

Scarborough Public Schools

Weekly Newsletter - March 25, 2022

Message from the Superintendent

For those of you who may not have seen last week's newsletter, we are still seeking interested community members to join the following subcommittees for the proposed Scarborough new primary school project. If you are interested in joining a committee, please click [here](#):



Communication subcommittee: Key responsibilities are to develop, approve and execute a communications plan to inform the community about the project. We are looking for individuals who would like to be the touchstone for the Building Committee's communication to the broader community. Those who may be passionate about or have special skills in the areas of communication, public relations, website design, graphic design, or other similar areas.

Sustainability and Building Systems subcommittee: Key responsibilities are to draft the vision for any sustainability goals and review concepts, building systems and materials to determine potential application to project. We are looking for interested individuals in the community who may have an interest in sustainability or unique skills in sustainable design, building system design and or construction.

Site design subcommittee: Key responsibilities are to help inform and review programs for the site (play areas, athletics, parking, drives, etc.) to determine potential application to project. We are looking for interested individuals in the community who may have an interest in site design or unique skills in site design, play area design, landscape design and or construction.

Educational Specification subcommittee: Key responsibilities are to develop the educational specifications which are the communication tool that bridges the gap between the building's users and designers.

Time commitment: The subcommittees will meet at a time mutually agreed upon by the subcommittee. They typically meet monthly prior to the monthly building committee meetings (or as needed for various project milestones). The subcommittees review information provided by the building committee and consultants and make recommendations to the building committee. The subcommittees will be active throughout the multi-year design process.

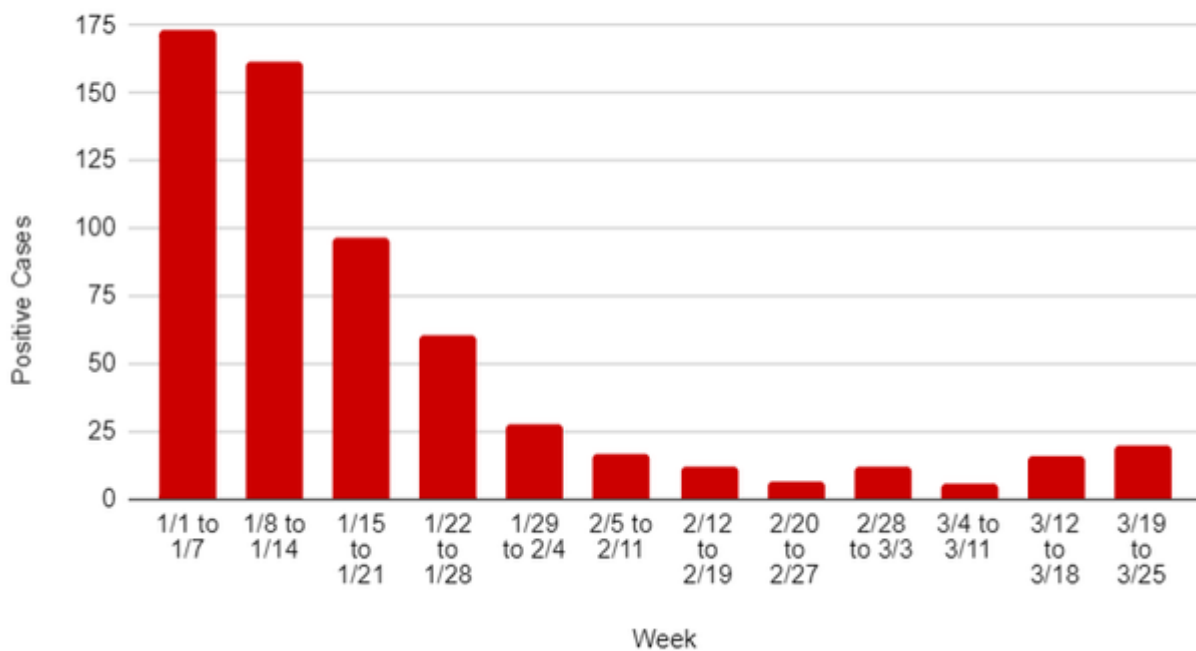
Thank you for considering participating in this process and we appreciate your continued support for our community, students, families, and staff.

Kind Regards,
Geoff Bruno



For those of you interested in knowing daily absence rates due to general illness by school, that information will be available on our [Scarborough Public Schools Website](#), in addition to the already existing COVID numbers by school for each week. Please note that the data about student illness rates is an overall percentage of students absent, calculated as a daily average for each week, and includes ALL illnesses, not just those that are COVID related.

District Wide Positive Cases by Week



The [Scarborough Public Schools Website](#) has more detailed information on the number of COVID-19 positive cases by school. We will continue to update information on the website each week, so please visit the link above for the most recent information by school.

Overview of Results Winter 2022



Group	Students Grades K-2	Students Grades 3-5	Students Grades 6-8	Students Grades 9-12
Survey	Teacher Perception Survey	SEL Skills and Wellbeing	SEL Skills and Wellbeing	SEL Skills and Wellbeing
Resp.	563 (90%)	564 (89%)	668 (95%)	677 (75%)
Topics (listed in rank order with range of percent favorable)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emotion Regulation (77%) Engagement Social Awareness Self Efficacy Self-Management (57%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supportive Relationships (89%) Self-Management Social Awareness Positive Feelings Challenging Feelings Growth Mindset (59%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supportive Relationships (85%) Self-Management Social Awareness Positive Feelings Challenging Feelings Growth Mindset (54%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supportive Relationships (85%) Self-Management Social Awareness Positive Feelings Growth Mindset Challenging Feelings (45%)

Survey window: January 30 - February 18, 2022

More on the Winter Panorama Survey Results

Students in grade 3-12 took the Panorama SEL Survey in February. Staff on March 18th have begun reviewing and analyzing the data to gauge progress on our district-wide goal of social and emotional learning as well as to re-focus our efforts in areas indicating a need for improvement. The link below contains a highlight of the data across all schools.

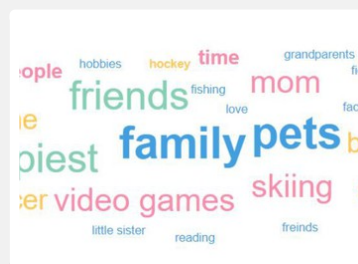


- [Highlights of the Winter 2022 Student SEL Survey Results](#)

Family Matters! Student Survey Responses: Thinking about everything in your life right now, what makes you feel the happiest?



Wentworth School



Middle School



High School



Upcoming SPS Events - Mark Your Calendar!

[2021-2022 School Calendar](#)

- March 30** - Town Manager/Superintendent FY23 Budget Overview - Town Hall - 7:00PM
- April 6** - Early Release Day*

- **April 7** - School Board Meeting
- **April 15** - No school - staff or students
- **April 18 - 22** - School Vacation
- **April 28**- School Board Public Hearing on FY23 budget

*Early Release Times:

K-5- 1:45PM

6-12- 12:55PM

Become a Substitute!


The Maine Department of Education and Educate Maine have partnered together to promote more individuals to become substitutes by offering **full reimbursement for the fees** associated with fingerprinting and background checks as an incentive. Please consider this opportunity if you have time to support our students in this way.


A Call to Action: Our Schools Need YOU!

Maine Department of Education and Educate Maine are partnering to call on Maine businesses, leaders and citizens to become guest school staff members. It's time to lean in!

Maine's schools have been safely open for business, ensuring that students have access whenever possible to high quality, in-person learning.

The statewide surge of COVID-19 has increased school staffing shortages, and many schools have had to make emergency and disruptive pivots to remote learning, simply because they do not have enough adults to ensure that schools can operate safely and effectively.





WE NEED YOU to be a guest school staff member.

What is a Guest school staff member? Guest school staff members are substitute staff who are supporting or filling in for bus drivers, playground monitors, food service workers, teachers and support staff. Most are daylong positions, some are hourly, but even one day of substituting can make the difference, keeping a school open for students!

How?

It's a simple process. Go to this [website](https://www.maine.gov/doe/substitute), and follow the 9 steps for choosing where you would like to help, applying, and receiving the required training and background clearance for working in a school. Check it out: <https://www.maine.gov/doe/substitute>




What does it cost?

Nothing but a little time. It will take about one hour to fill out and submit the needed applications, and a \$15 application fee and \$55 fingerprinting fee will be charged, but this **WILL BE REIMBURSED!!** Getting fingerprinted will take a bit more time, but you can schedule an appointment that is convenient for you.

Why?

You can make a difference. You will be a hero, supporting your schools and ensuring that public education is available for all of Maine's children. You can work with the school district(s) of your choice, may be able to choose when and where you can help, and you will be inspired by the energy and miracles that fill our schools.

We will be using social media platforms to recognize our heroes and the organizations who are supporting Maine schools. Please join us- and be recognized as among those who are making a difference.

Links to Our Schools



Blue Point



Eight Corners



Pleasant Hill



Wentworth School



Middle School



High School

Health & Safety

Please make sure you review the **UPDATED Student Health Self Assessment** questions for 2021-22 below **EVERY DAY** before sending your child off to school.

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



Pre-Screening Tool for School Attendance

Within the past 24 hours have you had a fever* or taken fever reducing medicine?

YES =



Do you feel sick, had Vomiting/diarrhea, fever*, sore throat, new cough, or felt unwell?

YES =



Have you been told to stay home and isolate/quarantine due to COVID-19 exposure?

YES =



Most Common Symptoms of COVID-19:

Cough
Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
Fever *
Chills
Sore throat
New loss of taste or smell

Less Common Symptoms:

Muscle pain
Nausea or Vomiting
Stomach pain
Diarrhea
Fatigue
Headache
Rash
Swelling or redness of hands/feet
Red eyes/eye drainage
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.

Symptoms of illness can have many causes. Please keep your student home and contact your school nurse or primary care provider if your student is unwell. Students who present with symptoms while in school will be dismissed to home at the discretion of the nurse.

*A fever is 100.4°F/38°C or greater.



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Tech Support


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





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