

# Scarborough Public Schools

Weekly Newsletter - March 5, 2021

## Message from the Superintendent

Dear Friends,

The month of March is a time in education where it is declared a time to observe and celebrate the arts of education in our schools. As a school community we highly value the arts in education knowing it supports developing the whole child. Whether it is in school or within our community it is a rich tradition of celebrating the arts and we are forever grateful to see the amazing works of art that come from our students.

As you are aware, the STTRT Committee (School Transition Reopen Redesign Taskforce) was established last summer consisting of a range of employees and community members who developed a plan with a recommendation as to how our students would return to school this past fall. The return to school plan was approved by the School Board on July 30, 2020 and it has been our fieldbook for how school has been in operation this school year. We have reached out to members of this team to join together on March 11th to review families and employees survey results, data from the Maine Department of Education as well as Maine CDC guidelines. The focus at this time is to consider possibilities for safely increasing in-person learning, given Maine DOE and Maine CDC requirements remain intact. We are encouraged to see that the State of Maine announced that all school employees will be vaccinated. In the meantime, as a school community COVID-19 continues to be a public health threat and we will continue with following all health and safety protocols.

Best regards,  
Sandy Prince  
Superintendent



## Governor's Travel Update

You may have already heard that the governor had amended the travel policy, effective immediately. Residents may now travel throughout all New England states without the need to quarantine or test upon return (NH, VT, MA, CT, and RI).

## Weekly SPS COVID-19 Update

Positive COVID cases at Scarborough Public Schools  
February 20 to March 5, 2021

Location	Total Case # in last 14 days	Total # Close Contacts identified
Blue Point School	3	25
Eight Corners School	0	0
Pleasant Hill School	0	0
Wentworth School	6	14
Scarborough Middle School	0	0
Scarborough High School	11	92
District (non-school)	1	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>131</b>



## 2021-2022 Kindergarten Pre-Registration

We are eager to welcome our newest Kindergarten students to Scarborough Public Schools! We are currently planning for Fall 2021 and will be able to release more information about what school will look like later this spring. If you have a child who turns 5 on or before Oct. 15, 2021 and you are considering sending them to school in the fall, [please complete this form](#). Formal registration packets will be available on our website at a later date.

The information you provide is important for us to accurately plan for the number of classrooms, teachers and materials we will need in the fall. Please complete the form so we can contact you through email with updates and news about the 2021-2022 school year as the situation evolves and decisions are made. We will hold registration appointments at each school later in the Spring.

[2021-2022 Pre-Registration Form](#)



## FY22 School Budget Process

Creating and maintaining the school budget is a continuous cycle, constantly being refined throughout the year as administration reviews areas for cost containment and improvements for the next fiscal year. This year has been particularly difficult for district staff and administrators as they have been working through one time costs associated with the pandemic and managing revenue from multiple sources with varying restrictions for how it can be expended.

The public portion of the FY22 budget process is about to get underway as district leadership will present their budget in detailed workshops with the school board. This year there will be two virtual workshops held: Tuesday March 9th at 8:00 - 10:00 am and Wednesday March 10th at 4:30 - 6:30 pm. These meetings will provide insight into the district's FY22 school year priorities and the district leadership's decision making process for reaching their proposed first reading of the budget, which will be formally presented at the Thursday March 18th School Board meeting. Be on the lookout for Zoom



## Blue Point School Displays Heart!



## Upcoming SPS Events - Mark Your Calendar!

[SPS Revised School Calendar](#)

- **March 9** - BOE/LC Budget Workshop #1
- **March 10** - BOE/LC Budget Workshop #2
- **March 12** - Staff/Student day for Cohort B Students (changed at the 7/30/20 BOE meeting)
- **March 18** - School Board Workshop

Fully Remote Preparedness Plans

Linked [here](#), you will find an overview to Scarborough Public Schools Fully Remote Preparedness Plan, which was shared with the School Board at their December 3, 2020 meeting. Although our goal is to maintain in person learning to the greatest extent possible, there needs to be adequate staffing to facilitate in person learning.





## Health & Safety


Please make sure you review [the UPDATED Student Health Self Assessment](#) questions EVERY DAY before sending your child off to school.


TOGETHER, we can make our schools as safe as possible!

### COVID-19 Pre-Screening Tool for School Attendance

Within the past 24 hours have you had a fever (100.4 and above\*) or used any fever reducing medicine? YES = 


Do you feel sick with any of the most common symptoms of Covid, had vomiting/diarrhea, or felt unwell? (see symptom list to the right) YES = 

Have you been a close contact of a person with Covid in the past 14 days? YES = 

Have you traveled outside of the state in the past 14 days? YES =   
Contact Your School

**Stay home with any YES response to the questions above OR with two or more of the "less common" symptoms listed to the right.**

Attend school when all answers are NO and your child is feeling well with no other symptoms of illness. Call or see your school nurse or other designated person at school if you have questions.

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**Most Common Symptoms of Covid 19:**  
Cough  
Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing  
Fever (100.4°F/ 38 °C or greater)\*  
Chills  
Sore throat  
New loss of taste or smell

**Less Common Symptoms:**  
Muscle pain  
Nausea or Vomiting  
Diarrhea  
Fatigue  
Headache  
Congestion/runny nose

\*Fever is 100.4°F/ 38°C regardless of measurement location (oral, temporal).

Links to Our Schools



Blue Point



Eight Corners



Pleasant Hill



Wentworth School



Middle School



High School

## Services & Information

[Spec. Services](#) | Alison Marchese, [amarchese@scarboroughschools.org](mailto:amarchese@scarboroughschools.org)  
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## Tech Support

For technology assistance with SPS student laptops, please send a message to [techsupport@scarboroughschools.org](mailto:techsupport@scarboroughschools.org) and someone from Technology will be in touch to assist you.



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