.**

**30% are open to adjustments in school grade configurations (e.g., K-5, 6-8, 9-12).**

**20% prefer their child attend a traditional middle school model (Grades 6-8).**

**62% prefer their child attend a school that keeps students in one school from PK-8.**

**21% are satisfied with the current school transportation system.**

# BUDGET INVESTMENTS FOR 2025-2026



- Ensure equitable opportunities across our schools
  - (Part 100, Yonkers Core Instructional Programming, Master Scheduling)
- Invest in Career & Technical Education (CTE) in grades 7 & 8 - \$2.5M
- Enhance Athletics/Sports - add Modified Teams - \$1.5M
- Continue to invest in:
  - Student Support Services to improve the Special Education Department - \$3.8M
  - English as a New Language, Bilingual Services and Dual Language - \$1M
  - Music, Art and Physical Education instruction - \$6M
  - School Technology Upgrades – 1:1 device program - \$7.2M
  - Safety and Security – update & enhance security monitoring systems - \$11.1M
- Meeting New NYS Mandates
  - Internet Enable Device Bill - \$3.3M
  - Heat Index Bill - \$5.7M

# Federal Grants

Grant Name	FY25 Approved Budget	Programs Funded	FTE's	Type of Positions
<b>Title I</b>	<b>\$13,172,405</b>	<b>Academic Support Programs:</b> After-school interventions, services for homeless students, parent engagement initiatives, equitable services to non-public schools, and professional learning for ELA and Math.	46.60	CO Admin, CSEA, and YFT
<b>Title II</b>	<b>1,169,686</b>	<b>Educator Excellence:</b> Programs strengthening the quality and effectiveness of teachers, principals, and school leaders.	3.49	CO Admin and CSEA
<b>Title III, ENL and Immigrant</b>	<b>540,288</b>	<b>English Language Learner Support:</b> Services improving English proficiency and academic achievement of English Language Learners, including supplemental instruction for ELLs and immigrant students (SIFE Academy).	2.00	CO Admin and CSEA
<b>Title IV</b>	<b>1,006,685</b>	<b>Student Success Initiatives:</b> Programs supporting Well-Rounded Educational Opportunities, Safe and Healthy Students, and Effective Use of Technology.	2.05	CO Admin and CSEA
<b>IDEA, 611 and 619</b>	<b>7,934,798</b>	<b>Special Education Services:</b> Related services, materials, and specialized equipment for children with disabilities, along with professional development and early intervention programs.	33.10	CO Admin, CSEA, and YFT
<b>Secondary Perkins</b>	<b>305,822</b>	<b>Career and Technical Education:</b> Programs for secondary students.	1.60	YFT
<b>Adult Perkins IV CTEIA</b>	<b>252,189</b>	<b>Career and Technical Education:</b> Programs for adult students.	0.00	N/A
<b>Title I, 1003 Basic</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>School Improvement:</b> Title I, Section 1003(a) funds support the development, implementation, and monitoring of comprehensive improvement plans.	0.00	N/A
<b>WIOA Title II Adult</b>	<b>380,343</b>	<b>Adult Education:</b> WIOA Title II programs helping adults acquire employment skills and achieve economic self-sufficiency, including English language acquisition for immigrants.	0.00	N/A
<b>Literacy Zone Adult Grants</b>	<b>400,000</b>	<b>Literacy Zones:</b> Grants enhancing adult education in high-poverty neighborhoods, helping adult learners access and succeed in education and training.	0.00	N/A
<b>21st Century Community Learning</b>	<b>596,400</b>	<b>Community Learning Centers:</b> 21st Century funding expands centers providing students with academic enrichment and complementary activities to regular academic programs.	0.00	N/A
<b>McKinney Vento Grant</b>	<b>125,000</b>	<b>Homeless Student Services:</b> Dedicated support for homeless student populations.	0.00	N/A
<b>Stronger Connections Grant</b>	<b>1,200,000</b>	<b>Safe Learning Environments:</b> Grant program supporting high-need schools in establishing safe, healthy, and supportive learning opportunities and environments.	4.00	CO Admin and YFT
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$27,583,616</b>		<b>92.84</b>	

# 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.

# Budget Process Timeline





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