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Dear Pleasant Valley Families & Community Members,

At Pleasant Valley Elementary School, we are committed to ensuring every student has the tools, support, and instruction they need to succeed. To keep you informed and involved in your child's education, we are writing to share an update regarding the school's accountability status and invite you to an important conversation.

Based on recent performance data, Pleasant Valley Elementary School has been designated by New York State as a Receivership school. While this designation indicates that our school needs to make faster progress in areas like student achievement and attendance, it also provides us with a unique opportunity to access additional resources and implement bold, new strategies to support our students.

Your voice is a vital part of our school community. We encourage you to attend an upcoming Public Hearing to learn more about what this status means, the progress we are making, and how we plan to move forward together.

### Event Details

- **What:** Public Hearing on School Accountability
- **Where:** Pleasant Valley Elementary School
- **Date:** Wednesday, February 25, 2026
- **Time:** 4:30 p.m.

### Why is this hearing being held?

Under New York State law, we are required to provide updates on school accountability status. This is an opportunity for the district to:

- Discuss the performance and progress of Pleasant Valley
- Review the School Intervention Plan.
- Gather community feedback to ensure our strategies align with the needs of our students and families.

## **How You Can Participate**

Your perspective as a parent or guardian is invaluable. During the meeting, there will be a designated time for public comment. Whether you have questions about academic programs, school resources, or student support services, we want to hear from you. We are committed to working together to ensure every student at Pleasant Valley has the support and resources necessary to thrive and succeed.

We look forward to seeing you there and continuing our partnership in excellence.

Sincerely,

John Pizzo  
Principal