



PINE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

# District News

Budget 2021

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## 2021-2022 Budget Vote and Board Election

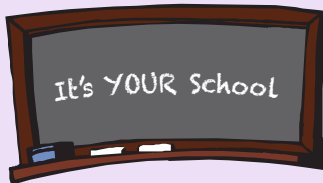
### VOTE

**Tuesday, May 18, 2021**

This year the Budget Vote and Board of Education Election will be held in-person at the Pine Valley Jr./Sr. High School from 12 noon to 9:00 p.m.

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### School Board Election



### WHO CAN VOTE?

**You are entitled to vote if you:**

- > Are a U.S. citizen
- > Are 18 years or older
- > Have been a district resident for at least 30 days prior to the vote

*No pre-registration is required!*



### Proposition #1 – Basic Budget \$16,437,677

Shall the budget for the year 2021-2022 as approved by the Board of Education be adopted and the required funds therefore be raised by a tax on the taxable property of the school district?

The two following candidates are running for one of the three-at large positions available on the Board of Education. There will be a third candidate, that will be voted upon May 18, 2021 via write-in. (Names are listed in alphabetical order as they will appear on the ballot per Executive Order 202.26)

Rose Kruszka

Darlene Silleman

Dear Pine Valley Panthers and Community Members,

In preparation for the district-wide Budget Vote and Board of Education Election on May 18, 2021, we present this year's District Budget Newsletter. In addition to these pages, the full detail of this year's budget as presented on May 6, 2021 at the Budget Hearing is available on our website at [www.pval.org](http://www.pval.org).

This year's budget has evolved since November with each update from the State and Federal levels, a deeper understanding of our evolving district needs, analysis by the administrative team and the Board of Education. Every line item has been analyzed to ensure fiscal responsibility to you, our taxpayers, long-term sustainability for the district, and student-focused programming. This year we are proposing a tax increase of 1%. This increase would have a \$10.65 annual impact on those with a \$100,000 house. Due to future uncertainty in revenue from the state, it is necessary to secure as much stable funding as possible and to be fiscally conservative. However, we do not plan to go to our tax cap this year in order to be respectful to our taxpayers.

The proposed 2021-2022 budget is \$16,437,677. Our budget last year was \$15,763,271. This budget that was \$1.3 million less than previous years. Having already reduced our budget last year and freezing spending this year we have maintained a healthy financial position throughout the pandemic. Our goal is to continue that work and position.

In order to return to a full, normal schedule in both buildings it is important to rehire for some positions that we were able to go without during our revised Covid-19 schedule. The proposed budget includes more programming for students, 4-year old Prekindergarten, 3-year old Prekindergarten, a replacement Special Education Teacher, Teacher's Aide, and a replacement Elementary Art Teacher. Please note both Prekindergarten settings are partially funded by grants.

We ask that you please vote in-person on May 18, in our High School Foyer, outside of the gymnasium. To request an absentee ballot please contact our District Office.

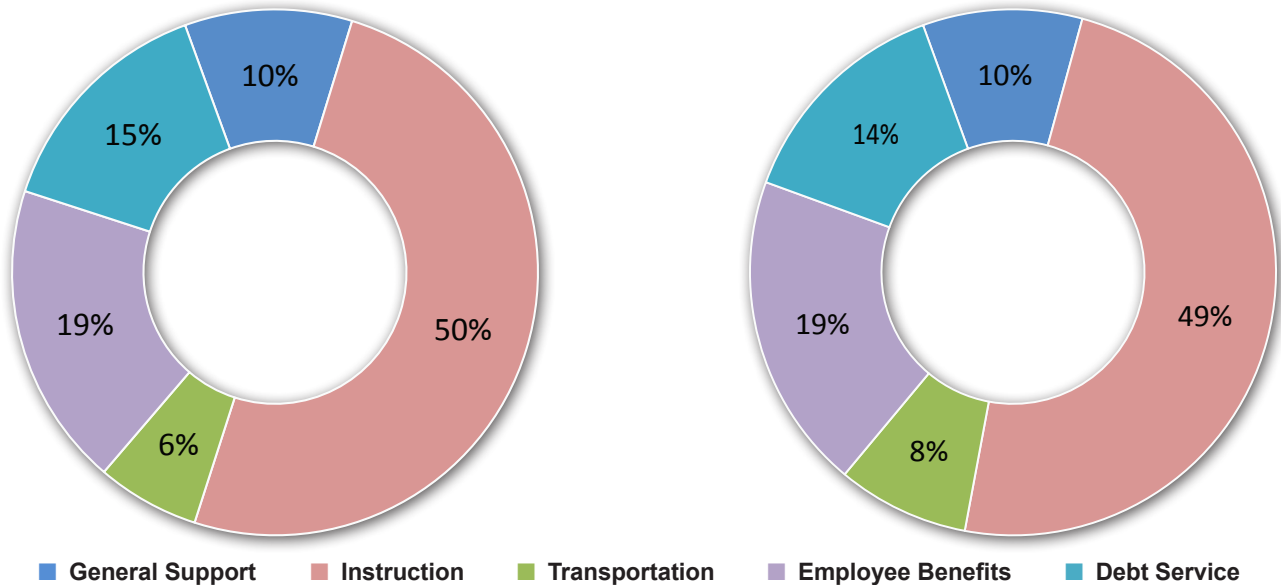
We understand that this is a difficult time for all of our families and taxpayers. Please know that we take our responsibility to the taxpayers seriously. In every decision, we work hard to balance our responsibility to our taxpayers with our responsibility to provide an excellent education to the children of this community. Thank you for your time and attention.

Very Truly Yours,

Bryna Moritz Booth, Superintendent and  
The Pine Valley Board of Education



# 2020-2021 Approved Budget    2021-2022 Proposed Budget



	2020-2021 Approved Budget	2021-2022 Proposed Budget	Dollar Change	Percent Change
<b>General Support</b>	1,623,379	1,613,084	(10,295)	-0.63%
The General Support section of the budget covers managerial functions for the entire District including funding for the Board of Education, School Superintendent and financial operations of the district; operations and maintenance of school buildings and grounds, fire and liability insurance coverage, personnel management, legal expenses, public information expenses including related BOCES administrative charges.				
<b>Instruction</b>	7,913,939	8,001,760	87,821	1.11%
Instruction is the core area of the school budget generally covering salaries for administrators, teachers, aides, clerical staff, school nurses, psychologists, guidance counselors, library media specialist and other essential staff members. This section also covers all materials, supplies and equipment necessary to support the educational needs of our students. Co-curricular and interscholastic athletic activities are also included in the Instruction section of the budget.				
<b>Transportation</b>	997,064	1,334,449	337,385	33.84%
The district utilizes its own employees to provide transportation services to students for regular transportation within and outside of District boundaries for instructional purposes, co-curricular and interscholastic athletic activities.				
<b>Employee Benefits</b>	2,951,976	3,207,371	255,395	8.65%
This category consists of a variety of employee benefits including required contributions to the New York State Teachers' Retirement System and Employee Retirement System, Social Security, Workers' Compensation, Unemployment Insurance and Health Insurance benefits.				
<b>Debt Service</b>	2,276,913	2,281,013	4,100	0.18%
This category contains District-wide costs associated with serial bonds for school construction				
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>15,763,271</b>	<b>16,437,677</b>	<b>674,406</b>	<b>4.28%</b>

## Capital Outlay Project

- The proposed budget includes \$100,000 for a capital outlay project.
- The project includes flooring modifications in various elementary classrooms.
- New York State will reimburse 93% of the project costs in the following year.
- This is part of our ongoing facilities improvement plan which continues to focus on and improve the educational environment for our children.
- Work will be scheduled in the summer of 2021.



# Overall Budget Proposal

	Budget Adopted for the 2020-21 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2021-22 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2021-22 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$15,763,271	\$16,437,677	\$15,984,975
Increase/Decrease for the 2021-2022 School Year		\$674,406	\$221,704
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		4.28%	1.41%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.23%	
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$3,376,578	\$3,410,344	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	0	0	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable**	0	0	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	0	0	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$3,376,578	\$3,410,344	
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$175,447	\$207,922	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$3,211,251	\$3,280,662	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$3,201,131	\$3,202,422	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)**	10,120	\$78,240	
Administrative Component	\$1,627,352	\$1,512,029	\$1,468,279
Program Component	\$10,855,654	\$11,645,434	\$11,338,189
Capital Component	\$3,280,265	\$3,280,214	\$3,178,507

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

Description	Amount
None	

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2021-22 School Year	
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings <sup>1</sup>	\$461.00

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2021-22 by the qualified voters of the Pine Valley school district, Chautauqua County, New York, will be held at Pine Valley High School in said district on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 between the hours of 12:00 pm and 9:00pm, prevailing time in the Pine Valley High School, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

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



**Board of Education Members**

Mr. Jeffrey Chase  
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Ms. Darlene Silleman  
*Vice President*

Mr. Gerald Clapp  
Mr. Josh Howard  
Mr. Terry Howe  
Mrs. Rose Kruszka  
Ms. Kara Frontuto  
Ms. Christie Lokietek  
Mr. Lawrence Zollinger

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Ms. Bryna Moritz Booth  
*Superintendent*

Ms. Carrie Davenport  
*Director of Sp. Ed. and Curriculum &  
Data Protection Officer*

Mrs. Jamie Rodgers,  
*Business Executive*

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

Mrs. Brandi Meacham  
*Elementary Principal*

**BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES**

(Pursuant to Executive Order, names are in the order they will appear on the ballot)

Electing THREE at-large positions on the Board of Education:

Three (3) candidates will be elected to three-year terms (2021-2024) commencing on July 1, 2021



**Rose Kruszka**

I am Rose Kruszka and I have been a Pine Valley resident since 2009. I reside in South Dayton with my husband George and our three children George Jr., Sarah and Sadie. I am a former graduate of West Seneca Central Schools as well as Erie Community College. I am a Certified Occupational Therapist, I work

at WNYDDSO assisting individuals who have developmental, physical and/or psychiatric disabilities. I am the current president of Community in Action; I have volunteered as an assistant coach for Little League and I have been a team mom for different sports. Thank you for your time and consideration.



**Darlene Silleman**

I am Mrs. Darlene Silleman running for the vacant seat for the Board of Education. I reside in Leon with my husband, Drew and my two girls, Ashlynn and Brooke. I have been a 5th grade teacher at Gowanda Middle School for the past 6 years and have been in the education field since 2004. I am active in the

community by volunteer coaching for softball, when possible. I am currently on the board and would like to continue to serve our community by advocating for our children to have the best education possible. Thank you for your consideration in voting for me.

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