



K-8 STRATEGIC SOLUTION AND UNIFIED PRIMARY SCHOOL

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WHY IS THIS PROJECT NEEDED?

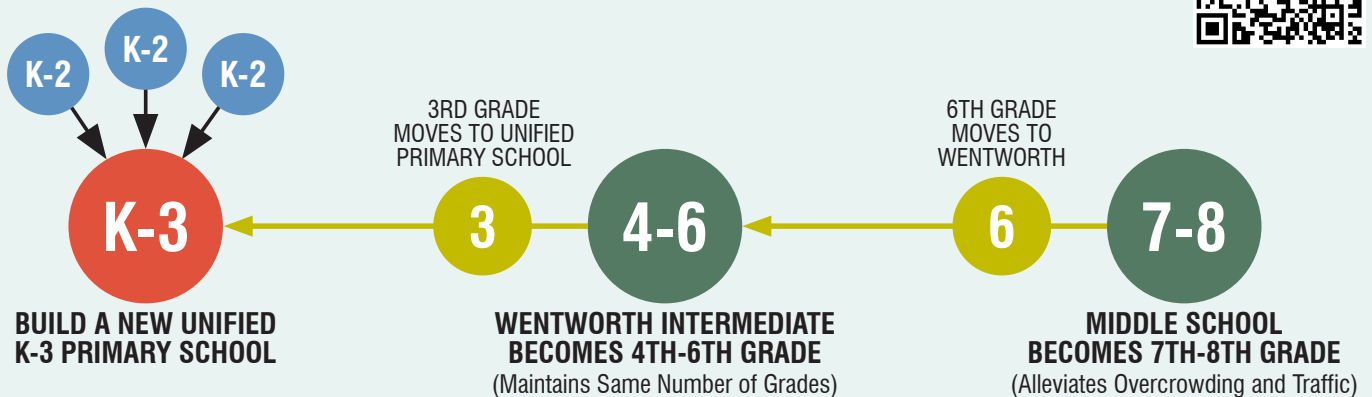
- > Scarborough's 3 K-2 Primary Schools and Middle School are already over capacity.
- > Scarborough's birth rates rose more than 25% in 2021, compared to the average of the last 10 years.
- > The existing primary school sites cannot fit any more portables. We will have nowhere to house the 64 additional students entering Kindergarten in 2027 if we do not act now.



LOWER SCHOOL ENTRY
PRELIMINARY RENDERING

WHAT IS THE SOLUTION?

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- > “School Within A School” design breaks down the scale of the new building and provides collaborative benefits of a larger unified school, while cultivating community through small, intimate learning communities
- > MS renovations provide space for all grade levels and programs in main building that is safe and secure; and provide emergency access to site
- > Alleviates overcrowding by shifting grade levels
- > Eliminates all temporary portable classroom buildings from Scarborough schools
- > Maintains equitable bus ride times; 2/3 of bus ride times will be the same duration or shorter; 1/3 of ride times may be 2-9 minutes longer; current longest bus ride time will not change

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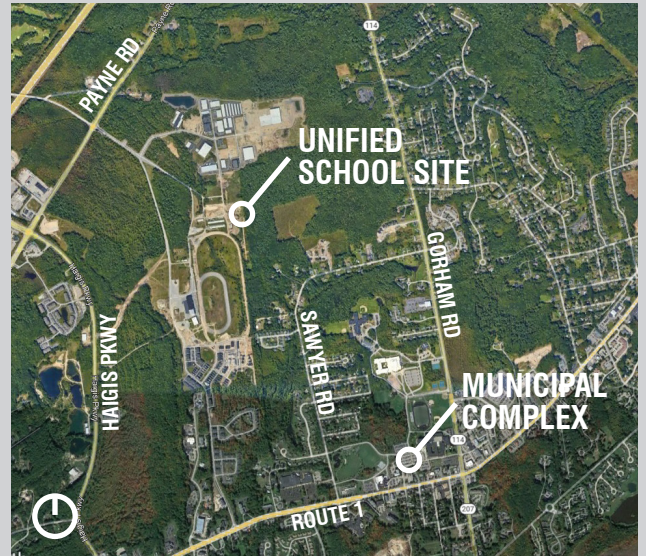


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WHERE WILL THE SCHOOL BE LOCATED? WHY WAS THE SITE SELECTED?

- > The site in Scarborough Downs was ultimately selected from a list of 46 potential sites after a year-long site selection process.
- > What makes this the best site?
 - > Central Location
 - > Proximity to Municipal Campus (Operational Efficiency)
 - > Equitable Bus Ride Times
 - > Convenience for Families with Students in Multiple Schools
 - > Lowest Site Development Costs of Top 4 Sites
 - > Availability
 - > Disperses Traffic Via 4 Exit Points
 - > Pedestrian Access-friendly (walkers, bikers, etc.)
 - > Oak Hill Interconnectivity
 - > Environmental Impact: Least Wetland Impact of Top Sites
 - > Proximity of Utilities
 - > Proximity of Public Safety
 - > Site Allows for Future Expansion

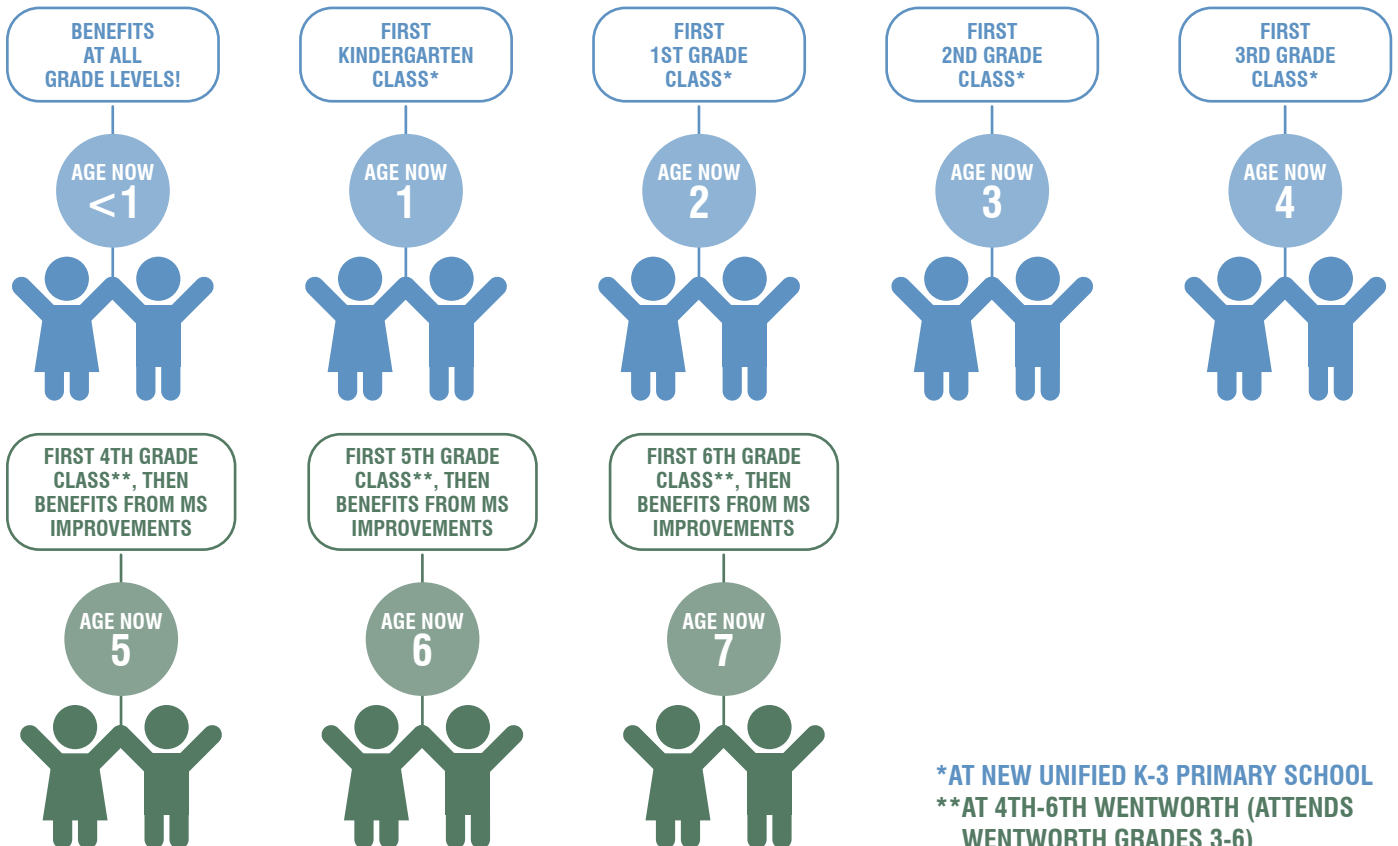


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Community Forum #4: Site Selection

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HOW WILL THIS IMPACT MY KIDS?



*AT NEW UNIFIED K-3 PRIMARY SCHOOL
**AT 4TH-6TH WENTWORTH (ATTENDS WENTWORTH GRADES 3-6)



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DO I NEED TO **VOTE** ON THIS? **WHAT HAPPENS** IF IT DOESN'T PASS?

- > On September 6, 2023, Scarborough Town Council voted to send this project to referendum. This means the community will have the opportunity to vote to approve the project on November 7, 2023.
- > If the project does not pass in November 2023, the town will need to use millions of taxpayer dollars to proceed with an emergency temporary solution to accommodate our growing enrollment. Instead of investing in a long-term solution, these costs will be devoted to triage, short-term fixes. And a permanent long-term solution will STILL be needed.
- > If the project does not pass in November 2023, rather than a school in the Downs location, the development potential is up to 495 housing units in that location.
- > Based on the current rate of inflation, every year we delay, construction costs are estimated to increase by 8% when we DO move forward with a permanent solution. That is approximately \$10M per year plus the cost devoted to the required for short term fixes.

WHAT IS THE **TOTAL PROJECT COST**? WHAT IS THE **TAX IMPACT**?

- > The total project cost is \$160,000,000 bonded over 30 years (includes construction of unified primary school, middle school renovations to allow all students to be in main building, school site land procurement cost, and off-site improvements; cost assumes the project passes referendum in November 2023).
- > For every \$100K of your home's assessed value (see your annual property tax bill), on average your tax bill may increase \$50 more per year for the first ten years of the bond.
- > For example, if your home is assessed today at \$400K, on average your tax bill may increase up to \$200 more per year to support the school project bond. Or simply put, approximately \$0.50 a day for a home valued at \$400K.

Note: your assessed value is different than the market value of your home, which is the price a buyer may be willing to pay to purchase your home. According to the 2023/24 Assessor's Report to the Council, the average assessed value of a single-family home (non-waterfront) sold in Scarborough from 4/2/22-4/1/23 was \$426,600.

WHAT HAPPENS TO **THE EXISTING SCHOOLS**?

- > **Decisions about what happens to the existing sites won't occur until after the new school is moved forward by voters in the November 2023 election. The properties won't be available for alternative use until the opening of the new school in 2027.**
- > **The Town controls how properties will be used and will rely on current zoning, feedback from residents, and a thorough assessment of Town capital needs and priorities.**
- > **Possibilities that have been discussed to date include a Pre-K Learning Center, Community Center, Satellite Library, or Recreational Programming.**



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WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE? HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

- > **Visit the project website via the QR Code at right or at:**
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- > **Attend a Building Committee Meeting!**
Meetings are held every other Tuesday from 6:30-8:30 PM.
- > **Attend a Weekly Q&A Session!**
See schedule below. Meetings available both in-person and via Zoom (unless otherwise noted).
- > **Volunteer to help educate and communicate about the project!**



JOIN US FOR ONE OF OUR WEEKLY Q&A SESSIONS

DATE / TIME	LOCATION	TOPIC
Tuesday, October 10, 6-7PM	Public Safety Bldg Classroom (Zoom Option Available)	Q&A Theme: Location/Site Selection
Tuesday, October 10, 7-8PM	Public Safety Bldg Classroom (Zoom Option Available)	Sawyer Road Discussion with Town
Tuesday, October 17, 6-7PM	Eight Corners School (In-Person Only)	Q&A Theme: Project Overview & Investment/Long-Term (and School Tour)
Tuesday, October 24, 6-7PM	Council Chambers A (Zoom Option Available)	Q&A Theme: Location/Site Selection
Monday, October 30, 6-7PM	Blue Point School (In-Person Only)	Q&A Theme: Traffic/Bus Time (and School Tour)
Wednesday, November 1, 6-7PM	Pleasant Hill School (In-Person Only)	Q&A Theme: Existing Sites & Schools (and School Tour)
Monday, November 6, 6-7PM	Council Chambers A (Zoom Option Available)	Open Q&A

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