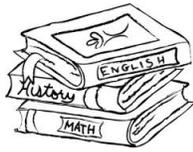


Penns Valley Area School District News and Information Update

The Penns Valley Area School District Board of Directors has authorized monthly publications in the Valley Vine through June 2014. The purpose of this and future publications is to improve communications and understanding of District information and programming with all residents. If you have a topic that you would like to see published in a future addition, please contact Mrs. Elbin at 422-2000 x2540 or melbin@pennsvalley.org. We are also making an effort to communicate with established community groups. If you know of a group that would like to better understand our schools please contact us and we will schedule a visit and/or conversation.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

The Penns Valley Area School District will begin its work on our next six-year comprehensive plan in December 2013. This plan will be developed with input from a broad group of constituents to include: community members, board members, administrators, faculty, parents and students. The steering committee will review the mission, vision and beliefs of the District in addition to establishing mandated goals. The subcommittees will develop action plans to achieve the goals. All of these plans should promote the achievement of the mission of the District. If you would personally like to be part of this process, please contact Marcie Elbin at melbin@pennsvalley.org or call 814-422-2000 x2540.



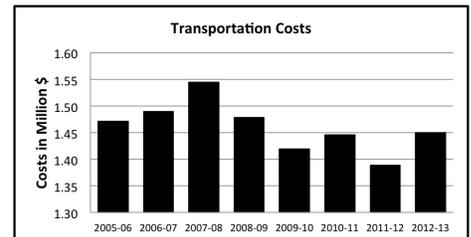
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

The Penns Valley Area School District encompasses an area of 254 sq. miles and transports a total of 1,753 students on 29 buses and 7 vans to 17 public, charter and private schools throughout Centre and Clinton Counties. Total transportation costs for the 2012-13 school year were \$1,449,607. In 2007-08 total transportation costs were \$1,544,467. Through reduction in the number of vehicles and judicious route planning, the District reduced costs by approximately \$100,000 annually.



The District receives reimbursement from the Pennsylvania Department of Education for approximately 65% of its total transportation costs. The amount of this reimbursement is directly tied to the number of

students on the bus and the number of loaded miles that bus travels daily. The District makes every effort to safely maximize the number of students assigned to a vehicle and the loaded miles traveled in an effort to maximize state reimbursement.



FACILITIES

The biomass boiler project completed in the fall of 2011 continues to save the District money. The savings are a result of reduced fuel oil use at Penns Valley High School and electricity at Penns Valley Elementary and Intermediate School. The net annual savings to the District are approximately \$150,000. We offer tours and welcome the opportunity to show groups around the plant. If your group is interested, please contact Mr. Miller at 422-2000 x2524 or rmiller@pennsvalley.org.



FINANCIAL

The Penns Valley Area School District ended the 2012-13 school year in a very positive financial condition. District revenues exceeded expenditures by just over \$730,000. A copy of the Annual Financial Report, required by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, is available for public review on the District website (www.pennsvalley.org) under Finance> Financial Statements> "PVASD 2012-13 Annual Financial Report".



Empowering our students every day to reach individual success