Pioneer Valley Regional School District

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Director of Finance & Operations

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The Pioneer Valley Regional School District seeks a **Director of Finance and Operations** to join our high-performing and collaborative leadership team.

PVRSD has achieved notable success in strengthening its financial operations in the past several years. Budget increases and town assessments have been moderate; collective bargaining agreements have provided excellent increases in compensation for staff; and the district was recently able to return \$740K to its three towns.

The district has been approved by the MSBA to enter into their feasibility study phase. The successful candidate for the **Director of Finance and Operations** role will work closely with the Superintendent, the Director of Facilities, and the School Committee to complete next steps in the MSBA process.

We have ambitious goals for ongoing improvements to our academic program, including a renewed focus on outdoor, environmental education. PVRSD has the largest campus (95 acres) of any public school district in the state, and DESE has designated our secondary school with a Career Innovation Pathway in Environmental Science. In addition, earlier this spring we published two Landscape Learning Plans about our elementary school campuses (Bernardston Elementary and Northfield Elementary).

There is one School Committee for the district. Committee meetings are marked by an unusually high degree of professionalism, respect, and efficiency. School Committee meeting materials, including monthly financial reports, are easily accessible on the <u>district website</u>.

The district collaborates with a veteran public finance official who will serve as a mentor should the selected candidate need a higher level of support in their first years.

We encourage candidates to review the following resources to learn more about our financial operations:

- Finance office webpage
- FY26 Budget
- FY26 Budget Book
- FY26 Budget Highlights
- October 2023 presentation: Return of funds to towns

Search resources

- <u>Job Description: Director of Finance & Operations</u>
- Search calendar

About our district

PVRSD is a small, cohesive, and forward-thinking district in beautiful Western Massachusetts. Nestled along the Connecticut River, and bordering both Vermont and New Hampshire, our district is at the literal crossroads of a tristate region rich with agricultural and cultural resources. The

district is in an exciting period of rejuvenation, with a focus on environmental education and exploration of a major building project.

PVRSD serves 580+ students across three schools PreK-12 and has an annual budget of \$17 million. In addition to students from our three member towns, the district serves students from Vernon VT and Warwick MA through tuition agreements.

Our three towns encompass pristine forested uplands, classic New England hilltop and river valley farms, and small town centers that exemplify the best of rural living.

For candidates interested in relocating to this area, we encourage you to note the district's proximity to major colleges and universities and Interstate 91, and a more affordable cost of housing.

Salary and benefits

Salary up to \$150,000, commensurate with skills and experience; excellent benefits package

Search timeline

June 27 Application deadline

July 1 Notification of candidates selected for interviews

July 7 - 8 Initial interviews

July 17 Finalist interviews and School Committee vote to appoint

To apply

Please visit **SchoolSpring** for the posting and application.

Contact

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