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## PINE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

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Panthers and Families,

I hope this letter finds everyone well. After months of revised schedules, planning, and work to try to expand school days, we are finally there. A huge thank you to our bus drivers, teachers, aides, and support staff for rolling with the constant changes that are necessary during this pandemic to do what is best for our panthers. There is no equal substitute for in-person learning.

**Transportation Impact:** Based on our district survey and comments from the community, the district has decided to keep elementary and high school bus runs separate for the time being, but work to reduce overall runs and the financial impact of this decision. To be fiscally responsible to our taxpayers, utilize our fleet instead of outside transportation companies and accomplish longer instructional days, bus runs have been condensed and structured differently. Students will be put on buses one per seat (unless they are part of a family unit that can sit together) and required to wear masks. This is in accordance with the NYS Department of Health and NYS Education Department Reopening Guidance. As always, our top priority is safety for students and staff. However, it is essential we continue to grow throughout this pandemic and consider all factors when making decisions. Our daily schedule not only impacts each of our staff and students but every community member with children. We want to be as respectful of that as possible.

**Extending Elementary School Days:** Starting February 1, 2021, a refined plan for dismissal and bus routes will be implemented to provide more instructional time for our elementary students. Students will be dismissed in socially distanced lines by cohort and walked by their teachers to buses. This, and the changes to busing schedules, will allow for each day to be extended by 25 instructional minutes. This time will be utilized in classrooms for literacy development. Our new drop-off time at the elementary school will be 7:50 am to 8:05 am with a start time of 8:15 am. Parent pickup at the end of the school day will continue to take place from 2:45 pm to 3:00 pm, with buses departing at 3:00 pm. If you are dropping off or picking up your child, please follow the current drop-off/pickup procedures, but at the new times. Enclosed you will find a letter from our transportation department with new bus pickup and drop-off times, if applicable. Lunches and breakfasts will not be impacted by these changes.

**Extending High School Days:** Starting February 1, 2021, a refined plan for dismissal and bus routes will be implemented to provide more instructional time for our high school students. Students will be dismissed immediately from the classroom to their buses without the use of transition lines. This, and the change to busing will allow for each day to be extended by 40 instructional minutes. This time will be utilized for the majority of remote classes to be shifted to in-person and allow students to take part in additional electives. Our new drop-off time at the high school will be from 8:45 am to 8:55 am with a start time of 9:00 am. Dismissal will begin at 1:55 pm, with buses departing at 2:00 pm. Enclosed you will find a letter from our transportation department with new bus pickup and drop-off times, if applicable. If you are dropping off or picking up your child (or they are driving) please follow the current drop-off/pickup procedures, but at the new times. Lunches and breakfasts will not be impacted by these changes. High school students are currently being contacted by the Guidance Department regarding their new schedules.

**COVID-19 and District Impact** - Please know that Blackboard Connect calls from my office are only sent when more than one individual is impacted, and contact tracing needs to occur. If you want all COVID-19 data from the district, it is available on the NYS COVID-19 Parent Dashboard. Our school reports this information daily. We have been very lucky at Pine Valley and have not had the need to move to full remote. Please stay safe and healthy.

Thank you for your continued support, and please reach out to me with any questions or concerns. Take Care of our Kids, Take Care of our Families, and Take Care of our Team!

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bryna Moritz Booth". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

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