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## Cuomo announces expansion of Pine Pharmaceuticals in Tonawanda



Pine Pharmaceuticals (Photo courtesy of the company)

### Economic development incentives by ESD allow business to create 40 new full-time jobs & maintain 85 current employees

Gov. Andrew Cuomo on Tuesday announced the expansion of Pine Pharmaceuticals LLC's manufacturing plant in the Town of Tonawanda. The drug outsourcing company – which moved to the 25,000-square-foot building at 355 Riverwalk Parkway in the Riverview Solar Technology Park in May of 2018 – will be tripling the size of the facility. That is due to tremendous growth in the past two years, which has seen the company double its employment. Pine Pharmaceuticals is investing \$8.6 million for a 50,000-square-foot addition to the existing state-of-the-art facility, which will allow it to hire 40 new full-time permanent employees and retain 85 existing full-time permanent employees.

Pine Pharmaceuticals is receiving \$650,000 in refundable tax credits from the state's Excelsior Jobs Program.

"If COVID-19 has taught us anything, it's that we need to stop relying on foreign distributors

and increase production of critical medical supplies and resources, including pharmaceuticals, right here in the United States," Cuomo said. "As we work to build back better, our strategic incentives will allow Pine Pharmaceuticals to once again expand its operations in Western New York, where a thriving advanced manufacturing economy has been creating quality jobs and uplifting communities for years now as a result of New York's ongoing investments in the region."

Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul added, "When our country was caught off guard last year, New York said never again. That is why we are investing in the manufacturing of life-saving materials, such as pharmaceuticals, right here in Western New York. These are extraordinary times, but we cannot stop investing in economic development – we continue to build back better, smarter and stronger for a post-pandemic future."

Pine Pharmaceuticals provides

pharmaceutical compounding, including specialized sterile formulations serving ophthalmologists, retinal specialists, hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, medical practices and clinics. The sterile compounded preparations are made to order and formulated using cutting-edge technology and industry-leading quality assurance practices. Also, as an FDA-registered 503B outsourcing facility, Pine Pharmaceuticals has the unique ability to address drug shortages by working with hospitals, clinics, medical practices and physician offices to provide sterile compounded pharmaceuticals.

The firm also benefits from a 136-kilowatt low-cost power allocation from the New York Power Authority's ReCharge NY program as part of its commitment to retain jobs and invest capital. ReCharge NY, launched by the governor in 2011, offers up to seven-year power contracts. Half of the power – 455 megawatts –

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## Lew-Port's 'One District, One Book' underway

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Photos courtesy of Julie Donnelley

And the winner is?

Lewiston-Porter's "One District, One Book" reveal was hosted online Friday by school librarians Mrs. Zielinski and Mrs. Cuminsky. More than 400 participated in the live telecast event. When it was all said and done, the children's book "Fenway and Hattie," by Victoria J. Coe, was declared the winner.

Parent volunteer Julie Donnelley, who assisted in organizing this annual event, said Coe recorded a personal message to children and read the first chapter of her book at the reveal for Lew-Port students and their families in grades pre-K to sixth grade. Students at the Primary Education Center, Intermediate Education Center and middle school, as well as their families, are all now participating in "ODOB."

"The school committee and community libraries are excited that we can move forward with this highly anticipated literacy program that includes students from our primary, intermediate and middle schools," Donnelley said. "The students have now received their books and will participate in a shared experience supported by enriching activities at their schools."

So, too, are businesses in the River Region. "This past weekend, several local restaurants showed support by offering dining and curbside specials. 'One District, One Book' truly connects our community with school as several local businesses will offer discounts or book-themed specials to Lewiston-Porter students and families until the program's conclusion on March 12," Donnelley said.

2021 business partners who have signed on include the Niagara River Region Chamber of Commerce, Stuart Sports, DiCamillo Bakery, Coppins Service Center, The Village Vet, The Orange Cat Coffee Co. (pictured below), Stu Stu Studio Photography, the Lewiston Tim Hortons, Endless PAWSibilities, Lewiston Subway, Embody Health and Wellness, The Music Box, Chelsea Modern Images, Village Fitness, The Natural Link, DiMino Lewiston Tops, The Brickyard Pub & BBQ, Casa Antica, The Spicey Pickle, Apple Granny, Favorites Pizzeria, Gallo, Grandma D's and Main Street Pizza.

Donnelley said others involved in the program – whom she referred to as "local heroes" – include many health care and essential workers.

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