

Scarborough Public Schools

September 8, 2023

Exciting K-8 Strategic Project and Unified Primary School Update!!!

Wednesday evening, September 6th, the Town Council authorized the town manager to sign an option agreement to purchase property at the Downs for a new K-3 unified primary school, and also authorized a November 7, 2023 Municipal Ballot referendum for the K-8 Unified Solution, which would authorize issuance of up to \$160 M in bonds to fund the cost of building a new primary school and to remove all portables from Scarborough Middle School.



These Town Council approvals were critical to move this project forward. ***We encourage all residents to educate themselves about this necessary investment in the future of our schools and community before you go to vote on November 7.*** The Building Committee, Board of Education, our educators, and town leadership will continue to reach out and educate members of our community about this necessary investment in our schools and community as we get closer to election day. Please click on the [building project](#) button on the Scarborough Schools homepage to learn more and discover how you can help and participate in our town's future. The Building Committee will be hosting weekly Question and Answer sessions every Tuesday evening; we will have tables with information and flyers set up at back to school events and other community events; and, please like our pages on social media to track updates and stay connected!

Our Building Committee, Board of Education, and team of educators have been working tirelessly to bring this long overdue facilities solution to the voters for approval in November. We are excited to continue educating the Scarborough community about the state of the art unified K-3 campus designed for our students, educators, and community, as well as how this project will provide a safer solution for Scarborough Middle School students by eliminating all 12 portables. The future vision for our schools is strong! Thank you for your continued support & involvement in this project!

Regards,

Geoff Bruno

UPCOMING WEEKLY Q&A SESSIONS		
DATE	LOCATION	TOPIC
Tuesday, August 22 nd 6-7PM	Council Chambers A	Project Overview
Tuesday, August 29 th 6-7PM	Council Chambers A	Theme 1: Cost/Tax Impact
Tuesday, September 5 th 6-7PM	Council Chambers A	Theme 2: Traffic/Bus Time
Tuesday, September 12 th 6-7PM	Council Chambers A	Theme 3: Existing Sites and Schools
Tuesday, September 19 th 6-7PM	Council Chambers A	Theme 4: Investment/Long-Term
Sunday, September 24 th 12-1PM	Public Safety Bldg Classroom	Theme 5: Location/Site Selection
Tuesday, September 26 th 6-7PM	Council Chambers A	Theme 6: Timing and Voting
Tuesday, October 3 rd 6-7PM	Council Chambers A	Revisit Theme 1: Cost/Tax Impact
Tuesday, October 10 th 6-7PM	Eight Corners School	Revisit Project Overview (WITH SCHOOL TOUR – IN PERSON ONLY)
Tuesday, October 17 th 6-7PM	Council Chambers A	Revisit Theme 4: Investment/Long-Term
Tuesday, October 24 th 6-7PM	Council Chambers A	Revisit Theme 5: Location/Site Selection
Monday, October 30 th 6-7PM	Blue Point School	Revisit Theme 2: Traffic/Bus Time (WITH SCHOOL TOUR – IN PERSON ONLY)
Wednesday, November 1 st 6-7PM	Pleasant Hill School	Revisit Theme 3: Existing Sites and Schools (WITH SCHOOL TOUR – IN PERSON ONLY)
Sunday, November 5 th 12-1PM	Public Safety Bldg Classroom	Open Q&A

Weekly Themed Q & A Sessions

On September 12, 2023 in the Town Halls' Council Chambers A, the Building Committee will be holding their 4th Q&A Session. The theme this week is Existing Sites & Schools. There is also a Zoom link if you are not able to attend.



<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84408049281?pwd=L1o5TnltdVEvVXgxTWdLeG16Slc2UT09>

Meeting ID: 844 0804 9281

Passcode: 049782

A Message from our Health Department

ILLNESS: Students who have symptoms of respiratory or gastrointestinal infections, such as cough, fever (**being 100.4 or above**), sore throat, vomiting, or diarrhea, should stay home. **Students need to be free from fever, vomiting, and diarrhea for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication before returning to school.**

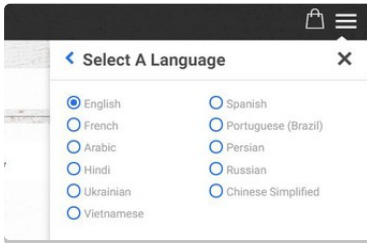


The CDC recommends COVID-19 testing for individuals with [symptoms of COVID](#). If an individual tests positive for COVID, the CDC recommendation is that they stay at home for five days **after the first day of symptoms or positive test** and wear a well-fitting mask in public on days 6–10.



Monday's Word of Inspiration

As your child goes to school on Monday let them know to go to school to learn, but also to share ideas with classmates and be around people who are passionate about learning as they are. Have them believe in making a difference.



News from the SPS Nutrition Department about Nutrislice

The Nutrislice technology that provides all of your child/ren's school digital menus, can now be translated into a number of different languages. Ukrainian and French to name a few.



Upcoming SPS Events - Mark Your Calendar!

[2023-2024 School Calendar](#)

- September 12th - K-8 Strategic Solution Q & A Session at the Town Hall (6-7:00pm)
- September 13th - Early Release Day for Students
- Middle School Open House: September 13th & 14th (assigned by grade level to allow for parking)

Early release times by phase level:

Grades K-2: 1:45 PM

Grades 3-5: 1:45 PM

Grades 6-8: 12:55 PM

Grades 9-12: 12:55 PM

September Open Houses!

Here are the dates for each school's planned Open House (Middle School is listed above). We are excited to be welcoming all families to our schools this fall and hope you can plan to attend these evening events!

K-2 Schools: September 20

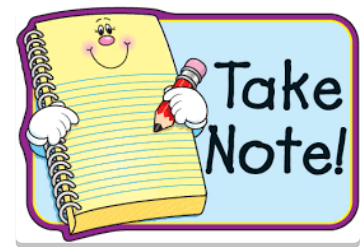
High School: September 20

Wentworth: September 27



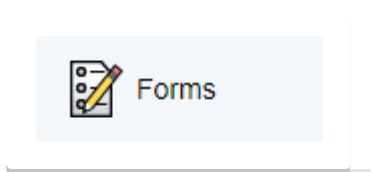
IMPORTANT FOR ALL PARENTS.... PLEASE ADD TO YOUR TO-DO LIST!

It is time for all families to log into your student's PowerSchool Portal account to update your information and fill out all necessary forms online.



The system allows you to update all of your personal information including phone numbers, address, emergency contacts, etc. It also enables you to electronically acknowledge and sign all of the forms for the start of the year, such as the annual permission forms for Technology, School Handbooks, Field Trips, photo permissions, etc.

Login to your PowerSchool parent portal account at <https://scarborough.powerschool.com/public>



Once you are connected to your students and logged into the Parent Portal, you will see a new Forms button on the navigation bar. Click this button to view a list of forms available for you to complete for each of your students. The 2023-24 Chromebook form is available now, and many more forms will be added as the new school year opens. These forms, as described above, are ones would have been in paper packets in the past.

Please reach out to your school if you need assistance accessing the forms, or need paper copies sent to you instead.



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

[Transportation](#) | Sarah Redmond, sredmond@scarboroughschools.org

[Food Services](#) | Peter Esposito, pesposito@scarboroughschools.org

[Athletics & Activities](#) | Mike LeGage, mlegage@scarboroughschools.org

[Curriculum](#) | Katie Vetro, kbvetro@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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