



# District News

## Early Spring 2019

### Superintendent's Note

Happy Spring Scarborough! As the days begin to lengthen, spring activities and athletics are well underway. There are a lot of fun ways for everyone in our community to enjoy the many talents of our students. You may choose to attend one of the four Middle School Musical, Shrek, performances or a spring sports' competition. On April 10th, we invite the community to join us for a Staff v. Students basketball game at the High School. All proceeds benefit Scarborough Red Storm Strikes Out Cancer. Over the past nine years, this club has raised well over \$100,000 in donations. We are so proud of our students and staff!

National Teacher Day is May 7, 2019! During the week of May 7-11th please take a moment and join us in thanking our teachers and staff for all of their hard work and dedication. Our teachers give us so much and their job doesn't end when the students go home for the day. We appreciate and value our staff and we hope you will join in the national #ThankATeacher campaign by sharing positive stories, videos, and pictures on social media. Tag us using #redstormpride.

### Board Message

It has been a busy few months for the Scarborough School Board! Our committees have been tackling things such as the Graduation Requirements policy with the high school teachers and staff, researching the purchase of modular classrooms to ease the overcrowding at Eight Corners, highlighting the great work occurring in our schools with the Spotlight Award, preparing the budget for presentation to our town at the Budget Forums and to Town Council, and interviewing candidates for the Superintendent position. We also want to thank our Administration, Teachers and Staff for not only working late regularly to support these initiatives but for continuing to bring your best to the buildings and classrooms each day so our children can continue to excel.



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## Superintendent Search Update

Thank you to everyone who completed the Superintendent survey or participated in our staff or community forums! The feedback we received has been incredibly valuable in our review of the applicants. In addition, the Superintendent Search Committee, made up of staff, teachers, community members, administrators and one BoE member, used this feedback to help in formulating interview questions for candidates. The survey results should soon be available on our website for those interested in reviewing the feedback data.

The application period has ended and in total we've received 12 applicants for the position. The Board has reviewed all of the applications and determined to send five candidates to the Superintendent Search Committee to review. The Superintendent Search Committee interviewed four of those applicants at the end of March. The next step will be for the Board to review the recommendations of the Superintendent Search Committee and conduct a second interview of eligible candidates. We hope to have a new Superintendent under contract by the end of the school year.



## Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration is happening now! If you have a child or know a child who will be five on or before October 15, 2019 it's time to register to Kindergarten! Please visit our website at [www.scarboroughschools.com](http://www.scarboroughschools.com) and click on "Student Registration" on the left hand side. We can't wait to meet Scarborough's newest students!

*"The fundamental purpose of the Scarborough Public Schools is to provide a safe and inclusive learning environment where each and every student is empowered to be a resilient, lifelong learner who is prepared to engage as a contributing member of society"*

## Eight Corners Space Solutions

The School Board's Long-Range Planning Committee continues to work diligently to address capacity issues at our primary schools, specifically Eight Corners School. In 2017, the district presented a Facilities Master Plan that highlighted concerns about Scarborough's current three-school primary structure and its ability to accommodate our youngest students in the near future. The plan presented several potential scenarios, most of which favored building a new single, consolidated primary school as it would be less expensive to build and maintain than right-sizing the three aging, less-efficient facilities that currently exist. While the data for this is compelling, the Board felt that the responsible first step would be for the district to apply for state funding for all three primary schools (as well as the Middle School) and to see what that outcome would be before moving forward. The state funding list has since been released and Scarborough will not be receiving state funding for any of these projects. Now a more substantive conversation is needed to flesh out all of the variables behind selecting a permanent approach to rectifying Scarborough's primary school structure. This participatory process is one that the Long-Range Planning Committee places as its highest priority and is scheduled to begin in April 2019.



Parallel to this long-term discussion, we are faced with an imminent lack of space at Eight Corners School. The number of preregistered kindergartners already exceeds that of the entire 2018-2019 class with more children on the way. This raw capacity issue is compounded by a large number of incoming Special Services students; children that Scarborough is obligated and proudly committed to serving diligently. Redistricting our K-2 schools was discussed, but since the other two primary schools will be at or above capacity for the 2019-20 school year (and longer), redistricting would not produce the added space we need over the next 2-3 years. Our town is growing and it is clear that Eight Corners has immediate needs. It is our hope that the Board's proposal for new modular classrooms, while less desirable than permanent educational infrastructure, will bridge the gap for space while the Board and community decides on a long term solution.





## Grants and Donations!

We are so grateful to report that Scarborough Public Schools has been the recipient of a number of grants and donations over the past school year! Thank you to our community members for their generous donations and to our dedicated staff who have worked hard to seek out and write grants in support of our students!

★\$2,000  
Special Olympics  
for MS Unified  
Basketball

★\$3,000 - Project Grace

★\$250.00  
New England  
Realty Group

★\$1,334.56  
Saco-Biddeford Debit  
Card program - for  
school nutrition program

★\$500 -  
Loyal Order of  
Moose Lodge  
#1310

★\$4,000  
Anonymous for the  
Wentworth School  
Garden

★\$2,500  
Paquettes

★\$100  
Scarborough Bus Drivers  
- Backpack Program-

### Budget Outreach Dates:

Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>  
2pm, Scarborough Library


Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup>  
6pm, Town Hall

Tuesday April 23  
6pm, Dunstan Fire Station

Thursday May 2<sup>nd</sup>  
10am, Town Hall

Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup>  
10am, Wentworth

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