



Pine Valley Central School District Newsletter

Special Capital Project Edition

Capital Improvement Project 2023

Investing in our Facilities is Investing in our Future!

Dear Community Members,

Pine Valley Central School District's Board of Education is seeking your support for a Capital Improvement Project. Qualified district residents will have an opportunity to vote Wednesday, December 13, 2023, on a Capital Improvement Project designed to address important restorations, renovations and upgrades to our buildings and grounds that will improve school safety and security and enhance our instructional programs. The items proposed are based on a long-range plan developed by our Capital Improvement Committee (comprising of district administration, BOE members, our professional services team, and district stakeholders) using the Building Condition Survey conducted in 2021, as well as feedback from district residents.

During the planning process and since our last project vote, the Committee originally identified more than \$23,100,000 in potential facility, site, instructional and educational needs. After much review and prioritization, the Committee recommended a financially prudent Capital Improvement Project that would simultaneously:

1. Maximize available State Building Aid with no impact to taxpayers, and
2. Address the most critical and beneficial needs as identified by our Board of Education and Capital Improvement Committee.

The result is the \$9,100,000 Capital Improvement Project proposal explained within this newsletter.

We know how much pride this community has in our school district. Capital improvement projects like Pine Valley's not only help 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 the work will be financed through a combination of State Building Aid funding and funds from the Capital Reserve. This reserve was established by our taxpayers so future projects can be completed with no additional increase in school taxes. We appreciate your support.

We encourage you to learn more at the Community Meeting that is scheduled for Thursday, December 7, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Pine Valley Elementary School library. We also encourage qualified district voters to exercise their right to vote Wednesday, December 13, 2023, from 12 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Pine Valley Jr./Sr. High School in the new gym foyer.

Respectfully,

Pine Valley Central School District Board of Education



Fire Lane & Playground Access



Basement Water Mitigation

Project Goals



Health, Safety and
Security Improvements



Building Infrastructure
and Asset Preservation



Educational Program
Space Improvements

**This Project Has
NO ADDITIONAL
TAX INCREASE**

**Please Vote
December 13**

Capital Improvement Project 2023



Elementary School

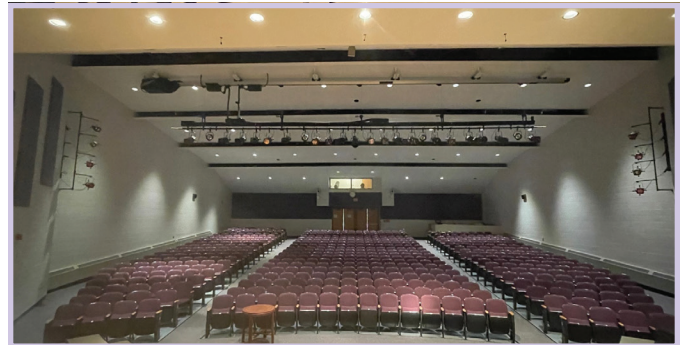
- 1 New Early Learning parking lot with parent pick-up and drop-off spaces.
- 2 Replace baseball field fencing and add mow strip.
- 3 Air conditioning at the Main Office and Nurses Offices.
- 4 Replace asphalt access path to playgrounds.
- 5 Site upgrades:
 - Site drainage improvements.
 - Sanitary lift station replacement.
- 6 Replace classroom rooftop unit.

Bus Garage

- 7 Replace existing windows.
- 8 Replace existing heating and exhaust ventilation systems.
- 9 Electric service upgrades for future EV (electric vehicle) bus charging.

Water Treatment Building

- 10 New exterior ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant restrooms near athletic fields.



Auditorium Lighting Replacements & ADA-Compliant Seats

Junior/Senior High School

- 11 New kitchen construction and faculty room relocation.
- 12 Auditorium improvements:
 - New ADA compliant seats.
 - Replace obsolete theatre and house lighting, sound, projection equipment, and A/V (audio visual) systems.
- 13 Replace existing auditorium theatrical rigging equipment.
- 14 Replace deteriorated sanitary piping.
- 15 Basement water mitigation.
- 16 Add privacy wall in Girls' locker room.

Press Box

- 17 Replace door and existing roof hatch railing.



Anticipated Project Timeline

SED = State Education Department

DECEMBER 2023

SUMMER 2024

SUMMER 2025

2026

DESIGN PHASE

SED REVIEW/APPROVAL

CONSTRUCTION PHASE

REFERENDUM

SED SUBMISSION

CONSTRUCTION START

COMPLETION

Frequently Asked Questions

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

A. Our District is committed to exercising care and good judgment in managing the community resources with which we are entrusted. We need to continue to take care of our schools, an important asset the community owns. Just as one's home ages and needs restoration, replacement of poor- or non-functioning equipment, and regular upkeep to keep it in good shape, so do our schools. The District is addressing its highest-priority facilities needs now, rather than delaying and facing future higher costs and further deterioration. Sizable renovations like 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 New York State reimburses a vast majority of the construction costs that would otherwise be funded by the local taxpayers.

Q. How were the project's components chosen?

A. Over the past several years, the District administration and Board of Education have been developing a long-range facilities plan to assess current and future capital improvement needs and the means to responsibly achieve them. During this process, critical safety upgrades and building preservation needs were identified and prioritized, as were opportunities to enrich our students through educational program enhancements. To evaluate conditions at all facilities, the District utilized its Building Condition Survey (BCS), which is mandated by the State to be conducted every five years, and considered work completed in previous projects.

Q. What needs does the project address?

A. This project will address necessary improvements directly related to code compliance requirements, State Education Department (SED) regulations, deficiencies and deterioration identified through the BCS inspection process, fire/safety/health regulations, and replacement of items and equipment that are at the end of their useful life. For instance, parking and circulation improvements at the Elementary School will improve fire access and pedestrian safety. Sanitary piping replacements will address deterioration and code compliance. Improvements at the bus garage will address health, safety, and building security. In addition, electrical service upgrades will position Pine Valley to meet the reduced emissions standards mandated by New York State.

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 \$9,100,000. It will be paid for using a combination of available State Building Aid and funds from the District's Capital Reserve, which is designated to be used specifically for capital improvements. The remaining portion of the local share will be fully offset by retiring debt service payments, resulting in a "tax neutral" financing plan.

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.

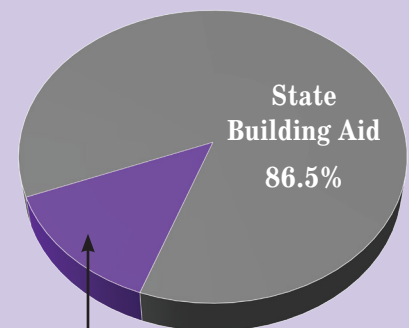
Project Financing

The total cost of the proposed project is \$9,100,000. The project will be paid for by a combination of State Building Aid that will cover 86.5% of the cost, with the remaining 13.5% funded with the District's capital reserves and the replacement of debt service from prior projects that is retiring. These amounts 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 INCREASE** for district residents and businesses.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$9,100,000

ADDITIONAL TAX INCREASE: \$0



Retiring Debt & Capital Reserves 13.5%

Project Funding Sources

Pine Valley Central School District
South Dayton, NY 14138
PV Junior/Senior High School: 988-3276, PV Elementary: 988-3291
Website: www.pval.org

Non-Profit Organization
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit No. 83
Fredonia, NY

ADMINISTRATION

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BOXHOLDER
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BOXHOLDER
South Dayton, NY 14138



Replace Deteriorated Flooring









Replace Baseball Fencing & Add Mow Strip



Add ADA-Compliant Exterior Restrooms

Project Information Sources:

Additional details about the proposed project are available through the following resources:

-  Information about the proposed project will be on display in each school lobby area
-  A Capital Improvement Project community meeting will be held Thursday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Elementary Library
-  Visit the district website at www.pval.org for project information and updates
-  Follow us on Twitter [@PVCSpanther](https://twitter.com/PVCSpanther)
-  Follow us on Instagram [@PVCSpanther](https://www.instagram.com/PVCSpanther)
-  Like us on Facebook — [PVCSpanther](https://www.facebook.com/PVCSpanther)

Important Dates:



COMMUNITY MEETING

Thursday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m.
Elementary Library

PUBLIC VOTE



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023
12:00 NOON TO 9:00 P.M.

Junior/Senior 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. Absentee ballot applications are available at the district office. For more information, contact the District Clerk, Kristie Ling, at 716-988-3293, ext. 3307.