

# Scarborough Public Schools

Weekly Newsletter - February 12, 2021

## Message from the Superintendent

Dear Friends,

February school vacation week is upon us and we wish everyone a safe, healthy, and rested week. It is not unusual for many families to use school vacation weeks as opportunities for travel, but at this time such travel brings with it additional risks for contracting and transmitting COVID-19, according to the United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention (US CDC). For the safety of our students I have included information from the Department of Education in Maine knowing that together we must continue to do everything we can in order to keep our schools safe, open, and able to provide in-person instruction.

If you are travelling please understand the Maine travel guidelines:

1. Staff or students who travel within the US to any state other than New Hampshire or Vermont (no restrictions as of 2/08/21 for these two states only), will be required to either:

-Complete a 10-day quarantine upon arrival in Maine and continue to monitor for signs and symptoms for an additional 4 days

OR

-Obtain and receive a negative COVID-19 antigen or molecular (PCR, NAAT, or isothermal) test result within 72 hours prior to arrival back into Maine to forgo the 10-day quarantine. Travelers may be tested upon arrival in Maine as well but must quarantine while they wait for test results. A negative COVID-19 antigen or molecular (PCR, NAAT, or isothermal) test result will allow the traveler to leave quarantine early.

2. If you have a positive molecular COVID-19 (PCR, NAAT, or isothermal) or antigen test, you do not need to quarantine for 90 days (3 months) after your first positive test, if you remain asymptomatic.

We have also been advised to follow the United States CDC guidance as it relates to international travel. The current risk assessment level for COVID-19 is at 4, or VERY HIGH, for nearly every country. At this time, all air passengers coming to the United States, including U.S. citizens, are required to have a negative COVID-19 test result or documentation of recovery from COVID-19 before boarding a flight

back to the United States. Upon return to the United States, staff and students must quarantine. International travelers can return to school after they either:

1. Get tested 3-5 days after travel AND stay home and self-quarantine for 7 days after travel;
2. Do not get tested and stay home for 10 days after travel; or,
3. Avoid being around people who are at increased risk for severe illness for 14 days, whether you get tested or not.

Any staff or students who have travelled internationally will not be permitted inside the school building for a minimum of 7 days if a negative test has occurred.

Your astounded support during these times has allowed us to keep our school community safe and healthy. Having such phenomenal families alongside working with our entrepreneurial teachers and employees is extraordinary.

Respectfully, Gratefully and Optimistically,

Sanford Prince IV



## News from the Board of Education

### **Superintendent Search Notification**

The Board of Education is excited to announce the search for the district's next superintendent. Scarborough has been fortunate to have the leadership of Sanford "Sandy" Prince IV for the last two years, who has provided 16 years experience, a calm demeanor, a thoughtful approach, and stabilizing presence. We wish Mr. Prince all the best as he steps into retirement at the end of June.

To assist in the search process, the Board has entered into an agreement with DDM Ed Leadership, LLC. The partners at DDM have extensive experience with Scarborough Schools and have all been superintendents themselves. Scarborough will be DDM's exclusive client during this year's search process, and we are confident in their ability to assist us in hiring the best candidate.

The search process will include input from Scarborough staff, students, and the community at large in various phases of the hiring process, including involvement in the interview committee and providing feedback about the qualities and characteristics most valued by the community when selecting the next Superintendent.

The interview committee will be a collaborative team of community members, students, staff, board, and administration, who will conduct the first round of interviews. It is important to note there are three mandatory dates for the interview committee, which will be held in the evenings via Zoom:

- March 15th for discussion about the interview process
- March 22nd and 23rd for candidate interviews
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If you would like to be considered for the interview committee, please click this [link](#). The interview committee application will be open until March 1st.

Additionally, a superintendent search feedback survey will also be open until March 1st. Please click this [link](#) to provide your feedback and insight. Your participation will provide valuable information to the interview committee and Board so that stakeholder input can be prioritized during the superintendent search process.

If you have any questions, please contact the Board at [boe@scarboroughschools.org](mailto:boe@scarboroughschools.org).

## Weekly SPS COVID-19 Update

Positive COVID cases at Scarborough Public Schools  
January 30 to February 12, 2021

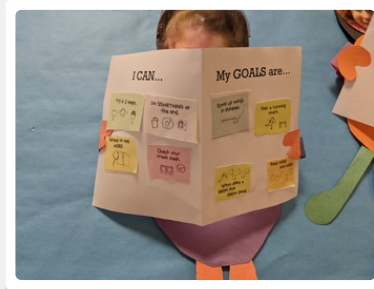
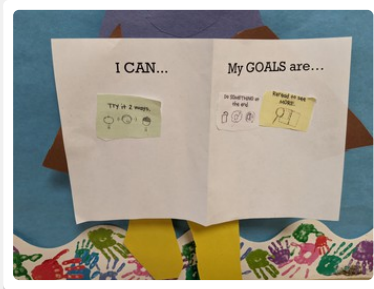
Location	Total Case # in last 14 days	Total # Close Contacts identified
Blue Point School	0	0
Eight Corners School	0	0
Pleasant Hill School	0	0
Wentworth School	0	0
Scarborough Middle School	2	0
Scarborough High School	2	0
District (non-school)	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>



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](#)



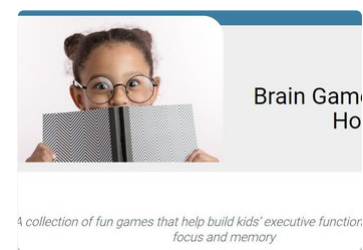
**Building independent readers!** Student reflect and identify what they can do and set goals for themselves. While these photos are from grade 1 students at Blue Point School, this learning strategy is used across all three K-2 schools as our students learn to become more independent and self-directed as learners.

## Parent Resources

These resources provide ideas families can use to help support social and emotional learning.

From the Greater Good Science Center:

- [General Information For Parents and Families](#)
- [Brain Games to Try at Home](#)
- [Take Home Skills: Practices for Families](#)



## Blue Point School Displays Heart!





## Upcoming SPS Events - Mark Your Calendar!

[SPS Revised School Calendar](#)

- February 15 - Presidents' Day
- February 15 - 19 - School Vacation
- February 25 - 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

**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).

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

Affend 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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## 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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