

PINE VALLEY CSD UPDATE

From the desk of Superintendent, Shanda DuClon

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Staff Development

On Friday, November 1, our Pine Valley staff traveled to Cassadaga Valley for a combined staff development day. The day began with a networking breakfast followed by the keynote speaker, Don Shomette. His message

“Safe & Loved” focused on safe learning

environments, provided strategies for staff to enhance the safety and wellbeing of students.

The remainder of the day was utilized for staff to complete mandated trainings required of us by NYS. Pine Valley extends gratitude to the Cassadaga CSD for welcoming us and collaborating with us.



Capital Project Update

In December of 2023, voters approved our most current capital project. We have approval from the NYS Education Department on Phase One, which includes air conditioning work in the elementary, expected to begin in the summer of 2025.

Upgrades to the bus garage are a part of this project. To be ready for the delivery of additional electric buses we will receive through EPA funding, the district had to request approval for the work to the bus garage portion to be completed sooner.

This portion is scheduled to go out for bid in November, with work starting this Spring

Construction for the remainder of the project is slated 2025-26 and includes the kitchen at the JR/SR High School and upgrades to our auditorium. This year’s capital outlay work includes refinishing of the JR/SR HS gym floor.

Strategic Planning

It is important that we continue to evaluate the experiences of our students, families, and staff. Administrators and teacher leaders have been working together to develop goals for our future. The five focus areas are: Communication, Safety, Social Emotional Learning Implementation, Academic Growth and Teacher and Staff Growth Opportunities. Linked [here](#) is a survey that will help the district evaluate areas of strength and need related to the educational experience of our students and families. Your participation is appreciated!

Upcoming Dates:

PTC 11/25 & 11/26

Thanksgiving Recess No School 11/27-11/29

Go Home Early Drill 12/20

*Students dismiss 15 minutes early

Winter Recess 12/23-1/3

MLK Day No School 1/20

Electric Bus Update

As you may be aware, the district has been selected to receive funding through the Environmental Protection Agency’s Clean School Bus Rebate Program. This has allowed the district to receive rebates for eight electric buses when we trade eight diesel buses. Before being awarded this funding, the district had purchased an electric bus in the 2023-24 budget. That bus was delivered in October. Its maiden voyage was on November 1, transporting Pine Valley staff to the shared Staff Development Day at Cassadaga Valley.

