



PINE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL District News

Pine Valley Central School District Newsletter

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Budget Edition — 2024-2025 Budget Vote & Board of Education Election

Board of Education Candidates

Raymond Hadley (2024)

Mr. Raymond M. Hadley and his wife, Vicki, of Maple Street, have been residents of South Dayton, New York, since 2018. He is a local postmaster working for the US Postal Service, and a graduate of Randolph Central School District. He is a member of the International Order of Moose, American Legion, USAF Veterans, Disabled American Veterans, Town of Dayton Ethics Committee, and Zoning Board of Appeals. He attends the Conewango Baptist Church and officiates local high school sports.

Rose Kruszka (2024)

A Pine Valley resident since 2009, Rose and her husband George live in South Dayton with their three children, George, Sarah, and Sadie. She is a West Seneca Central Schools and Erie Community College graduate and a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (C.O.T.A). Rose is employed by WNYDDSO where she has worked for the past 14 years as a Hab Spec 1 assisting individuals with developmental/physical/psychiatric disabilities. She is currently attending Alfred State College online pursuing a bachelor's degree in healthcare management. Before working for the state, she worked for 20 years in a sub-acute/long-term care setting in a nursing home. She has served on the Pine Valley School Board for the past 9 years and is also an avid photographer.



Terry Howe (2024)

A lifelong resident and Pine Valley graduate, Terry and his wife Penny live in Cherry Creek. They are the parents of Rebecca and Frankie. Terry is self-employed and a former member of the Cherry Creek Fire Department. He attends the Cherry Creek First Baptist Church.



PLEASE VOTE!

Budget Vote & Board of Education Election

Tuesday, May 21, 2024 | 12:00 noon to 9:00 pm

Junior/Senior High School, New Gym Lobby

Pine Valley Central School,

7755 NY-83, South Dayton, NY 14138



Superintendent of Schools 2024-2025 Proposed Budget

Dear Pine Valley Families and Community:

This budget newsletter gives information regarding the proposition on the ballot for voter approval on May 21, 2024. In addition to these pages, the full detail of this year's budget, as presented on May 9, 2024, at the Public Hearing, is available on our website at www.pval.org. We have worked to develop a budget that is both fiscally responsible to our community and supportive of our student's educational programming.

Highlights of this year's proposed budget include funding of a Washington DC trip for our eighth-grade students, significantly reducing the amount of school supplies our families have to purchase for elementary students, purchase of a diesel and EV bus, and increased participation in BOCES Career/Technical Education Programs. Also included is the continuation of our full-time/district-wide School Resource Officer, 3PK program, and summer programming.

The first proposition is for our proposed 2024-25 school year budget, which includes a local tax levy increase of 2% or \$70,239, which is below the tax cap of 3% for Pine Valley Central School District. We are also utilizing fund balance to reduce the impact on our taxpayers this year. You may have heard that there are significant impacts to districts across the state this year concerning state aid. While we did not receive an increase, we are fortunate that we are not in a position where we have to reduce programming for students. We will continue to analyze our expenditures to provide a quality educational experience for our students and reduce costs where possible.

This budget includes the purchase of both a diesel bus and an electric bus. Currently, schools must prepare to have an entirely electric fleet by 2035. Efforts have been focused on securing funding to help our district significantly reduce the cost of acquiring electric buses and chargers. We anticipate this funding will cover approximately 50% of the cost of the EV bus and 100% of the cost of a charger. We will also still receive 90% state aid on the purchase of both buses. We have taken a conservative approach by continuing to purchase a diesel bus in a 1:1 ratio with our electric buses. This allows us to move slowly but at the same time, ensure we are prepared for the legislation that requires that by 2027, school districts are no longer able to purchase diesel buses.

The election of three Board of Education members will also be on this year's ballot. We urge you to read the following pages carefully prior to voting on Tuesday, May 21, from 12:00-9:00 pm at the JR/SR High School in the new gymnasium lobby.

Thank you in advance for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Respectfully,
Shanda DuClon, Superintendent

And the Pine Valley Board of Education

Angelica Astry
Jeff Chase, **President**
Kara Frontuto

Joshua Howard, **Vice President**
Terry Howe
Rose Kruszka

Christie Lokietek
William Pekrul
Larry Zollinger



2024-2025 Budget Proposition

You will be asked to consider the following proposition:

Proposition No. 1: Basic Budget \$19,585,737.00

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

Shall the budget for the year 2024-2025 as approved by the Board of Education be adopted and the required funds therefor be raised by a tax on the taxable property of the school district?

Who Can Vote?

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.

Optical Scan Voting System

We use the Optical Scan Voting System utilizing the services of the Chautauqua County Board of Elections.

Absentee Voting/ Early Mail Voting

You may vote by an absentee or early mail voting ballot if you cannot appear at the polling place on May 21, 2024. To receive an absentee or early mail voting ballot, voters must obtain an application from the district office. The application must be returned to the district office at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or at least one day before the election if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter at the district office from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Absentee and early mail voting ballots will be counted only if they are returned no later than 5:00 pm on election day. For more information, call Kristie Ling, District Clerk, at 988-3293 ext. 3307.

PLEASE VOTE ON MAY 21, 2024

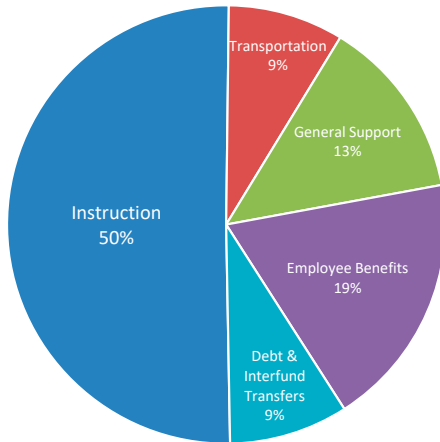
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2024-2025 Proposed Budget



	2023-24 Adopted Budget	2024-25 Proposed Budget	Dollar Change
Instruction	\$ 8,671,561.00	\$ 9,883,646.00	\$ 1,212,085.00
Transportation	\$ 1,578,724.00	\$ 1,671,806.00	\$ 93,082.00
General Support	\$ 2,348,339.00	\$ 2,620,587.00	\$ 272,248.00
Employee Benefits	\$ 3,333,103.00	\$ 3,687,454.00	\$ 354,351.00
Debt & Interfund Transfers	\$ 2,616,050.00	\$ 1,722,244.00	\$ (893,806.00)
Total Expenditures	\$ 18,547,777.00	\$ 19,585,737.00	\$ 1,037,960.00

Instruction

The Instructional Program is the largest budget category and the focal point of our educational system. All services that provide or directly affect instruction of students are budgeted in this area. The following are included in this category: regular school, special education, summer school, school libraries, health, psychological and social work services, curriculum coordination and supervision, curriculum development, BOCES instructional programs, interscholastic athletics, and co-curricular activities.

Transportation

Includes transportation services to students for regular transportation within and outside of district boundaries for instructional purposes, co-curricular, and interscholastic athletic activities.

General Support

The General Support section of the budget covers the areas that support the educational program through central administration, business operations, human resources, community relations, maintenance and repair of all district grounds and facilities, printing, mailing, district meetings, Board of Education, and legal services.

Employee Benefits

This category consists of various employee benefits, including contributions to the New York State Teachers' Retirement System, New York State Employee Retirement System, Social Security, Workers' Compensation, Unemployment Insurance, and Health Insurance benefits.

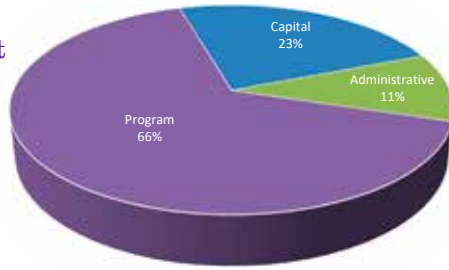
Debt & Interfund Transfers

This category includes short and long term debt payments (funded by Building Aid) and transfers to other funds.

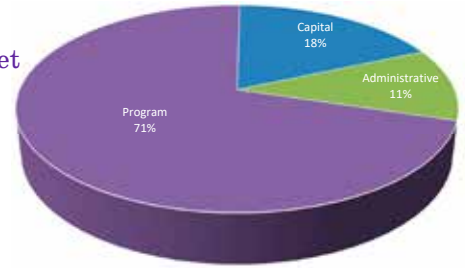


Pine Valley Central School District 2024-2025 Component Budget

2023-2024
Adopted Budget



2024-2025
Proposed Budget



Program Component:

Provides funding for instruction and educational support services for the district's students including athletics, co-curricular, and student transportation.

	2023-24 Adopted Budget	2024-25 Proposed Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Instructional Media	\$640,079.00	\$693,385.00	\$53,306.00	8.33%
Pupil Personnel Services	\$710,731.00	\$799,998.00	\$89,267.00	12.56%
Teaching	\$6,874,938.00	\$7,837,496.00	\$962,558.00	14.00%
Training	\$70,088.00	\$105,897.00	\$35,809.00	51.09%
Transfer to School Lunch	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Transfer to Special Aid	\$17,000.00	\$17,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Transportation	\$1,103,724.00	\$1,267,129.00	\$163,405.00	14.80%
Employee Benefits	\$2,751,863.00	\$3,063,002.00	\$311,139.00	11.31%
Total Program Budget	\$12,193,423.00	\$13,808,907.00	\$1,615,484.00	13.25%

Capital Component:

Includes debt service for all facilities financed by bonds and notes of the district as well as all expenses associated with building custodial and maintenance, utilities, school bus purchases, and the School Resource Officer.

	2023-24 Adopted Budget	2024-25 Proposed Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Bus Purchases	\$475,000.00	\$404,677.00	-\$70,323.00	-14.80%
Central Services	\$1,073,633.00	\$1,197,228.00	\$123,595.00	11.51%
Debt Services	\$2,474,050.00	\$1,455,244.00	-\$1,018,806.00	-41.18%
Transfer to Capital	\$100,000.00	\$225,000.00	\$125,000.00	125.00%
Employee Benefits	\$257,238.00	\$271,923.00	\$14,685.00	5.71%
Total Capital Budget	\$4,379,921.00	\$3,554,072.00	(\$825,849.00)	-18.86%

Administrative Component:

Provides funding for overall general support and management activities, including business office operations, payroll, purchasing, general administration, personnel, legal and auditing services.

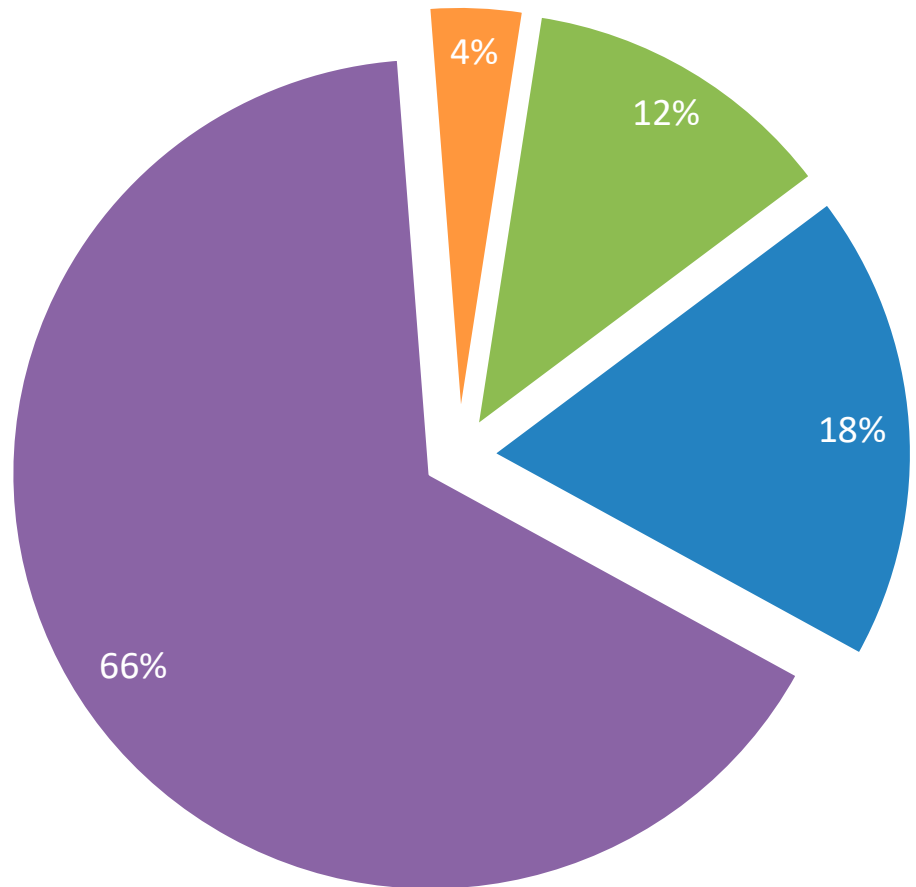
	2023-24 Adopted Budget	2024-25 Proposed Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Board of Education	\$25,326.00	\$34,095.00	\$8,769.00	34.62%
Central Administration	\$218,260.00	\$235,857.00	\$17,597.00	8.06%
Central Services	\$331,500.00	\$441,043.00	\$109,543.00	33.04%
Curriculum Development	\$32,885.00	\$46,443.00	\$13,558.00	41.23%
Finance	\$268,674.00	\$331,908.00	\$63,234.00	23.54%
Special Items	\$184,524.00	\$205,041.00	\$20,517.00	11.12%
Staff	\$246,422.00	\$175,415.00	-\$71,007.00	-28.82%
Supervision	\$342,840.00	\$400,427.00	\$57,587.00	16.80%
Employee Benefits	\$324,002.00	\$352,529.00	\$28,527.00	8.80%
Total Administrative Budget	\$1,974,433.00	\$2,222,758.00	\$248,325.00	12.58%

Total Budget	\$18,547,777.00	\$19,585,737.00	\$1,037,960.00	5.60%
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2024-2025 Estimated Revenue

- Tax Levy
\$3,511,972
- State/Federal Aid
\$12,881,154
- Other Revenue
\$715,225
- Fund Balance
\$2,407,147



A modest property tax increase of 2% is included in the proposed budget. This equates to an approximate tax increase of \$17.31/yr for a homeowner receiving a basic STAR exemption and property with a taxable assessed value of \$100,000. The proposed increase is well below the allowable calculated tax cap of 3%.

PLEASE VOTE

MAY 21, 2024

12:00 NOON - 9:00 PM

JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL, NEW GYM LOBBY
PINE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL,
7755 NY-83, SOUTH DAYTON, NY 14138



*Pine Valley
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Education
Election*



School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2023-24 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2024-25 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2024-25 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 18,547,777	\$ 19,585,737	\$ 18,797,104
Increase/Decrease for the 2023-24 School Year		\$ 1,037,960	\$ 249,327
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		5.60%	1.34%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		4.1%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$ 3,511,972	\$ 3,582,211	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$ -	\$ -	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **	\$ -	\$ -	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$ -	\$ -	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$ 3,511,972	\$ 3,582,211	\$ 3,511,972
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$ 272,475	\$ 293,210	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 3,353,916	\$ 3,324,122	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$ 3,239,497	\$ 3,289,001	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$ 114,419	\$ 35,121	
Administrative Component	\$ 1,974,433	\$ 2,222,758	\$ 2,201,025
Program Component	\$ 12,193,423	\$ 13,808,907	\$ 13,673,891
Capital Component	\$ 4,379,921	\$ 3,554,072	\$ 2,922,188
The contingent budget includes legal obligation expenditures specifically authorized by statute, and other items necessary to maintain educational programs, preserve property, and ensure the health and safety of the students and staff. The contingent budget does not include the purchase of new equipment, including the purchase of school buses, public use of school building and/or grounds, and nonessential maintenance.			
** List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)	Description		Amount
			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$

*NOTE TO SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSINESS OFFICIALS: Please submit an electronic version (Word or PDF) of this completed form to: emscmgts@nysed.gov

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2024-25 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$ 432
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The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2024-25 by the qualified voters of the Pine Valley Central School District, Chautauqua County, New York, will be held at the Pine Valley High School in said district on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, between the hours of 12:00 pm and 9:00 pm, prevailing time in the Pine Valley High School, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

Districts should include information according to Executive Orders and as advised by legal counsel.

1. The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.



Pine Valley Central School District

South Dayton, NY 14138

PV Junior/ Senior High School: 988-3276, PV Elementary: 988-3291

Website: www.pval.org/

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Kourtney Almeida, *Jr./Sr. High School Principal*

Brandi Meacham, *Elementary Principal*

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**BUDGET VOTE &
BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTIONS**

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