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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT 2019

Investing in our Facilities is Investing in our Future!



Dear Community Members,

The Pine Valley Central School District Board of Education is asking for your support for a capital improvements project. On **Tuesday, November 12, 2019**, you will have an opportunity to vote on a capital improvements project that is designed to address important repairs, renovations and improvements to our district buildings and grounds that will improve safety and security at our schools and enhance our instructional programs. The items proposed in this project are based on a Long Range Plan that was developed by our Capital Improvement Committee (comprised of district administration, Board of Education members, our professional services team and district stakeholders) utilizing the Building Condition Survey that was performed in 2015 as well as feedback provided by district residents.

Capital Improvements Project Goals

Together, the following capital project goals will address the educational program improvements and prioritized building needs identified during the facilities assessment, which is required by the State Education Department every five years:



Building Integrity



Instructional Improvements



Safety & Security



Energy Efficiency

As a result of thoughtful project planning and communication with the community, all of these project goals will be met with **NO ADDITIONAL TAX IMPACT** to district residents and businesses.

During the planning process since our last project vote, the committee originally identified over \$14.1 million in potential facilities, site, instructional and educational needs. After much review and prioritization, the committee recommended a financially prudent Capital Improvements Project that would simultaneously:

- 1) Maximize our available State Aid with no impact to taxpayers, and
- 2) Address the most critical and beneficial needs as identified by our Board of Education and project planning committee.

The result is the \$9,887,212 Capital Improvements Project proposal that is explained within this newsletter.

We know how much pride this community has in our school district. Capital improvement projects like this not only help to keep our facilities in good working order but also improve the conditions under which our children learn and thrive. Through careful financial and educational planning, we are confident this project will meet the instructional and facility needs of our district well into the future.

All work will be financed through a combination of state aid funding and funds from the district capital project reserves established by our taxpayers for capital projects and will be completed with no increase in school taxes. We need and appreciate your support.

We encourage you to learn more at a Public Meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 15, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room (Room #11 in the Elementary School) and to vote on Tuesday, November 12.

Important Dates



COMMUNITY MEETING

Tuesday, October 15, 7:00 p.m.
Board Conference Room
(Room #11 in the Elementary School)

PUBLIC VOTE



**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2019
12:00 NOON TO 9:00 P.M.**

**Jr./Sr. High School
New Gym Foyer**

Absentee ballot applications are available at the district office.

Go Panthers!

Thank you,

James Przepasniak, *Interim Superintendent*
Jeffrey Chase, *Board of Education President*

Capital Improvements Project 2019: Scope Highlights

Project Goals



**Building
Integrity**



**Safety &
Security**



**Instructional
Improvements**



**Energy
Efficiency**

Elementary School

- Create a new Early Intervention Learning Center to enhance student learning.
- Install A.D.A. code compliant grab bars, mirrors, eyewash station and doorway push buttons at various locations throughout the building.
- Replace existing grease trap and install a new floor drain for the existing kitchen 3-bay sink.
- Replace existing kitchen ceiling tiles with department of health compliant code-required ceiling tiles.
- Replace existing rooftop air handling units and exhaust fans that are currently beyond their useful life.
- Add additional heating in the boiler room to prevent temperature related failures in the winter.
- Renovate existing locker rooms to provide new A.D.A. compliant locker rooms and storage rooms.
- Provide code required smoke and fire dampers for existing rated walls throughout the building. Install new fire-rated shutter in kitchen.
- Provide electrical modifications to secondary service feeders and lightning protection system.
- Install additional security cameras at various locations throughout the building.
- Replace existing exterior doors at the cafeteria.
- Construct a new secured district office entrance vestibule. This is a building safety and security concern designed to prevent unauthorized visitor access to the entire building.
- Relocate offices displaced by construction of the new Early Intervention Learning Center.
- Replace existing deteriorated roof hatch.
- Replace existing hot water heaters with high-efficiency units including an external storage tank. Replace deteriorated shut-off valves.
- Replace the energy management controls throughout the building.

Jr./Sr. High School

- Reconstruction of the existing CAD lab and maker space.
- Reconstruction of the existing wood shop and paint room. Construct a new maple syrup processing area within the building.
- Construct a new greenhouse and reconstruction of the existing innovation lab.
- Install A.D.A. code compliant grab bars, mirrors, benches and doorway push buttons at various locations.
- Provide code required A.D.A. viewing positions in the auditorium.
- Replace the exterior door at the pool chemical storage room.
- Replace the existing pool roof deck and roofing system.
- Complete various interior finish restorations, including work at the gym, athletic entrance and lobby.
- Replace the existing exterior doors adjacent to athletic entrance.
- Provide code required door closers and hardware at various locations and install additional code required doors throughout the building.
- Install a code required area of rescue annunciation system at the second floor stair wells.
- Install additional security cameras at various locations throughout the building.
- Replace the dust collector and relocate to the exterior to comply with code requirements.
- Replace deteriorated electrical panels in the pool filter room. Replace lightning protection system at chimney.
- Replace the energy management controls throughout the building.
- Replace existing gym and auditorium rooftop air handling units. Provide new science storage room exhaust. Replace existing main office rooftop units and three building split systems.
- Replace existing hot water heaters with high-efficiency units, including an external storage tank.

Campus Site

- Install a reconstructed 1/5 mile asphalt pathway for physical education.
- Expand the soccer field behind the Elementary School to be 70 yards wide.
- Install code required concrete pads at egress doors at various locations
- Reconstruct yard drainage to eliminate flooding across the bus garage roadway and behind the pool.
- Provide additional drainage at the varsity baseball field.
- Replace deteriorated sections of existing concrete sidewalks.
- Provide two new egress ramps at Elementary exterior doors for A.D.A. access to the courtyard.

Bus Garage

- Install A.D.A. code compliant grab bars and mirrors in rest rooms.
- Construct a new interior weather vestibule.
- Provide new emergency exterior light wall packs at the perimeter of the building.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. When and where is the capital project vote?

A. The capital project vote will be held on **Tuesday, November 12, from 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m. at the Jr/Sr High School New Gym Foyer.** You are entitled to vote if you are a U.S. citizen, 18 years or older and have been a district resident for at least 30 days prior to the vote. No pre-registration is required.

Q. Why is the District having a capital project vote?

A. Our District is committed to providing a safe learning environment and well-maintained facilities for students and public use. Routine facility maintenance and repair work is typically funded within the annual District budget with local taxpayers bearing the full cost. However, large renovations, reconstruction, and replacement of "end of useful life" items, such as those included in this project, would have a major impact on the tax rate if included in the annual District budget. A capital project is a fiscally responsible approach because the State reimburses a vast majority of the construction costs that would otherwise be funded by the local taxpayers.

Q. What has changed since the last project vote was held?

A. A great deal has changed. In December 2018, a capital project was defeated by the community. Since that time, the District has solicited feedback from voters and community representatives to gather the public's opinions on the scope of the project. That input was very seriously considered causing the District to re-evaluate needs vs. wants, along with the best interests of our students and community. In addition to removing some items from the last project, we have incorporated HVAC improvements and other energy efficiency items according to our Long Range Plan. This will allow the District to recognize these long-term energy efficiency savings without a tax impact to district residents. ***This new project's scope prioritizes instructional needs, safety & security, and facilities maintenance to ensure long-term sustainability of our academic and athletic programs.***

Q. How were the project's components chosen?

A. Every five years, all school districts are required by the State to have a certified architect review the condition of their buildings and grounds. In 2015, our architectural consultant performed a Building Condition Survey (BCS) that examined the District's facilities and identified problem areas requiring reconstruction or replacement. ***After studying and prioritizing these BCS items, the District's Buildings & Grounds Committee developed the Long Range Plan to address this work in phases, thereby minimizing the impact on taxpayers. This proposed project includes only the high-priority items from the previously proposed project, plus the needs that had been planned for the Long Range Plan's next phase of work.***

Q. Why is this work needed?

A. ***Because Pine Valley CSD is here to stay!*** Just as one's home ages and needs upkeep and repairs to keep it in good shape, so too do our schools. We need to take care of the most important asset the community owns. In addition to improved educational programs and spaces for our students, much of this project's scope includes cost-saving energy upgrades, plus critical facilities improvements to address state-mandated health and safety requirements. The District is addressing these issues now rather than delaying and facing future higher costs and further deterioration.

Q. What are the instructional improvements included in this project?

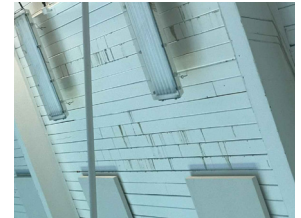
A. In addition to infrastructure enhancements to improve district-wide safety and security for our students, this project will include a centralized Early Intervention Learning Center for K-6 students, upgraded STEM/STEAM program spaces for our Jr./Sr. High School agriculture and engineering programs, and improvements to our Physical Education program spaces.



Sugar Shack



Locker Rooms



Pool Roof System (Interior)



Sidewalks



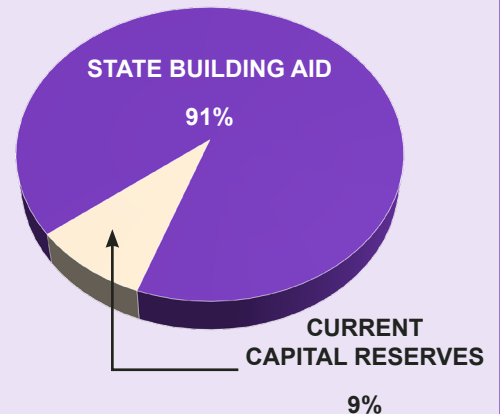
Pool Roof System (Exterior)

Project Financing

The total cost of the proposed project is \$9,887,212. The project will be paid for by a combination of State Aid funding that will cover 91% of the cost and the District's current capital reserves which will cover the remainder. Project costs include all costs to design, renovate, construct and furnish facilities as necessary.

Due to careful project planning, financial implementation and consideration of our taxpayers, the District is able to fund the local share of the project, resulting in **NO ADDITIONAL TAX IMPACT** on district residents and businesses.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$9,887,212
COST TO TAXPAYERS: \$0



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Pine Valley Central School District
South Dayton, NY 14138

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Q. When will the work take place?

A. After final design submission, it's expected that the State Education Department's approval for the project would be received in late 2020 with the bulk of work starting in summer 2021. It is anticipated that the project would be completed in fall 2022.

Q. What is the total cost of this proposed project, and how can it have NO ADDITIONAL TAX IMPACT?

A. The total cost of the project is \$9,887,212. The project will be paid for by a combination of State Aid funding that will cover 91% of the cost, and the District's capital reserves which will cover the remainder.

Q. Isn't State Aid just my tax dollars too?

A. Yes, it is. The New York State Legislature has given all Districts in the state an opportunity to use tax dollars to enhance their facilities through capital improvements and renovations. This is an opportunity to invest those tax dollars in our own community, working to improve the educational setting for our children, families, district staff, and the public community long into the future.

Q. What if the capital project vote does not pass?

A. The required safety improvements and building renovations identified by the State-mandated Building Condition Survey would still be absolutely necessary. If the vote does not pass, these requirements would still need to be addressed, but without the benefit of the State's aid. The required work would instead have to be funded within the annual District budget with local taxpayers bearing the full cost. In addition, the instructional improvements that are proposed in this capital project could not be done at all, as the cost to implement them would be far more than the District and taxpayers alone could reasonably afford without State aid.


Q. Where can I find out more about the capital project proposal?


A. There is a Public Meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, October 15, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room (Room #11), located at the Elementary School building.** There will be a capital project presentation and an open forum for questions and answers. Additional information is available on the district website at **www.pval.org** and outside our main offices. This capital project brochure has been mailed to all district residents.


Project Information Sources

Detailed information about the proposed project is available through the following resources:

 This informational newsletter about the proposed project has been mailed to all district households

 Information about the proposed project is on display in each school lobby area

 A Capital Improvements Project community meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room (Room #11 in the Elementary School)**

 Visit the district website at **www.pval.org** for project information and updates

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**PLEASE
VOTE**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2019
12:00 NOON TO 9:00 P.M.**

Jr./Sr. High School, New Gym Foyer

This Project Has No Additional Tax Impact

You are entitled to vote if you are a U.S. citizen, 18 years or older and you have been a district resident for at least 30 days prior to the vote. Absentee ballot applications are available at the district office. For more information, contact Debbie Hooker, District Clerk, at 988-3293.