

Scarborough Public Schools

November 18, 2022



SPS Welcomes Three New School Board Members

At the November 17th School Board meeting, three new members were introduced: Carolyn Gammon, Brian Matorino and Frayla Tarpinian. The three are excited to be part of the Board, and are looking forward to assisting the current members in their ongoing efforts of continuing to have SPS be one of the leading districts in the State. Also at the meeting, Mrs. Lindstrom was nominated and will remain the Chair of the School Board, and Ms. Tarpinian was voted as the Vice Chair.



November Spotlight Award Winner

Cathy Dodge (pictured left with School Board Communications Committee Chair, Jillian Trapini-Huff), is an Academic Support Ed Tech III at Eight Corners School. She was chosen as the November Spotlight Award Winner! Ms. Dodge was nominated by her fellow co-worker, Heidi Igneri, Eight Corners School nurse. Several students and staff recorded their thanks and appreciation for all that Ms. Dodge does for them at their school. Check out [this video](#) to hear the heartfelt thanks from Eight Corners staff and students! Congratulations Ms. Dodge and thank you for your efforts and dedication to your students and Eight Corners School staff!

Please Donate!

The Scarborough Kiwanis Club is pleased to partner with Scarborough Schools to collect adult socks, gloves/mittens, and hats for donation to Preble Street for distribution to persons experiencing homelessness. These clothing items can be used in good condition or purchased new. Collection bins will be available at each school and clothing items can be donated by students, faculty, and staff between **Monday, November 28th and Friday, December 16th**. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



SPS Building Committee Updates

On Wednesday, November 16, the SPS Building Committee had a joint workshop with Town Council to provide an update about the work to date and moving forward. The complete slidedeck can be accessed here:

[Joint Town Council & School Board Workshop Agenda & Presentation](#)

Here's how to get involved:

We are always looking for passionate families and community members to help us spread the word about this project and the positive effect it will have on the Scarborough Community as a whole.



Please fill out the form below with your first and last name, your email address, and which areas you would be interested in participating in.

More details about meetings, forums, and project flyers can be found on the project website:

<https://www.scarboroughschools.org/new-sps-building-project>

- Join a Subcommittee (1-2 meetings per month - time commitment varies depending on committee and tasks)
- Communications Subcommittee
- Building Systems and Sustainability SubCommittee
- NEW! Finance Subcommittee

Contact us with your questions via the project website.

Follow us on Facebook and share posts:

<https://www.facebook.com/ScarboroughSchoolsBuildingProject>



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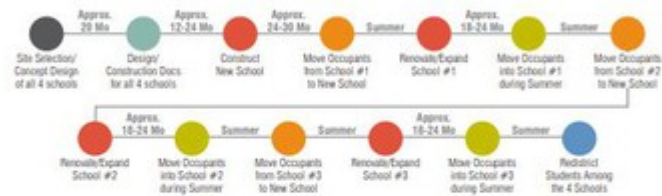
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1. 9-12 YEAR RENOVATION TIMELINE

In order to address the needs of the overall K-8 population, renovation of the existing K-2 campuses would need to accommodate 3rd grade in the addition and core spaces. If schools were renovated while occupied, the process could take approximately 30-36 months to renovate each school, and additional portables would need to be brought in for swing space. Since there is **no space on the existing K-2 campuses to accommodate additional portables**, students would instead need to be relocated to a remote site location.

This means Kindergarteners at the start of construction would be in a school under construction for most, if not all, of their primary school years.

The steps and timeline for building a fourth school and renovating/expanding the existing three schools, while not occupied, would be approximately as follows:



The approximate total timeline for building a fourth school and renovating/expanding the existing three schools, while unoccupied, would be 78 months (9+ years) to 146 months (12+ years), versus 48 months (4 years) to 60 months (5 years) to construct a combined K-3 school.

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2. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM & OPERATING INEFFICIENCIES

Building a fourth school would **not provide the educational and operational efficiency** of creating a unified primary school. A unified K-3 school would address overcrowding at the Middle School by moving 6th grade to Wentworth and 3rd grade to the primary school. Depending on the site selected, this solution could remove a grade level from the existing central campus, **helping to alleviate traffic.**

3. LIMITED/SHORT TERM SOLUTION

Each of the existing primary schools are located on small parcels, bounded primarily by residential lots. Without the ability to acquire additional adjacent acreage, **expanding each school to accommodate the current and future student population is not possible.**

With the addition of a fourth school, there would be significant transportation and logistical challenges that would require redistricting to allow sufficient space at the renovated schools.

The impact to the students' learning environment, additional duration and cost of construction, subsequent redistricting, and educational and operational inefficiency realized by operating four primary schools makes this an unviable option.



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Free COVID -19 Test Kits

As the winter months approach, there is a chance we we may see the number of COVID-19 cases rise. If you have [COVID like symptoms](#) (i.e. cough, fever, sore throat, runny nose), please stay home and be tested. To be prepared, be sure to have some tests kits available for home use. You can order your FREE test kits each month using this link: <https://www.accesscovidtests.org>. If you have further questions regarding COVID and testing for COVID, please check out the [State of Maine COVID-19 testing website page](#).

CHECK THIS OUT!



Full Plates Full Potential School Meals Benefit Form



Receive more EBT grocery benefits, fill out a school meal benefit form today!

Go to <https://mealapp.lunchtimesoftware.net/> to apply today, or call us at 730-4700 if you need help filling out the application.

P-EBT benefits for eligible school age kids and children under 6 were issued by the state of Maine during the last week of August and first week of September for the 2021- 2022 school year. For more information about who is eligible and how to check your EBT balance, visit feedkids.me

Summer P-EBT benefits will be issued before October 31, and additional benefits to support eligible children who miss school due to Covid this school year will be available soon. Get your application in to see if you qualify!



Now Hiring!

We are still in need of staff for a few key areas for the coming year!

Please consider joining our team for the following positions:

- Educational Technicians in our Special Services Department HIRING BONUS!
- Substitutes: starting at \$130/day - *flexible schedules according to your availability!*
- Custodians HIRING BONUS!
- Food Service workers
- Bus Drivers & Bus Aides

For a complete list of open positions and how to apply, please visit our website at <https://www.scarboroughschools.org/employment-opportunities>



We Need Your Help!

Like previous years, there will be no cost to families for student breakfast and lunch again this year! However, it is imperative that families continue to complete the [Free & Reduced Lunch Form](#) even if you do not believe you would qualify.

WHY? Key federal funds are tied to data from these applications. Programs that are impacted from these include:

- Federal Grants for academic support and professional development;
- Federal IDEA grants for students with disabilities;
- Summer programming funding, and
- Fee waivers for student activities and testing.

Please review [this information from our website](#) where you can register on-line or submit a [paper application](#). For more information, please check out [this short video](#). If you have any questions, please call the Scarborough School Nutrition Office at 207-730-4700.



Upcoming SPS Events - Mark Your Calendar!

[2022-2023 School Calendar](#)

- November 23 - 25 - Thanksgiving Break
- December 1 - School Board Meeting
- December 14 - *Early Release Day
- December 15 - School Board Workshop

*Early Release Times:

K-5 - 1:45 p.m.

6-12 - 12:55 p.m.

[Links to Our Schools](#)



Blue Point



Eight Corners



Pleasant Hill



Wentworth School



Middle School



High School

Services & Information

[Spec. Services](#) | Chris Rohde, crohde@scarboroughschools.org
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[Curriculum](#) | Monique Culbertson, mculbertson@scarboroughschools.org
[Facilities](#) | Todd Jepson, tjepson@scarboroughschools.org



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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